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HOME SERVICE IN PEACE TIME.

Since Feb. 1918, the American Red Cross has extended financial assistance totaling \$8,711,936 to the families of soldiers and sailors, according to recent Home Service statistics. This assistance which has been given to the families of soldiers and sailors, is now about to be extended as a part of the peace program of the American Red Cross to civilian families as well. Already 652 Home Service Sections have applied for authority to extend this service while 359 have been given permission for the study of the needs of their communities. This work is being made to include problems of health, education, recreation, economic welfare, as well as such community activities as housing improvement, arranging community meetings, attention to city problems of foreign speaking groups, securing loan libraries and looking after the neglected, retarded and delinquent children.

INTERESTING FIGURES FROM DEVASTATED FRANCE.

Census figures show more than one million former residents still missing from the devastated regions of France. The pre-war population of the ruined area was 5,230,000 according to the best figures available, and there are but 4,055,000 in the same territory today. Many of these will yet return as the figures since the Armistice have shown a steady and substantial recovery. Some of the richer districts, in fact, have attracted refugees from other ruined areas. According to Red Cross statistics the Cha-

lons region has, at present, a population several hundred greater than before the war. The Red Cross carried relief work into 38,000 towns and villages in the occupied areas of France. During August, supplies valued at fifteen million francs were distributed to 220,000 refugees.

AMERICANS IN A SERBIAN OUTPOST.

Thousands of Americans are still to be found in small outposts of the Serbian army. More than 60,000 American Serbs served in this army during the war. Thousands of these are still in the service waiting for their discharge. Above the quaint little city of Cattaro in Dalmatia is a Serbian outpost. The soldiers have constructed a little shack for shelter, above which flies the American flag and the soldiers are very proud of their flag and of the sign which reads, "Serbian Volunteers from Wyoming". Already many of these men are returning to the States and the American Red Cross has furnished to many of them arms, clothing and underwear. They are extremely proud of the record they have made in the war and are returning to America full of enthusiasm for the land of their adoption.

Just Catching Up. "I am sorry to tell you, Mr. Johnson," said the school teacher, "that your little boy, Bearcat, appears to be very incorrigible."

"Pears to be utterly—p'tu—which?" obfuscatedly returned Gap Johnson of Rumpus Ridge, Ark.

"Incorrigible beyond reform. He quarrels and fights all the time. I cannot imagine what is the matter with him!"

"Aw, I reckon its this-a-way, mon: The little cuss was punying around for a couple of weeks and had to stay out of school, and prob'ly now he finds himself way behind with fighting. That's all."

Publication. FROM THE POLICE.

IN accordance with the Ordinance of 14th November 1908 § 3 all owners of firearms in Christiansted's Jurisdiction are hereby notified that a new sign must be taken out for 1920 before the 15th of February a. c.

Christiansted Police Office, St. Croix, the 30th Dec. 1919.

JOHN L. CURRY.

NOTICE.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that on and after July 1, 1920, all persons who wish to become teachers or become eligible for teachers' positions in the Public Schools, will be divided into four classes, viz:

- (a) Assistant Graded Teachers
- (b) Graded Teachers
- (c) Principal Teachers
- (d) Special Teachers.

In order to effect this classification, written examinations will be held on Monday, March 29, Tuesday, March 30, and Wednesday March 31, 1920.

Any citizen of the United States, or of the Virgin Islands, over sixteen years of age, who is known to be a person of good moral character, and of sound physical health, is eligible to sit at these examinations, provided permission is obtained from the School Director not later than March 20, 1920.

Applicants may receive full information regarding the nature of the examinations by applying at the office of the School Director, where textbooks and other literature will be furnished free of charge, for the purpose of assisting applicants in preparing themselves for examinations.

HENRY C. BLAIR,
School Director.

"For the Governor."

Publication

IT is hereby made known that the Horse, Carriage and Boat Tax for the first half year 1920 will be received by the Policemasters in Christiansted and Frederiksted from the 20th January to the 10th February 1920, both days included, after which the list of arrears will be transmitted to the same authorities for further measures.

Each debtor of tax will be subject to a fine Frcs. 1.00 if the tax be under Frcs. 25.00 and Frcs 2.00 if the tax be Frcs. 25.00 or above, beside the ordinary levy expenses.

Government of the Virgin Islands of the United States of America, St. Croix, December 30, 1919.

For the Governor,

R. O'HAGAN,
Government Secretary.