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## RED CROSS GIVES ANNUAL BUDGET MILLIONS FOR VETERANS

\$19,361,657 Allotted for Current Program of Relief and Service. Medical Aid for European Children

Washington.—Expenditures totalling \$19,361,657 for carrying through its program of relief and services in the United States and overseas are outlined in the budget of the American Red Cross for the current fiscal year. This total is more than \$5,000,000 lower than the expenditure during the last fiscal year, when the disbursements reached \$24,402,741. It is announced at National Headquarters in a statement calling attention to the necessity of continued support of the organization by response to the Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 24. If the vital work of the society is to be effectively carried on.

Outstanding among the items of the domestic budget is the appropriation of \$8,989,256 for work in behalf of the disabled ex-service man and his family. This appropriation represents the amount allotted to this work from National Headquarters only and does not take into consideration the millions being spent in chapters for relief of the World War veteran. It is in the chapter that the greater amount is spent in meeting this obligation of the Red Cross, the announcement continues, as manifested by figures of the fiscal year 1920-1921 when the total was approximately \$9,000,000, of which \$2,692,094 represented the disbursement of National Headquarters while the remainder was the chapters' contribution to this field of Red Cross service.

### Vast Work for Disabled

Chief among the sub-divisions of the appropriation for work with veterans is that which concerns itself with assistance to disabled men and women in government hospitals. This item of \$1,700,000, an increase of more than \$500,000 over the appropriation for the same work in last year's budget, will provide those personal services for the disabled and their families which are indispensable to supplement those provided by the government. The director of the Veterans' Bureau has recently expressed his desire that the Red Cross should continue and extend these "humanizing services." Other items of the appropriation for veterans' relief are proportionately increased. An additional appropriation of \$469,000 has been made for Red Cross work in connection with regular Army and Navy hospitals and with the regular Army and Navy.

For disaster relief, the Red Cross has set aside for the current twelve months an appropriation of \$543,378, virtually doubling the appropriation for the same purpose for the fiscal year 1920-1921.

More than \$2,000,000 is provided for service and assistance to the 3,400 Red Cross chapters by the national organization.

### Helping Destitute Children

Other items of the domestic budget include \$498,546 for miscellaneous activities, including contributions restricted for special purposes and \$788,000 for management. Each of these items represents large reductions over similar appropriations of the previous year.

From a fund of \$10,000,000, \$5,000,000 of which was contributed through the European Relief Council campaign and \$5,000,000 allotted by the Red Cross for child welfare work in Europe, there remains \$8,765,108 still available, of which it is estimated that \$6,000,000 will be required for this work during the current year. For Red Cross participation in the joint effort to relieve famine conditions in Russia, for final work in the China famine, for Junior Red Cross and other overseas activities including the closing of the old general relief program in Europe \$4,978,000 is made available.

In announcing the national budget, the Red Cross makes it clear that the figures do not include chapter expenditures or place any cash estimate on the invaluable service of volunteers in chapters.

## RED CROSS GIVES \$310,000 TO AID CLEAN-UP DRIVE

An appropriation of \$310,000 for Red Cross work in connection with the "clean-up" campaign instituted by the Government to bring the claims of all disabled service men who are entitled to Federal aid before the proper government bureau for action, has been made by the American Red Cross. The Executive Committee of the American Red Cross in making the appropriation authorized the appropriation of \$35,000 of this sum to the American Legion to defray the expense of the Legion representatives assigned to the various districts of the Veterans Bureau.

The remainder of the appropriation was authorized for apportionment among the several Divisions of the Red Cross for carrying on that part of the "clean-up" work that falls directly upon the Red Cross organization.

Broadway was recently excited by the appearance of a girl in a suit, the skirt of which swept the ground. It was the first one seen in several years and almost caused a riot.

## ANNUAL HOSPITAL REPORT IS MADE EFFICIENCY INCREASED

Recent Reorganization of Medical Staff a Great Step Forward; Resident Physician Supplied

Following is the report of the medical staff of the Highland Park hospital, made to the board of managers of the Highland Park hospital:

A year otherwise filled with promise, has been marred by the loss of one whose energy and devotion, far outstripping his physical capabilities, have left an indelible mark upon our hospital in its every activity. Those who knew Dr. Bergen well would be quite devoid of feeling if, from the lesson of his simple life, his unswerving adherence to his duties, however arduous, his breadth of vision and his progressive outlook upon things, we did not single-mindedly direct all our efforts toward upbuilding the hospital as a memorial to him.

A great step forward has been taken, we believe, by virtue of the recent reorganization of the medical staff. No hospital can maintain a standard of efficiency such as is now demanded by the institutions of the larger cities unless there be for that purpose a smoothly working machine. This, a staff organization provides. At its regular monthly meeting, the staff carefully scrutinizes the professional activities of its members during the preceding month; inefficiency and unprofessional conduct are quickly recognized and plans for the betterment of the hospital are considered.

The executive committee of the staff serves as a smaller body to direct the professional affairs of the hospital in the interval between the monthly staff meetings; and one member of this committee is on duty each month to oversee the daily routine of the institution.

By these several devices, which, though new, work smoothly, the interests of the community are faithfully and efficiently served.

Another long-felt need has also been supplied during the year — one which makes for better work on the professional side and for a greater sense of security in the layman's mind. We refer to the matter of a resident physician, on duty at all times. Our hopes as to the wisdom of adding a resident physician have been fully justified from the medical standpoint; and the expense incurred in the matter of salary has been met by his anesthetic and laboratory duties.

Thanks to the immediate and generous response of the advisory board of the hospital, we have been able to add equipment to our laboratory which places it upon a par with that of any institution, for the carrying out of the routine demands.

A special word of commendation and appreciation is due the nursing staff of the hospital and to its superintendent, Miss Williams. Despite the inadequate number of nurses, the work has been done cheerfully and well; and the staff takes this occasion publicly to thank this indispensable arm of our service for its loyalty.

The staff of the hospital, at its last joint meeting with the advisory board, expressed itself as confident of the future of the institution. We wish on this occasion to reassert this confidence to the degree, in fact, of asking for a consideration on your part of the feasibility of an early addition of more space. It has been found necessary, with increasing frequency, during the past few months to refuse admission to patients. The present facilities have proved inadequate, not only because the hospital is growing in favor with the community, but also because of the natural growth of the city and of the reputation the hospital has gained in neighboring towns. The fact that the leading physicians

of Glencoe and of Lake Forest are members of the staff has begun to make the citizens of these cities feel that our hospital deserves their support.

We came finally to the pleasant task of expressing to you our thanks for your unqualified support. Every reasonable request of ours has been generously and promptly met by you through your representatives, the members of the advisory board. Cooperation of this kind speaks well for the future.

H. B. Roberts, President.  
Arthur P. Byfield, Secretary.

Umbrellas numbering 20,000 were left in the Paris Underground Railway last year.

Lessons in matrimony have been suggested by a judge, who has to settle many divorce petitions between very youthful married couples.

An hour's use daily of the piano is being given to some domestic servants in London suburbs.

Chili has opened an official pawnshop to advance loans on reasonable terms to working men.

Briar roots for the manufacture of pipes, weighing 6,000 tons, are exported annually from Corsica.

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