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# THE RED IS REAL SERVICE

By FRANK MORRISON, Secretary American Federation of Labor.

The work of the Red Cross is not confined to our hoys on battlefield or in hospital nor anidst the ruins of Belgium and other portions of devastated Europe. One of its great activities is any necessary aid to the dependents of members of America's illitary forces.

On the battlefield the Red Cross presents an heroic figure. In America, removed from destruction and death, the Red Cross steps stlently to the side of the father and mother whose boy is "over there" and who need counsel and aid.

No pervice is too small for the Red Cross. If allotments from the government or from their son are delayed, or information on the government's war risk insurance is wanted, the Red Cross is both counsellor and friend. It enters into the home in the true spirit of charity-

But first and foremost our soldiers field and hospital must be given the most attentive care possible. Nothing we can de will equal their share in this movement for world democracy, and the Red Cross presents an opportunity for us to play our part in this great drama by contributing to the extent of our ability. The Red Cross appeals to organized workers because of its one quality-

pobling charity that is not defaced by cost marks, a democracy that personifies Jefferson's great principle of equality and a religion that is beyond sectarianism.

# MAKE SOLDIER FEEL HE IS AS GOOD AS EVER

Men disabled in the service who are returning from the front and who find it hard at first to see their way toward earning a livelihood are a speccial problem for the Red Cross. Un der the Smith-Sears law a fund is appropriated to re-educate every disabled man who will take the opportunity to make a living. It is felt that such men are likely to be weakened in their resolution to keep their self respect and find real work by the mistaken charity of hero worshippers, who will forget them once the first flush of war enthusiasm is over. Here the support of the disabled man's family must be enlisted, for in the last analysis it to the man's family who will be the determining influence in his rehabilitation. The relatives must be braced to meet the situation—to make of them selves for the man a bulwark against discouragement and weakness.

Two little stories came to the Red Cross beadquarters from over the seas a short time ago. One was a story of bravery that brought the tears, and one a tale of tears that brought smiles.

The first story was of a soldier who asked for a light. He was in bed, and a cigarette was between his lips, placed there by the nurse after she had finished apreading his blanket up smoothly. At his question, she turned and gave him a box of matches and hurried on, then remembered that the arms beneath the blankets were with-

Nurses have to be without tears, but there were tears in her eyes as she turned to strike the match and light

the cigarette for him. mits, and they helped get three or four (Mable) OLDFIELD. Germans before I lost them, but they ain't worth crying about, so there!"

And the tears story that brought smiles? Well, that was the story of a big, husky, colored man, who sat reading, and the Red Cross worker at the canteen saw that he had tears running down his cheeks. She was curious know what he might be reading and federacy? RICHMOND (Shurt) his shoulder to see that it was the canteen cook book.

He smiled through his tears as he saw that she was watching, and said, sheepishly, "You sure must excuse me, ma'am, but this here book done make me blamed homesick. I'm 'shamed to make a haby outen mabse'l, but this makes me think o' home."

#### RED CROSS WOMEN CITED FOR BRAVERY

American women at Epernay, south of Rheims, there been cited in an order in an American Red Cross canteen under bombardment for six days. Throughout this battle they continued to feed and care for wounded.

WHAT RED CROSS MEANS.

merican Red Cross means the mothering of those little children nade desolate by the invasion of the Hun. Mrs. Lars Anderson in her recent book on conditions over there says: "It is the poor, " homeless, motherless kiddles that somehow make all the other horrors of war fade away into distance. These frightened, crying, dying, innocent children, who do not know what it is all aboutthey wring your heart dry."

# HIGH SCHOOL

"A Happy New Year" is our wish to all the people of Downers, both great and small. D. G. H. S.

Back from a week of joy and cheer, Back to the school room cold and " Drear,

Back from a life of good time and Back to a teacher's iron way;

It is nice to have vacation, But its hard to take dictation; But, then, it's all in a life time.

We know now. Santa Claus owns that supply of white sweaters.

adorns the assembly walls. It now has one hundred and thirteen stars.

is, don't get too curious. The subject last week. Thew are viewed at close range, is anything but a funny one.

It was good to come back to school on Monday morning.

I wonder if Santa remembered all Behind Red Cross service is an ou- the Freshies! There are so many of

> New Year's Resolutions for D. G. H. S (1) No Failures.

(2) No sharp shooting practice in-

(3) No talking in the halls

Our joy in returning to school was by-word at the "Lakes." somewhat tempered when the announcement came that semester examinations were only three and one THIRD DAY OF half weeks away.

If Santa brought you money, invest it in W .S. S.

Again vacation time is o'er, And back we are at school once more

The Freshies now run thru the halls With Latin books and Rubber dolls.

Who'll answer a question for a Junior? How can a fellow have a merry Christmas with a short hand test awaiting him on his return to school?

Certain members of the high school and faculty are at last absolutely agreed on one subject; namely, that the mumps is not the best of holiday companions.

Soph: "Why didn't you take Bot-

Junior: "Oh, I thought that after the war there would be no germination. (German nation, we may explain for those whose brains are still not wide awake.)

Since our return the familiar saying now is, "I have forgotten."

Frosh: "Did you hear about it?" Junior: "No, what?" Frosh: "Neither did I." Obituary to be published later.

Brush up on these, and your chances will be good for the semester ex. ques-

2. Who was a colonel in the Civil War? New Year's eve. (Catherine) MORGAN.

this summer? (Dorothy) GARDINER election of officers. Installation of the 4. What is a portion of England? new officers will form a part of the Having decided to quit farming, the, (Raymond) WALES.

5. What was the capital of the Con- the Club on January 25th. now? (Howard) WILHELM.

now? (Preston) SNOW.

Since when have cities had tales? New Year. We don't know, but Mr. Dickens wrote The next regular meeting of the 11 Head of Cattle consisting of 9 about one tale belonging to two cit- Club will be held at the home of Miss head of Milch Cows, five of which ies. Freshmen, attention! There is a Irene Tiffany, Saturday evening, Jan- have been fresh just a short time, vast difference between the words uary 11th. "TALE." You are evidently confusing the two. Consult Mr. Webster.

Oh dear! We just got sett'ed down

body no longer is, "What section will fly. go over the top in the W. S. S. campaign?" but, "Which section will go over first?"

Rosella Porter, class of '16, was Your membership in the great o visitor at the H. S. on Monday.

> Where do you suppose Santa got his supply of socks and neckties? Also silver pencils?

What is the joke about a certain Junior gentleman being so very tactful? Information solicited. Heard in the halls during the week

"I wish that vacation hadn't started

a week early, don't you?" Freshmen start some good resolution

Start 1919 just right; Don't only make them but keep them Though it causes you many a fight.

The Freshies are youngest and smal-

But there's grit in them, yes, one and all; And they'll finish the thing that they' have started Be it ever so humble or small.

Won't you others please fall in line, And make this next year the most Ever looked on by Old Father Time?

'And the little children shall lead 'em'

Through an oversight on the part Our high school service flag again of our correspondent the names of several hosts and hostesses, who assisted, both finacnially and by opening their homes for entertainment of Wanted: Information concerning the Jackies from the Great Lakes over mumps. Our advice to the questioner Christmas, were omitted from the list

> Mr. and Mrs. Allan Barnhart Mr. and Mrs. Lee Beidelman Mr. and Mrs. Walter Curtiss Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Huntington Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Lawrence

Mr. and Mrs. John Sellers

Mrs. T. S. Rogers And right here is a good place to say that these "Gobs" had a good time while they were here. Several of those kind enough to entertain them have received letters from the boys telling in no uncertain language just

what a good time they had. The fame of Downers Grove as a place to receive entertainment is

# 1919 BRINGS TEN BELOW WEATHER

village and in the surrounding country registered all the way from eight knows but he did it and returned to to fifteen below, but we think the the dugout, took off his helmet and rather conservative figure of "ten" is says, "Gee, its hot out there and then fairly close.

It took the new year to bring in bombs were dropping all around too! the change from an average of about do not know just exactly when. But is very marked.

ing, are feeling the effects of the Year, you can bet on that. change and the black diamonds are melting away like snow in April. It to close. Best wishes to your faller is understood that a posse of repre- and season's greetings. sentative men of the community are out gunning for the fellow that said we were to have a mild winter.

We have heard that a certain gentleman who owns a business just south of the Corner Grocery and who is small, that is as to size, of course, let him be nameless, however, had made a wager early in the fall that we would have no "ten below" weather until along in March. Whether he has been notified of the fact that it was a "leetle mite cold" this morning or not, we do not know.

# ARCADIANS MET NEW

The regular semi-monthly meeting plements. "Quit that," he said, "they were good I. Who is a famous automobile racer? of the Arcadian Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Heintz, Jos. V. Dieter, Auctioneer. W. H. Ed-

> The early part of the evening was 3. Whose name was very patriotic devoted to the business meeting and progarm at the Annual Banquet of undersigned will sell at Auction on

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends and to work, when along came New Year's neighbors, for the kindness and symof the day for remaining at their posts day. Will interruptions never cease? pathy shown us in our recent be- years old, one brown Gelding, four

The question among the student Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Lehman and fam- old, two colts, six months old.

No Unmixed Good.

Afl good things are subject to abuse,

and when abused become pernicious. . . Great powers, commerce and riches-or, in other words, great national prosperity—may, in like manner, be denominated evils; for they lead to insolence and inordinate ambition, a vicious luxury, licentiousness of morals, and all those vices which corrupt a government, enslave the state and precipitate the ruin of a nation. But no wise statesman will reject the good from an apprehension of the ill. The truth is, in all human affairs there is no good, pure and unmixed. Every advantage has two sides; and wisdom consists in availing ourselves of the good, and guard-

#### DOWNERS GROVE. **WELCOMED 1919** WITH WHISTLES

Reconstruction Year Ushered in With Usual Pomp and Ceremony, and Shots and Shouts

Downers Grove gave a boistrous welcome to little 1919 at the stroke of twelve Tuesday night.

1919, the year that is to mean so much to future generations, was ushered in with train whistles and the fire whistle blowing madly, w church bells ringing, with horns shouts and shots.

One minute before the hour ever thing was apparently peaceful quiet, but one "Happy New Yes hail from a pedestrian on Main Str seemed to be the signal for the to to erupt. Dancers at Dicke's and Library Hall poured into the street and added their calls to the general din.

At most of the churches the usual watch night services were held and many entertainments and parties at private homes were given.

#### OWEN GRIFFITHS TELLS OF ALBERT MEYER'S BRAVERY

Porto Corsini, Italy, Nov. 30th, 1918. Dear Anna:

Albert and I talk of you so much I thought I would write you a few lines and tell you a few things about your little brother. The war is over so it will not hurt you.

You have a brother to be proud of and one who is brave too. In the Navy they don't hand out the Victoria Cross etc. to the men but each one does his duty and that's all.

One night when the planes were ' rather thick and the bombs dropping and shrapnel bursting in the air, your little kid brother left the dugout to This morning thermometers in the make the rounds to see if every thing was O. K. How he ever did it no one laughed. Talk about nerve. And the

the first cold snap of the winter and. We expect to leave here soon but thirty above to below zero weather hope it will be for Christmas and hope to be in the states by the first of Coal bins, which have been bulg- the year, and it will be a happy New

Well, it is getting late so will have

### PUBLIC SA

The undersigned will lic Auction three miles dale, one and one half of Downers Grove and one of East Grove on the East Gr on Wednesday, January 8, 1919 10:00 o'clock a, m. One team Heavy Draft Horses, nine and ten years old weight 3,000 pounds one black Gelding ten years old, weight 1,400 lbs., one colt, eight months old, 10 Holstein Milch Cows, some with Calves YEAR'S EVE by their side, others coming fresh soon and miscellaneous Farming Im-

> Thomas Drew, Proprietor. wards, Clerk. Downers Grove, Illinois.

# **AUCTION SALE**

the Fish Farm, one and one half miles After the business had been con- west of Downers Grove, one milewas astonished when she looked over 6. Who is extremely unpopular just cluded the balance of the evening was south of Belmont, five miles east of devoted to games. Refreshments were Naperville, two and one half miles . What are we expecting every day served and when the clock announced southeast of Lisle on the Chicago and the arrival of the mid-night hour, a Aurora road Tuesday, January 7, 1919 hearty greeting was extended to the at 11:00 o'clock a. m., the following property, to-wit:

three with calves at foot, one heavy Springer, one Heifer, one year old and one high grade Durham Bull, one year old.

Six head of Horses, one grey Mare, 10 years old, one black Mare, nine years old, one black Gelding, two year

Nine head of Hogs, 20 head Sheep, eight Shoats weighing 1' each, one sow, weight 400 lbs., 2 of Sheep, 18 Ewes and two buc Machinery, Grain and miscella

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He Knew the Sex. "Take that picture out of your play window immediately!" demand the irate woman. "I am surprised i you would exhibit my photograph the common gaze!" "Awfully thou less of me," said the photogra a few minutes later. /I should remembered that she #ked the best." And the profile was subs for the offensive from view in play window, and of wers happ after.—Kansas City Star.