The RED CROSS of PEACE

OPEN AIR TREATMENT FOR TUBERCULAR FRENCH CHILDREN IN AMERICAN SANITARIUM

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PARIS—Here in Paris Red Cross leaders of the world have taken the first steps in planning a peace-time program of Red Cross activities that will benefit humanity everywhere.

It's an American idea, this coordination of the common campaign against human suffering in all lands, even though such leaders as Henry P. Davison, never give out a hint that the plan originated in the United States. The French and other allied experts who are helping give the Americans fullest credit for their foresight in launching the movement for a league of Red Cross societies.

For the plan is launched. The international organization was begun at a series of conferences held in the Hotel Regina headquarters of the American Red Cross in France, the delegates of the French, English, Italian and Japanese Red Cross societies cooperating with the American on the general strategy of the campaign, which in its conceptions and aims is the greatest force that has yet been suggested for the alleviation of miseries that are the burden of the human race.

The outstanding enemies of human happiness everywhere, the Red Cross experts have come to believe, are first of all the more malignant diseases: Tuberculosis, malaria, typhus or spotted fever, to say nothing of influenza and venereal diseases.

If these maladies are to be fought successfully, it means that contributory causes such as poor housing conditions, unsanitary cities, neglect of child welfare movements, and inefficient public health organizations must be corrected and eradicated.

Consequently, when the first big gathering of world famous experts was held at Cannes, France, recently to formulate a program for the league of Red Cross societies, these fundamental subjects were given a most thorough consideration and the opinions of the experts were coordinated on the main features of the forthcoming crusade.

Some of the best scientific talent in the world was brought together for the Cannes conference. Out of the series of meetings some concrete plans developed that will form the foundation for the future work of the Red Cross societies of the world.

One of the main thoughts expressed by Mr. Davison, and approved by other promoters of the plan, was the idea that no Red Cross society will in any measure lose its identity in supporting and coordinating its efforts with the league of Red Cross societies. Nor will the national Red Cross organizations seek to usurp the functions of the various agencies already in existence working for the prevention of disease and for the betterment of humanity. Rather will the organizations, like the American Red Cross for example, encourage and cooperate with institutions like the United States public health service, the Rockefeller foundation, and other similar organizations in the general fight against disease.

One of the important decisions of the Cannes conference was an agreement on the campaign plans for curbing the ravages of tuberculosis, which has become more prevalent in Europe since the war on account of the low nutrition value of the diet of the people, and because of the general food shortage and the shoddy clothing that came into use as a result of the shortage in raw materials due to restricted importations of wool and cotton. While the European populations generally suffered from the cold of winter in these houses, their clothes were less warm and their diet was less heating than in the prewar days. These conditions, even in the countries like France and England, were serious. And in the neutral countries like Holland and Denmark, where the blockade was tightly maintained conditions became very difficult. In the countries like Serbia, Poland and Roumania the general destitution became pitiable.

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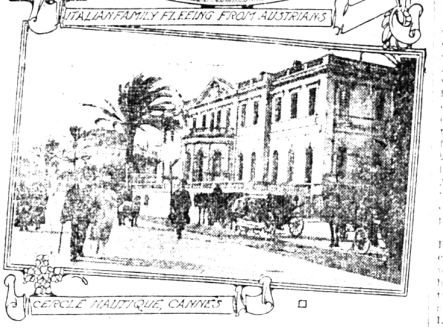
ITALIAN FAMILY FLEEING FROM AUSTRIANS



LE CYCLE NAUTIQUE, CANNES

First of all, the campaign plans against tuberculosis contemplate the erection of dispensaries on an adequate scale furnished with laboratories and appropriate equipment and affording provision for early diagnosis by expert physicians. Especially trained nurses are to be attached to the dispensaries charged with the assignment of visiting the homes of tuberculosis sufferers, where the necessary care, treatment, instruction and advice can be given to men, women and children so far gone with the scourge that they are unable to visit the dispensary.

The second clause of the concise campaign plans against tuberculosis recommends a system of regular inspections in the schools, where children in the early stages of consumption can be found, thereby making possible the removal of the afflicted boys and girls who by their presence among the healthy youngsters endanger the health of whole communities.

For the advanced and hopeless cases of consumption the creation of an adequate hospital system is suggested.

For cases where a cure is possible, a system of sanatoriums is recommended.

That a campaign of popular education should in the meantime be carried on for the benefit of the general public, is deemed essential to the plan. In this campaign widespread publicity would be given to the causes and means of preventing tuberculosis—every suitable publicity agency being utilized for the purpose.

The anti-tuberculosis crusade is linked closely with the improvement of the general living and working conditions of the people everywhere. It involves the problems of housing, nutrition, and alcoholism. So that the section of the league of Red Cross societies combating tuberculosis must of necessity depend on and work in harmony with other departments directly interested in better housing conditions and the other elements calculated to improve living conditions.

Bad milk may be the means of transmitting tuberculosis germs. Therefore the Red Cross crusade against consumption includes a recommendation for the institution of appropriate measures for preventing the buying and selling of dirty milk.

Naturally the open-air school for tuberculosis children is commended and emphasis is put on the need of extending the open-air plan wherever possible for barracks, asylums, orphanages, workhouses, and prisons.

Thousands of men, women and children, only slightly affected with consumption, are better citizens if they can work at jobs that do not act as a barrier to recovery. These jobs, however, do not exist in sufficient numbers to fill the needs of a world that is filled with an increasing number of tubercular people. Therefore it will become a special task of the Red Cross people to encourage individuals and organizations to greater efforts in solving this important problem, the creation of industries particularly adapted to the employment of consumptives.

Farm colonies connected with the sanatoriums are suggested as a partial solution of the problem. Under such a plan the workers would have the advantage of being under the supervision of expert doctors, who could be relied on to see that the right balance of work and recreation and treatment was maintained. At the present time farm colonies are in particular favor as a means of affording employment to people with very light cases.

That quackery in the treatment of consumption must be stamped out is a determined stand taken by the Red Cross. The world today is cursed with a comparatively small number of so-called doctors and with comparatively few nostrum factories that sell alleged consumption cures.

One of the essential features of the campaign against consumption is that the health experts should have at hand an accurate summary of the distribution of consumption in every community. Knowledge of this kind is of the greatest possible assistance in carrying on a campaign. For the local staffs such information enables the community dispensary staff to locate the breeding grounds of tuberculosis and center its fight on the dangerous sectors.

FROM FAR AND NEAR

South African gold mines are experimenting with blasting by electricity with a view to minimizing the fine dust which is thought to be the chief cause of miners' phthisis.

To enable a man with one leg to mount a bicycle or rest while riding, a European inventor has patented a small wheel to be attached upon one side of the frame of a machine.

The word "macaroni" is derived from the name of the city of Magnesia, in Asia Minor, where the properties of the lodestone are said to have been discovered.

Blue diamonds, though unusually beautiful stones, are considered very unlucky. So much so that in the Orient they are known significantly as "diamonds of death."

Mrs. M. J. Porter of Leon, Kan., noticed an old wolf around a tree stump, and when she investigated she found eight young wolves. She killed them.

There is a probable opportunity, according to Vice-Consul Griffith of Santiago de Cuba, for the sale of portable houses to sugar mill owners and other large employers of labor on that island. Such houses, however, could not be sold to householders for private building purposes because of the universal use of the Spanish style of structure, featuring the patio or central court.

Sissy

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"Gimme them close pins, Alice Emily. Yours, the I see complin' blue sweater belonged old man Shearer's pastor." Ed Johnny Beals, a shade'd just been here a Sunday, I'd be willin' to swear hit 'us him. Now hain't it?"

Alice Emily Towser's eyes, black and wondrously soft, followed her mother's been foreign.

"Yes'm. It's him."

Minerva Jane, a screening sheet over the line.

"You git in the house," she ordered. "and skim off their sunday things you get on, quick, and put on your new jeans, and tell Mattie Lou to kill two of them fryin' size 'Rocker chickens,' the biggest one."

Minerva's command was tense with excitement. It was as though the king, a hoped-for but unexpected guest, approached. Indeed, Johnny Beals, queer, dirty-coated Johnny, the grocer, with his reputation for wealth, hoarded and hoing, called to was to her a memory of the brilliant blue suit of clothes he wore, the coat glittering with the golden double eagles that served for buttons, the trappings of royalty.

Poor Minerva, 60-30 years a tobacco-growing farmer's wife, with no unsatisfied longing for an abundance of life's good things physical, looked through the years in her to hoing, rubbed to the finish.

For two years Alice Emily, now eighteen, had lived in the heart of Beverly Dixon, who drills drove one of the Green River Wholesale Grocery company's big delivery trucks. But since that unforgettable May day when Alice Emily, crying over Beals' show with her little face, [illegible] Johnny had spoken than a word to the Dixon [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou had [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou [illegible] Alice Emily [illegible] Lou [illegible] Lou