

WHY BELGIANS STILL NEED HELP

"In travelling through Belgium with the Belgian armies, I have been able to see the country recently tenanted by the Bochs in the condition in which they left it, and never was there such desolation anywhere. One cannot get away from signs of destruction, no matter where one goes, along the country roads or in the city streets.

Not only has property been destroyed and every means of livelihood taken away from the people, but the peasants, especially in the country districts, have been left destitute both of home and food. We travelled twelve miles yesterday through open country and as but one small instance of the vast plundering of the Germans, let me state that in all twelve miles not one solitary live animal did we see, and practically every tree had been felled, so you can imagine the dreary

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aspect of the scenery.

All the peasant women and children we met on our way, said a news correspondent, while they greeted us with cheers and received us into their homes with open arms, those that had homes, showed the greatest suffering from insufficient food and nourishment. They did not complain, but merely stated as a fact that they had not tasted meat for two months and had lived largely on soup and coffee.

The cry of the Belgians today is for food and clothing and those who would help, no matter how little, should send their contributions to their committee, or direct to the Central Committee, Belgian Relief Fund, 59 St. Peter street, Montreal.

WANTED AN ORNAMENT.

Edith Wharton, the writer, was recently engaging maids for her apartment, and tells this story of one applicant:

"Of course, madam," said the maid, "you won't expect me to clean windows?"

"Oh, no," said Mrs. Wharton.

"Nor to sweep?"

"Certainly not."

"Nor answer the door bell?"

"No indeed!"

"Nor——"

"No, no," Mrs. Wharton interrupted graciously. "I expect none of these things from my parlor maid. I only want her to look at, and for that you are too plain looking."

It sometimes happens that after eating his cake, the small boy discovers painfully, that he still has it.

TRADING IN U. S. STEEL

New York, Jan. 29.—United States Steel continued to overshadow the market extending its reaction to a fraction over three points and contributing about forty per cent. to the morning's turnover. Other industrials and equipments moved in sympathy with rallies of two to three points, and Marine preferred and Hide and Leather preferred increased their initial gains. Changes among rails were confusing, investments easing while obscure issues hardened.

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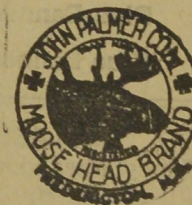
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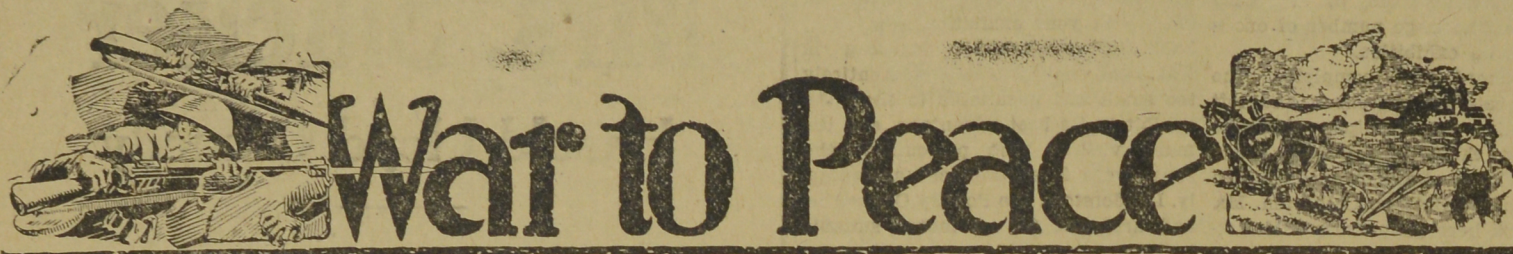
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Bringing Our Soldiers' Dependents to Canada

IN England, there is a colony of Canadian women who went overseas in order to be near their husbands. There are also in England and France many women who married Canadian soldiers and have never seen Canada.

It is one of the duties that Canada has incurred through the war to bring back these dependents of our soldiers with all speed, and to help establish their home life.

Up till the time the Armistice was signed, some 22,000 women and children were returned. There still remain about 50,000 to be brought back.

These 50,000 soldiers' dependents will be returned to Canada at the public expense. Those who have already arrived in Canada since November 11th, 1918, will have their ocean and railway fare refunded by the Government.

The facilities for transporting soldiers and their dependents are limited to about 30,000 monthly. Therefore, women and children will be returned to Canada at the rate of about 5,000 to 7,000 each month. Many of the women will be accompanied by their husbands. On every boat carrying 200 or more unaccompanied women there is a Y.W.C.A. secretary.

At the Ports.

To these 50,000 returning women and children every care is being given. Until they reach the shores of Canada they are in charge of the Overseas Militia Department.

At HALIFAX they are welcomed by the Women's Reception Committee, composed of women who have been engaged in war activities. This committee has been organized for nearly two years and has been doing splendid work.

At ST. JOHN there is also a committee representing all the organizations interested. This committee, although more recently formed, is giving excellent service. The National Y.W.C.A. has assigned two secretaries for work at this port.

On each of these Committees there is a trained nurse to give necessary attendance.

At the ports the organizations meet every boat. Locate the women's luggage. Take charge of the babies. Bring the women to a cosy rest room. Here cots and baths are provided for the children. Hot lunch can be secured. Overnight accommodation is arranged.

Women who are too sick to proceed on their journey are taken to the local hospitals. Women who are without

money receive assistance from the Patriotic Fund; are provided with lunch baskets and money to buy meals on the train.

These organizations also secure the railroad tickets for the women, get their money changed, give them such information as they need. The workers accompany the women to the train.

The Repatriation Committee have a nurse, trained in social work, lent by the Victorian Order of Nurses to act as the committee's representative at each port.

On the Train.

On each train carrying unaccompanied women and children there is a Red Cross nurse, experienced in social service who has been enrolled by the Canadian Association of Graduate Nurses. This nurse carries with her first aid supplies and an emergency fund of money furnished by the Red Cross Society.

Telegrams are sent ahead to the local branch of the Patriotic Fund and to the local Reception Committees giving the number who will arrive.

On Arrival.

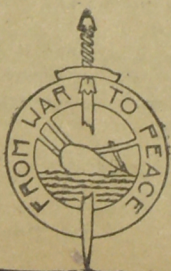
The Rotary Clubs of Canada have undertaken to provide motor cars to take the women and children from the station to their homes.

The Patriotic Fund have undertaken to provide temporary accommodation and other necessary assistance at cities and towns en route and at points of destination.

The main function of this nation-wide organization is to care for soldiers' dependents. It is therefore fitting that they should be responsible for arrangements for all the returning women and children.

Many other well-known organizations have been doing admirable work—meeting trains, providing rest-rooms, canteens and hostels and generally caring for the women and children. It is important that these organizations continue this work and co-operate as closely as possible with the Patriotic Fund.

J. J. Young
Director of
Repatriation



The Repatriation Committee

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