

Support of Red Cross Fund Campaign Asked by President

Liberal support to the annual campaign of the American Red Cross for relief contributions which begins on Armistice day and continues two weeks was asked of the American people last night by President Harding, who issued a formal statement declaring the call of the Red Cross should be regarded as "the call of country and humanity."

President Harding designated next Sunday as "Red Cross Sunday," requesting churches throughout the land to devote that day to emphasizing "the gospel of service."

Mr. Harding's statement follows: "To the American people: As President of the United States of America and as president of the American Red Cross, I announce that the Red Cross annual roll call will begin on Armistice day, November 11, and continue through Thanksgiving day, November 24, and I designate November 13 as Red Cross Sunday."

The Gospel of Service.
"I recommend ministers and priests of all congregations to stress the gospel of service on November 13, and I invite and urge my fellow citizens to accept the entire period of the roll call as an occasion for reedecation of themselves to the principles and practice of service. The American Red Cross is both the volunteer and semi-official medium through which our people may appropriately express their patriotic and humane desires to render practical assistance to their soldiers and sailors, to their fellow citizens in civilian life and to those peoples of other lands who have a human claim on the sympathetic concern of our own people."

"The American Red Cross has kept faith with the principles which gave it birth and with the obligations laid upon it by congressional charter—to act in matters of voluntary relief and in accord with the military and naval authorities as a medium of communication between the people of the United States and their Army and Navy; after a notable war service, it, in conjunction with the Veterans' Bureau and other activities, stands by four veterans and their families in a period of painful reconstruction which only too many of us have been prone to forget, thousands are in pressing need, not only of governmental attention and assistance, but also of those supplementary acts of human kindness which only voluntary mercy can supply."

Fulfill Calls For Relief.
"By systematic and scientific plans and equipment for relief from disaster, and by prompt response to many urgent calls throughout the past year, the American Red Cross has fulfilled another requirement of its congressional charter to continue and carry on a system of national and international relief in time of peace and to apply the same in mitigating the sufferings caused by pestilence, famine, fire, floods and other great national calamities."

"After liquidating its obligations of general relief to peoples of other lands who were associated with us in the great war, it has concentrated its foreign efforts on a program for the medical relief of children in need and has, from funds made available last year, it continues this work of mercy, and also contributes from its medical and hospital supplies for the work of relief in Russia, which is operated under American direction."

"As a result of vast and varied experience during the world war, the American Red Cross has devised and put in operation an extensive domestic health and welfare program whereby our American communities are instructed and directed in the solution of those community problems upon which the public will ultimately rest."

"It is a fundamental principle of the Red Cross not to duplicate, but to supplement the efforts of

governmental and other agencies in the mitigation and alleviation of human suffering, and to supply the means thereto where other agencies do not exist. The call of the American Red Cross is the call of country and humanity, and I earnestly urge my fellow citizens to make that response which satisfies the promptings of a generous people."

MISSIONARY UNION MEETS

Annual School for Instruction Opens Three-Day Session. The fourth annual school for missionary instruction, under the auspices of the Women's Interdenominational Missionary Union of the District of Columbia, opened a three-day session at the Mount Vernon Place M. E. Church Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. John Newton Culbertson, president of the organization, called the meeting to order, and following invocation by Mrs. T. J. Copeland of

Baltimore, Mrs. W. E. Farmer of Montclair, N. J., reviewed the first chapter of the foreign mission study text book, "The Kingdom and the Nations." Mrs. E. W. MacDowell of this city reviewed the home-mission study text book "From Survey to Service," followed by an inspirational address on "Prayer" by Mrs. L. E. Blaine. The sessions will continue this afternoon. There was a popular meeting last night in St. Paul's English Lutheran Church, 11th and H streets, at 8 o'clock, when Mrs. E. C. Cronk of Richmond, Va., addressed young people on the subject, "Best Methods." Mrs. Ellis Logan presided. Rev. J. T. Hud-die conducted the services, and the ushers were members of the Y. W. C. A.

GUESTS OF SECRETARY.

Marshal Foch and Gen. Diaz to Attend Mr. Weeks' Luncheon. Distinguished foreign guests who attended the American Legion convention in Kansas City have been invited by Secretary Weeks to a luncheon in this city November 18. Marshal Foch and Gen. Diaz have accepted the invitation, but Admiral Beatty was unable to accept definitely on account of previous engagements. Lieut. Gen. Jacques of the Belgian army, declined, saying it was his intention to leave the United States before November 18.

HONOR TO SUFFRAGISTS BY 90-YEAR-OLD WOMAN

Bringing a tribute from the women of Japan to America's pioneer suffragists, Mrs. Yajima, ninety-year-old peace emissary from Japan, here for the coming international conference yesterday laid a wreath on the suffrage statue in the Capitol. Mrs. Yajima was accompanied by

her secretary, Miss Azuma Moriya, and Mrs. Helen Topping, who served as interpreter. She was formally received by officers of the National Women's Party, led by Mrs. Richard Wainwright of the national council of the organization. "I am proud to bear this last tribute to the great suffragists who did so much for the women of this nation and the women of all nations," said Mrs. Yajima. "We in our country are just beginning the struggle which you women of America have so triumphantly carried on, and I shall

take back to my women the picture of your great pioneer honored in your nation's Capitol as an inspiration to us in our efforts for our own advancement." Mrs. Wainwright, in response, said that the women of this country greatly appreciated the gracious action of Mrs. Yajima, and were heartened to know that the Japanese women were behind them in their efforts for equality. Mrs. Wainwright spoke as the oldest suffrage worker of the woman's party and a friend of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton.



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