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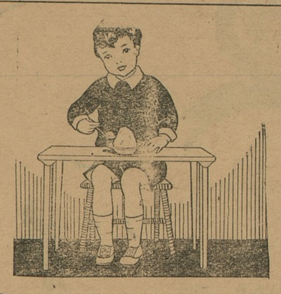

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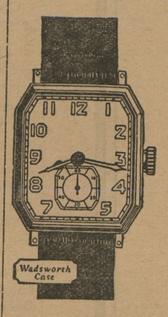

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PROGRESSIVE RED CROSS CAMPAIGN FOR HEALTH

Public Health Nursing, Nutrition and Home Hygiene Work Cover the Country.

Important contributions to public health were made by the American Red Cross through its Public Health Nursing Service, Nutrition Service, and in instruction in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick. In every State and Alaska, with the exception of Delaware and Nevada, instruction was given by the Red Cross, also in the Philippines, Hawaii, Porto Rico, and Virgin Islands. A total of 57,370 women and girls learned to make a hygienic home, and care for the sick in their homes.

The United States Public Health Service estimates that adequate rural health nursing service would cost $20,000,000 annually, but would save a billion dollars in value of human life, earning power, and economic conservation. The American Red Cross, through its Public Health Nurses, of whom there were nearly 800 on duty the past year, is doing its part in meeting this requirement.

The Red Cross, through its nutrition Service, taught thousands what to eat for health. In this country, 24 States were served with from one to ten Red Cross Chapter nutrition programs in each State. In 38 States, nutrition instruction was given either through the regular nutrition instructors or through volunteer dietitians.

During the school year an average of 15,413 individuals a month, including parents, teachers, pre-school, and school children, were assisted to a better knowledge of food in its relation to health, and how to apply it to their daily lives. In March, 111,219 individuals received this instruction, while during the year 3,588 classes were conducted and 6,450 conferences and home visits were given by nutritionists, thus reaching thousands of individuals.

The Annual Roll Call for Membership from November 11 to 25 is an invitation to all persons to assist in maintenance of such services through another year by enrolling in the American Red Cross.

RED CROSS SERVICES SHOW UPWARD TREND

Disaster Relief, Veterans' Aid Foremost in Fiscal Year. Services All Vital.

Expenditures by the American Red Cross for the last year showed a mounting curve as compared with those for the preceding year—$11,892-869.35 as against $10,321,679.80. The outstanding appropriations were for disaster relief and assistance to disabled veterans. For disaster relief the American Red Cross expended $3,871,827, of which the National Organization contributed $3,642,827, and the Red Cross Chapters $229,000. For disabled veterans, a total of $3,628,178 was called for, of which National Headquarters appropriated $1,641,178, and Chapters, $1,987,000.

The disaster relief figures do not include the Florida operations, which occurred after the end of the fiscal year, in addition to the work for disabled veterans, the Red Cross continued its work on behalf of men in the Regular Army and Navy and Marine Corps, which called for a total appropriation of $509,451.

The enrolled nurses' reserve, from which nurses for disasters and other emergencies are called, cost $47,382, borne entirely by the National Headquarters. Public Health Nursing, a part of the Red Cross program of national health work, cost $866,823; instruction in home hygiene and care of the sick required $152,466 in nutrition instruction, $164,107 was expended.

The Red Cross campaign to reduce deaths from accidents and drowning, conducted by the First Aid and Life-Saving Service, called for $352,385, and has shown tangible results in lives saved annually.

The Junior Red Cross, one of the foremost peace influences in the world, was carried on at a cost of $531,053. All local Chapter activities of the Red Cross cost $823,000, while other domestic operations of the Red Cross, borne by National Headquarters, amounted to $264,040.

The remainder of the fiscal year's expenditures were accounted for in insular and foreign operations, of which foreign disasters in which the American Red Cross served, absorbed $53,075; League of Red Cross Societies, $180,000; Junior Red Cross foreign projects, $74,065; assistance to insular Chapters, $49,599; other insular and foreign work, $34,733; supervision of service activities and general management, $270,629.27.

The total expenditures for the year ended June 30 last were divided: National Organization, $7,381,869.35; local Chapters, $4,511,000. In the Tenth Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 25, the public is invited to share in this vast work done in their name by enrolling in the American Red Cross as members.

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Her CHRISTMAS PRAYER

by MARION R. REAGAN

IT WAS cold along the Seine that Christmas Eve. There was a thin rain, half snow, and a nasty, penetrating wind coming up from the river that sent chills trembling down one's back.

Little Juliette Caret blew her breath against her hands to warm them and pulled her ragged little coat more tightly about her. She was the sole support of a family of four—this little, shivering tot, who stood always before the door of Notre Dame selling holy cards and medals to people as they passed in or out of the church.

Her mother was very ill and the three other children of the family—younger than Juliette—were too little to do any kind of work. How she would have loved to bring home something very special for them this Christmas!

On her way to the church this evening she had stopped to look in at the window of a patisserie shop and her heart was taken with a great cake in the center—all white with dots of large red cherries around the sides. The price was ten francs. She took out her little worn purse and counted—two francs, five sous. Slowly she closed the purse and put it back in her pocket. The cake was out of the question. It would have to be a loaf of bread only.

All evening she had stood in front of the church, but had made almost nothing. Great numbers of people were coming to the midnight mass, but they all passed by little Juliette with only an annoyed "Non, non, non!" A little later there was almost nobody coming. She could hear the organ playing. Mass had begun.

She would have hurried home but her feet were numb with the cold.

Slipped Quietly Into a Seat of the Large Church.

Besides, she thought, she really ought to go in and say a little prayer for her mother.

She opened the huge door of the cathedral, slipped quietly into a seat of the large church and prayed fervently for her mother and little sisters; prayed, too, that she might, somehow, be able to buy them a cake for Christmas!

The heat of the church after the intense cold outside made her drowsy. She went fast to sleep and her head fell heavily against the shoulder of a man sitting next to her.

The man was an American. He was at first annoyed when he saw the little towseled head with its dirty cap against his coat-sleeve, but on second glance at the pathetic little figure he was overcome with genuine emotion. "Poor little devil," he thought, "wonder what's been your short history and what will it be in the future." He saw in her dirty little hands the strings of medals and the box of holy cards she had been trying to sell. He reached into his pocket, pulled out two crisp 1,000-franc notes, folded them carefully and placed them on top of the cards.

Almost everyone had left the church when Juliette wakened. Mass was over; all the candles on the altar had been extinguished, the lights of the church were being put out. Juliette rubbed her eyes drowsily and with a start counted her medals to see that no one had taken any while she slept. They were all quite safe. She next turned to her box of cards and her eyes became two large moons. "Two thousand francs, two thousand francs!" She couldn't believe it. It was a miracle! Hadn't she prayed for money to buy her people a Christmas gift? She knelt down again, said a fervent prayer in thanksgiving; then gathered all her things together and ran quickly from the church—past the confisserie shop. It was closed, of course, but the white cake was still in the window. Tomorrow morning she would go there early and buy it—buy every good thing in the shop. And still there would be enough left to buy them all clothes in the after-Christmas sales. She leaped joyously in the air. She did not feel the cold now.

"Merry Christmas," she called to an old lady who passed her. "Merry Christmas to the whole world!"

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Poles Careful Christmas Eve

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