

American Red Cross Society in France is Building Bridge from Despair to Happiness, Teaching Women Refugees How to Care for Their Health and That of Their Babies



American doctors and nurses are spreading through France good American ideas of hygiene for mothers and babies. But American hygiene, to win converts in France, must look and sound French. So Frenchwomen are now reading little books like "Future Mamans," and are curiously studying the posters and charts the Americans of the "croix-rouge" have put up.

"Future Mamans" is so very French—with its picture of a joyous stepping Breton woman offering her precious wares for sale, a basketful of irresistible, adorable babies in one hand, and a tiny infant held by the wings, in the other.

It is the cover design of a pamphlet published by the Children's Bureau of the American Red Cross in France, telling the women refugees and others suffering the physical hardships of war, how to take care of their health and of their babies. So simple, kind and wise is this little book, that, reading it, one cannot help thinking that to these women it would seem as if Life had taken them into her confidence, and given them the simple answers to some of her hardest problems. And so, as a matter of fact, she has done, through great specialists in child welfare; and truly—as the Red Cross has learned in France—such simple, definite instruction may make all the difference between the tragedy of a life scarred and broken by the ravages of war, and the usefulness of a life of growing health and hope. Perhaps it may be the very bridge from despair to happiness.

Equip Health Exhibits

This is one of the objects of the educational child welfare and public health campaign begun by the Children's Bureau of the American Red Cross, which is helping France in her fight against infant mortality and tuberculosis—stealthy enemies no less to be feared than invading armies,



and still to be reckoned with after the signing of the peace. Working together, the Children's Bureau and the Rockefeller Commission have equipped public health exhibits, sending them into French

towns and cities and villages. These are mounted on large motor-trucks, carrying moving pictures, models, photographs and literature. Lecturers accompany them, holding conferences on tuberculosis prevention and cure, child hygiene and pre-natal care, and giving instruction and demonstrations.

In co-operation with the French, this material has all been most carefully and thoroughly adapted to the French mind, and all of the books, pictures, posters, cards and panels have been illustrated by French artists and made just as French as possible.

Science Behind Wit

The posters are full of witty, amusing, sometimes radiant illuminations, like that of the babies' crusade, with standards, reminders of certain inalienable rights. Indeed, looking at the simple wood-cuts which surround a set of health mottoes for children, one is struck again with that French pictorial knack, which amounts to genius, for lending a certain glamour even to such subjects as teeth cleaning, and to such injunctions as not to stoop or dawdle, but to take deep breaths, and irresistible fascination.

Behind the charming cartoons, the wise and kindly books and the entire plan of these traveling exhibits, are the science of child specialists; the skill of the workers; the imagination of the artists and the enthusiasm and hearty cooperation of such bodies as the French Ministries of Munitions, of Education, of Labor, and of the Interior, of the great social agencies of France, and of French doctors and nurses.

When the first of these conferences

was held in Chartres, the young mothers of the city were extended this invitation:

"The American Commission, which came for the purpose of bringing its maternal sympathy to all French children, will be happy if you accept its invitation to come on Thursday, January tenth, at eight o'clock, to the lecture room in the City Hall, to make the acquaintance of your American friends and drink a cup of chocolate with them, while talking about the things that interest the mothers of all countries."

Over two thousand visitors attended the four day conferences, according to the "Journal de Chartres." The prefect of the department of Eure-et-Loire, of which the Chartres is the center, officially opened the meetings. His speech is quoted in this Journal.

"In France," he said, "tuberculosis kills annually 170,000 persons. . . . these are the ante-bellum figures. Today the situation is aggravated. The American Mission has a whole program, a vast and beautiful program adapted not only to the needs but to the very spirit of the people, to our methods and to our social customs; for our American friends, our American brothers, are not come to try out systems, to apply theories. They have come only to do good. For that we thank them deeply."

"New ties are being created daily, and every day we are drawing our union closer; because they will be linked to us in grief and sacrifice, these ties are indestructible. They unite forever the sister republics, America and France."

TROOP TWO TO BE MOBILIZED

A special patriotic meeting of the Boy Scouts of Troop 2 has been called by Sam Vigran, scoutmaster, Wednesday night at 7:30 o'clock at the V. M. C. A.

Vigran will present to the boys the instructions received from national headquarters which instructs the scouts to ring every doorbell in Richmond and deliver a short talk on the necessity of saving, and take orders for Government war saving securities—the 25¢ and 55¢ thrift stamps.

President Wilson will write a personal letter of thanks to the scout in each state that sells the most stamps during the year and the wives of the Cabinet will give a victory flag in each state to the troop standing at the top at the end of the year.

An ace medal, similar to the aviators' decoration, will be awarded to scouts taking orders for \$250, and palms will be given for each additional \$100.

All scouts of troop 2 are asked to be present at this meeting. Among those in the troop are: Harold Shinx, Earl Kelsker, Homer Meyers, Conrad Richard Holcomb, Sidney Wait, Ottenfeld, Harry Thomas, David Rost, George Keffler, Max Davids, Edward Atkinson and Ralph Hunt.

Killits Says Attack on Him is Attempt to Bring Some Discredit on Him

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Federal Judge Killits of Toledo, against whom the department of justice has asked permission to file contempt proceedings in the supreme court for suspending sentence in a criminal case, charged in a brief today that the proceedings were "unwarranted" and that Attorney-general Gregory brought them without due investigation and for the purpose of bringing "some discredit and much embarrassment" upon him.

Judge Killits admitted that he suspended the sentence in question but explained he took action with the clear knowledge of representatives of the department of justice in the belief that he had the department's acquiescence. Judge Killits said he acted in perfect good faith "but under a misconception of the scope" of the court's mandate.

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The Forum

(All articles for this column must not exceed 300 words. Contributors must sign their names, although the name will be withheld by the management at the request of the writer. Articles having no name attached will be thrown into the waste basket.)

Editor Palladium: A little article in Palladium of the 17th: "U. S. calls upon everybody to raise poultry."

There are many back yards which have space enough for at least a dozen chickens, and room for a little garden, and a play spot for the kids. From what I see kiddies don't play in backyards in this town. They are turned out in front to impose upon the neighbors with their noisy wagons, and in fact anything that will make a noise. Mothers, you surely know the neighbors don't want your children in front of their homes. You also know children allowed to run the streets are impudent, and usually have to be looked after by the police.

As some of you know, I saw those

children in front of homes of sick people with everything that would make a noise. If you order them away they come back with, "My Pop said you don't own the sidewalk."

And Sunday is no exception—no respect for God or man. You have to get off the walks, so young America can have full sway. I really believe if the paid officials of this city were doing their duty such conditions would not exist. It surely is no credit to the town. I also think it is a shame for respectable people to submit to such indignities. Just because some people have that Old Bill Kaiser idea that might makes right. For the good of the children I think it high time for some one to call a halt.

AN OBSERVER.

Editor's note: It is generally accepted that children in Richmond deport themselves with propriety. We believe our correspondent has exaggerated the situation. If children are asked to quit laying in front of a house that harbors a sick person they usually comply. Children are boisterous. That's the nature of childhood. They must romp and play. The sidewalks are broad enough to accommodate both playing children and pedestrians. We cannot conceive of a hundred healthy children sitting idly and sedately in back yards. A healthy normal child will not confine himself to a yard. If it encroaches on the sidewalk, adults want to remember that when they were children, they played wherever fancy dictated. Let the children have a good time.

Today's Thrift Stamp Winners

Another week of the limerick contest begins. Children all over the country are sending and bringing in verses telling why people should buy Thrift Stamps. Four of the best verses are printed today. To these four winners a Thrift Stamp is given to each.

Mondays four best verses are:

I'm such a tiny little girl;
It's hard to make a rhyme.
I want to get the Thrift Stamp
To beat the kaiser's time.
If I only had a quarter
I know what I would do.
I'd go and buy a Thrift Stamp;
Now tell me—wouldn't you?

—Marguerite Muckridge,
Finley School.

I am a little boy, nine years old;
I have two brothers in the service bold.
I will buy Thrift Stamps with all my gold.
For our Sammies are worth it tenfold.
—Kendall Matthews,
Centerville, Ind.

Save up your money and buy Thrift Stamps
To help our boys in the training camps.
Give them more ships, more stuffs and guns;
They'll soon put an end to the despicable Hunns.
Every little bit helps, so don't be a miser;
Chip in, do your bit and help whip the kaiser.

—Curtis Hayward,
631 Pearl st.

Our boys have gone to the army.
And are taking a fighting chance;
I'd like to go too, if I was old enough.
But I'm not—so I'll buy Thrift Stamps.

—Floyd Gardner,
213 Randolph st.

LONTZ WILL READ REPORT

President Lontz will make his report at the directors' meeting of the Commercial club Monday evening. Officers will be elected.

A. C. Verity, president of the American Roller Mill of Middletown, will make an address at the annual meeting of the Commercial club, Monday evening, March 11.

The president's report will also be read at this meeting.

City Statistics

Deaths and Funerals

Funeral services of Frank Scheibler will be conducted Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock at St. Andrew's church. Burial will be in St. Andrew's cemetery. Friends may call any time Monday evening at his home 417 South Fifth street.

BROWN—Funeral services for Mrs. Mary A. Brown, who died Saturday at Elkhart, Ind., was conducted Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock at North A Street Friends church. Burial in Ridge cemetery.

ARMY OFFICE TO BE OPEN EVERY NIGHT

ARMY Recruiter Wright announced Monday that because of the fact that 100,000 men are wanted by the national army, the recruiting office would be open every night until 8 o'clock.

Ernest Brinley, 108 South Second street, left Monday for Indianapolis to take the final examination.

SHE WAITED 102 YEARS TO DO IT, BUT SHE HAS REGISTERED TO VOTE AT LAST



Mrs. Sally Gold, 102 years old.

NEW YORK CITY, March 4.—After 102 years of listening to suffrage arguments and reasons why women should vote, Mrs. Sally Gold, who is two years over the century mark, registered for voting the first time.

Mrs. Gold is not a feeble woman, despite her age, and she still takes an active interest in all things, especially the activities of women. She would not think of overlooking the chance to vote after a hundred years of waiting.

Glasses weren't necessary when she signed the book, for Mrs. Gold has never worn them; her eyes are still keen.

"I'm glad I have lived to see women vote," she commented to those around her. She registered in the Thirteenth election district.

American Soldiers in France Are Honored by French Premier

PARIS, Sunday, March 3.—By The Associated Press.—Premier Clemenceau visited the American troops today and reviewed the soldiers who repulsed the German attack Friday. The premier left Paris Saturday evening and returned this evening when the following semi-official note was issued:

"The president of the council desires personally to congratulate the American troops in the sector where they have just repelled brilliantly a strong enemy attack. The battalion which took part in this operation was reviewed by the premier in whose presence the general commanding the army decorated with the war cross certain officers and privates whose bravery had been particularly remarkable.

"This check to the enemy attack was, moreover, far more severe than first information showed. The American government had modestly announced that some of the enemy had been killed and some made prisoners. As a matter of fact, the latest reconnaissances have shown that in addition to these losses the Germans left quite a large number of corpses behind the lines."

"It was a very fine success, reflecting great honor on the tenacity of the American infantry and the accuracy of the artillery fire, which have thus shown they are capable of attaining the maximum effect from the French material which they have adopted."

"After admiring the field hospital, where he observed the morale of the wounded, the premier went to the front lines to examine the scene of this operation. During his conversations with American generals, officers and privates, the premier noted in every one a feeling of absolute confidence, which, if possible, has been heightened further by the brilliant results of their first serious meeting.

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MAJOR PEYTON MARCH ASSUMES NEW DUTIES

WASHINGTON, March 4.—Major General Peyton M. March today formally took over his new duties as acting chief of the general staff, relieving Major-General Biddle, assistant chief, who has been directing staff affairs since General Bliss, the chief of staff, was assigned to the supreme war council in Europe. There were no formalities. General March devoting his first morning to the regular session of the war council recently created by Secretary Baker and of which the chief of staff is a member.

Later in the day the senior army officers on duty in Washington assembled at the department and were presented to their new chief.

PALLADIUM WANT ADS PAY.

TOWNSHIP LOAN OFFICERS NAMED

Township chairmen for the Wayne County Liberty Loan drive which is to begin April 6, were appointed by Chairman Seeger Saturday.

The following were named: W. E. Caskey, Abington township; O. M. Whitmore, Boston; H. H. Peelle, Center; Harry Thornburg, Dalton; Will Curtis, Franklin; Will Lewis, Greene; Frank Kerl, Harrison; Robert Hicks, Jackson; Ab Jones, Jefferson; Thom-

as Brannon, New Garden; John Manning, Perry; Howard Harris, Webster, and Oscar Kerlin, Washington.

Wayne county was divided into four districts with the following chairmen: Wilson Magaw, first; Forest VanZandt, second; Charles Shideler, third, and Joseph Hill, fourth. The county extension committee is as follows: W. C. Seeger, chairman; Edward H. Harris, city chairman; J. E. Hansell, Jr., secretary; Lawrence A. Handley, treasurer; and Mrs. Charles W. Drift, chairman of the Women's section.

Mrs. Drift will attend a conference of women workers in Indianapolis Wednesday, a men's conference in Chicago Friday, and a men's conference in Chicago Friday.

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