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REPORT OF RED CROSS IN THE HOLY LAND:

A report just issued from the American Red Cross on its work in Palestine, Syria, Armenia and Turkey shows the extent and thoroughness of American aid to the innocent victims of the world war. About \$3,000,000, some of which came back in salvage, was appropriated for the work, which lasted over a year. One of the great problem confronting the Red Cross was the care of the orphans of native parents. The Red Cross operated three orphanages in Palestine alone, caring for between 500 and 600 children. Numerous obstacles had to be confronted in the work extending relief. In order to transport Red Cross supplies across Syria a highway of 100 miles had to be rebuilt between Aleppo and upper Mesopotamia. Due to sanitary and preventative measures affected by the Red Cross physicians and relief workers at Aleppo, epidemics of cholera and typhus were summarily checked. A typhus disinfection plant was opened by the Red Cross at Jerusalem where nearly 5,000 refugees were passed through the cleaning process, examined, given new clothing and bedding and segregated into classes to prevent double infection. A model farm of 1,000 acres was started near Jerusalem, to which the Red Cross loaned its tractors, oxen and mules and gave large quantities of agricultural implements and seed. The Red Cross obtained the right to search any Turkish home suspected of holding an American girl and succeeded in restoring several thousand young girls who had been stolen from their parents. Refugee homes for these girls were estab-

lished in several of the larger towns. Two hundred hand looms, similar to those used in biblical times, were installed in Aleppo. Some were set up in Red Cross work shops and others loaned to women who had families of small children, to enable them to work at home.

EUROPEAN JUNIORS SEND CHRISTMAS TOYS:

Bread cast upon the waters by the children of the Junior Red Cross is returning to America from various parts of the world in ways that prove the gratitude of children from foreign lands. Many little French children have contributed sample toys of their own making to fill a huge gift box for American children this year. This Christmas box contains doll's furniture, games, puzzles, wooden animals, birds, chickens and poultry, painted by hand; cloth dolls with wide-open eyes and golden locks made of yellow string; wobbly little water-color paintings, executed by tiny French hands, pen-wipers, needle cases and bead necklaces

RED CROSS MATERIAL GOES TO U. S. PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE HOSPITALS:

For the comfort of ex-service men who are under treatment in U. S. Public Health Service Hospitals, the American Red Cross has authorized the transfer of \$700,000 worth of Red Cross hospital material to the Public Health Service hospital warehouses to be issued on orders from the officials of the hospitals and of the Red Cross hospital personnel. This includes gauze bandages, pajamas, towels, comfort kits, laundry bags, fracture socks, underwear and bath robes. Any soldier suffering from illness or injuries contracted while in service need only apply to the Red Cross Home Service Section in his local community to take advantage of this service which the Government offers him without expense.

FOR SALE

White Lime delivered in town from Estate Southgate Farm at 60 cents pr. barrel.

CATHRINE LUDVIG

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.