

## RED CROSS IS CHARGED WITH DODGING CRISIS

Accused of 'Hoarding Relief Funds in Face of Human Misery.'

*By Scripps-Hornell Newspaper Alliance*  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Charging that the National Red Cross holds back \$38,000,000 now available for disaster relief while it disclaims responsibility for feeding America's 5,000,000 jobless and helps block direct congressional relief, Mercer G. Johnston, director of the People's Legislative Service, today assailed the organization and its chairman, John Barton Payne.

"Is the Red Cross hoarding relief funds in the face of human misery almost impossible to picture?" Johnston asked in his statement.

Out of \$44,000,000 held in reserves as of last July, \$38,000,000 is down as "available for expenditure." This, Johnston says, has been collected in "highly organized, dramatic appeals to the American heart." On his return from Europe, Judge Payne, according to Johnston, mentioned the drought and unemployment situation as one calling for attention of the Red Cross.

"The money is not for far-off people," another Red Cross spokesman is quoted as saying on the eve of the last roll call. "It is needed for our own."

### Tragedy Becomes Worse

Since then, Johnston says, the tragedy has become worse steadily. "Since last August when Chairman Payne confessed that a very serious situation existed" the human tragedy has grown worse steadily," the statement says, "and today the cry of 'bread, bread!' is heard throughout the land.

"The situation is 'intolerable,' says the chairman of the President's empty-handed emergency committee. Conditions are 'almost impossible to picture,' say even Red Cross field workers.

"The Hoover-Payne policy of suppression merely serves to discredit confidence in its sponsors."

### Reserves Not to Be Tapped

"Called to give an account of his stewardship," says Johnston, Chairman Payne, first washing his hands of all responsibility for the sufferings of the \$5,000,000 jobless of the cities, reports that all is well in the rural districts.

"Less than one of its \$38,000,000 has been stretched out over six months, nearly half of it for seed. He throws the weight of his influence against congressional funds for food and clothing.

"The Red Cross is willing, if absolutely necessary, to spend a maximum of \$5,500,000 on the farmers. He regards that as quite enough for them. If not he will 'yell' for a public collection. Red Cross reserves are not to be tapped.

### Risks Loss of Confidence

Johnston says that although these great reserves are for major disasters, none of the great disasters of the past decade has been relieved by these funds. A special appeal for funds is resorted to, outside of special emergency funds the Red Cross, he says, has spent in relief an average of less than \$750,000 a year for the past decade, and this was one-twelfth of the institution's total expenditures.

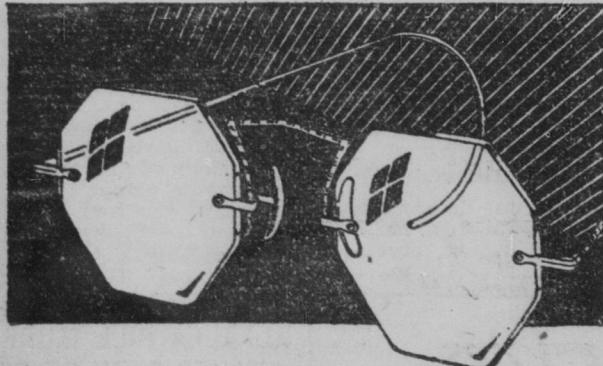
"If ever," Johnston concludes, "the Red Cross intends to meet a great disaster out of its general or ordinary funds or large reserves now is the time to do so. From his own house organ comes the unguarded confession: 'The magnitude and severity of the present situation are alone sufficient to justify a departure from normal policy.'

"Its chairman has joined with its president in blocking direct federal relief. Human misery is at the doors of its marble palaces. It has \$44,000,000 of mercy money within. If it keeps the money it will risk the loss of public confidence to a degree that will greatly impair its usefulness."

### Motorcyclist Killed

*By Times Special*  
LAFAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 13.—R. F. Tevis, 22, Monticello, died in a hospital here of injuries suffered when the motorcycle he was riding crashed into a truck.

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## HALF COUNTY'S POPULATION ON RELIEF LISTS

2,600 of 5,600 Families in Arkansas Area Obtain Aid From Red Cross.

*MARIANNA, Ark., Jan. 13.—*Famine and poverty have struck 2,600 of the 5,600 families in Lee county.

Three thousand families will be drawing meager Red Cross rations before February. Most are in need of clothes.

Want and hunger is common throughout this agricultural area, suffering because of the drought-destroyed cotton crops which sold at half the normal prices.

Red Cross workers are preparing to care for 3,000 families, or about 15,000 persons, within the next month. Lee county has a population of 28,000.

"Hundreds of head of stock are dying. This greatly will hamper spring plowing. Farmers have no

funds with which to buy feed. It is a deplorable situation," said Elgan C. Robertson, director of Red Cross and drought relief in Lee county.

Faced with more than half its population as wards of the Red Cross, county citizens are battling bravely to arrest the suffering.

More than 175 volunteer workers, half of these investigating every application for aid, offer their services free throughout the day.

"Nearly every application for food also includes a plea for clothing, but our supply is exhausted," said Mrs. E. A. McCain, local Red Cross executive secretary.

Physicians say "the state of health is remarkable under the present conditions." Nevertheless there are now seventy-five cases of pellagra in the county. This number is expected to be multiplied many times by spring.

There are no pay rolls now in the county.

### Standard Grocery Looted

For the third time in less than a week, thieves ransacked a Standard grocery, Agnes and West Michigan streets, Monday night, stealing a large amount of merchandise, the value of which has not been estimated.

The thieves bored a hole through the ceiling of the store to gain entrance. The "Belle of Bohemia's" dramatic flight was to no avail, however, for she was caught as she reached the street and taken to a district police station, where she furnished \$2,000 bail for her release on liquor law violation charges.

Miss Livingstone, known variously during her career as "the girl

with poetic legs" and "the most dangerous woman in the world," had retired to her apartment when three of the agents arrived in evening clothes.

After ordering several drinks for which they said they paid a dollar apiece, they advised patrons in the various parts of the "salon" devoted to dancing, dining, ping-pong and miniature golf, to leave quietly.

The patrons stampeded for the door in such haste, however, that the hostess was aroused, and the agents reached her apartment just in time to see her disappearing through a trap door in the ceiling.

Dashing across the roof with the tall-coated raiders in pursuit, Belle

quickly was chilled by the freezing gusts blowing up from the harbor.

She reached the fire escape of an adjoining building and almost had descended to the street when one of the agents caught her and marched her back into the "salon."

The agents arrested eight employees of the place and seized a large number of bottles.

### THUGS MAKE LIGHT HAUL

Two husky Negroes, each armed with a revolver, Monday night robbed Seth Randolph, 643 South Delaware street, taxi driver, after forcing him to drive them from the terminal station to the 700 block North Talbot street.

They obtained 7 cents and a street car token.

## Miss Livingstone's 'Solon' Is Raided Second Time by Dry Agents.

*By United Press*

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—Attired in

only a light cloak and a pair of

flaming red pajamas, Belle Living-

stone, celebrated chorus beauty of

the nineties, led dry agents on an

exciting chase over Manhattan roof-

tops a few hours before dawn to-

day when her "salon of wit, culture

and Bonhomie" was raided for the

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