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SENATE EASES CURB ON RED CROSS SHIPS

Sends to House Proposal That 'Mercy' Vessels Be Permitted to Enter Blockaded Seas

SPAIN'S AID REQUESTED

Relief Cargo for Bordeaux Is Now Headed for Bilbao and Speedy Transfer Is Urged

The Red Cross Fund

Receipts yesterday... \$452,796
Total to date... \$13,535,543

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WASHINGTON, June 20—The Senate passed and sent to the House today an amendment to the Neutrality Act intended to relax legal restrictions on calls at belligerent ports of vessels under charter to the Red Cross. The Senate added a stipulation, however, that the vessel must be engaged exclusively on an errand of mercy and that no such vessel should call at the port of any country under blockade or attempted blockade without the permission of the blockading power.

This proviso would alter considerably the original intent of the amendment, which was sought by the Administration at the instance of the Red Cross to make less probable technical violations of the Neutrality Act in these days of rapidly shifting military controls. The House Foreign Affairs Committee will meet tomorrow morning, according to Representative Bloom of New York, its chairman, to determine whether it will add the Senate amendment, in the interest of speed, to the draft it hopes to bring before the House tomorrow afternoon.

In the meantime, the cooperation of the Spanish Government in expediting the transfer of the cargo of the "mercy ship" McKeesport to France following its expected landing in Bilbao, Spain, on Wednesday was asked by the American Red Cross.

The request for aid in getting the first cargo to war refugees and wounded in Southern France was made to Señor de Cardenas, Spanish Ambassador here, and also by cable to the Spanish Red Cross organization in Madrid.

Loaded Trucks on Ship

The request stressed the need for the foodstuffs, medical instruments, drugs, surgical dressings and clothing in the cargo. It added that the 100 hospital trucks on the ship were already loaded with supplies and could be rushed at once to the American Red Cross warehouse in Bordeaux, under their own power, if the Spanish Government would help. Red Cross officials hope rail transportation can be obtained quickly for the rest of the cargo.

The relief agency has made no changes in its plans for relief to France since the French request for an armistice. Earlier it had moved its Paris headquarters to Bordeaux, where it has chartered a warehouse to receive supplies, and

also had rerouted the McKeesport from Bordeaux to Bilbao.

Three days ago Norman H. Davis, Red Cross chairman, said aid for refugees and war-wounded in France would continue to be sent, in case of cessation of hostilities, so long as the agency could be assured of getting the aid to those for whom it was intended. The Red Cross has cabled \$5,000 to the United States Consulate in Bordeaux to tide over stranded American citizens awaiting transportation to the United States.

Fireworks Funds for Relief

Many communities and organizations which had planned fireworks displays on the Fourth of July have sent to the Red Cross fund the money set aside.

An additional contribution of \$1,000 from the Belgian Ambassador in Brazil, representing gifts from citizens of Brazil, was received by Chairman Davis today for use of refugees from Belgium and Luxembourg in France. Mrs. Dwight F. Davis, assistant director of Red Cross Volunteer Special Services, also contributed an additional \$1,000.

Almost every man employed on the Mount Rushmore Memorial at Keystone, S. D., contributed a day's wages to make up a contribution of \$313 forwarded to the Red Cross by William McReynolds, chairman of the commission. The covering letters stated that the employees organized the canvass.

By order of Archbishop Joseph Schrembs and Auxiliary Bishop James A. McFadden, all Catholic churches in the Diocese of Cleveland, held a special collection for the Red Cross war relief fund. A total of \$8,800 was contributed.

Second Givers Lift City's Total

War relief fund contributions received yesterday by the New York Red Cross chapter from donors in Manhattan and the Bronx raised the total to \$1,311,921. General Robert C. Davis, executive director, said many were giving a second time to speed the completion of the chapter's \$2,000,000 minimum quota by the end of this month.

Yesterday's gifts included an additional \$1,000 from Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley and \$1,000 each from Columbia Gas and Electric Corporation, the Cleveland H. Dodge Foundation and J. P. Grace. Miss Zena Raset of 20 East Eleventh Street brought in a treasured Christmas check for \$15, which she received in December from Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt. She had intended to keep it as a souvenir, but decided to give it to help war victims.

The chapter's apartment and hotel division now has resident representatives in 725 apartment houses and hotels. General Davis stated, and is receiving the cooperation of the Hotel Association of New York.

Members of the staff of the Memorial Hospital for the Treatment of Cancer and Allied Diseases, 444 East Sixty-eighth Street, gave a Red Cross benefit tea yesterday at the institution. In addition to the proceeds from their ticket sale for the tea, they previously had contributed about \$300 to the war relief fund.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer J. Fox will open their garden at Peekskill for the benefit of the Peekskill Red Cross chapter on Saturday, June 29. Admission will be 50 cents, entitling the public to inspect the garden's shrubs, lilies and herbs, situated just off the Bronx River Parkway, a short distance from Mohansic Park.

County Clerk Francis J. Sinnott, chairman of the Brooklyn Red

Cross chapter's drive, reported last night that contributions received at headquarters, 65 Court Street, Brooklyn, totalled \$145,018.28, almost two-thirds of the borough's original quota of \$200,000. Mr. Sinnott said the drive would be continued until the doubled quota of \$400,000 had been reached.

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