
THE AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE

\$10,000,000 Relief Fund

to Save the Women and Children of Soviet Russia:

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The Failure of the Red Cross.

Confronted with the terrific destitution in Europe as a result of wars and blockades, the working class of America has been asked to give generously for the relief of suffering in those countries.

Millions of dollars have been raised in America for the relief of Europe. How much of this money has actually been of service to the working class?

Two MILLION dollars' worth of medical supplies desperately needed in Russia were burned by the American Red Cross in the Crimea to prevent it falling into the hands of the Workers' Government.

Supplies to the value of 10 MILLION dollars were allowed to rot at Archangel because the Red Cross would not permit the starving and dying Russians to use them.

Henry P. Davison, partner of J.P. Morgan, is Chairman of the Red Cross. Under his direction millions of dollars' worth of supplies generously contributed in good faith by the American People to relieve distress in all countries are wasted and burned, rather than have them used by people who will not be dictated to by the Morgan interests.

This does not occur in Russia alone. In Hungary, Austria, Italy, and other countries the liberal workers are entirely neglected and are left to starve and die because of their political beliefs. Such is the case in Ireland, where the Red Cross has made no effort to help the outraged victims of the British reign

of terror.

Disgust and horror, nationally expressed, has brought no change in their policies and tactics. The *Chicago Herald-Examiner* of January 11 [1921], editorially comments upon the Red Cross in Italy as follows:

Anybody knows that the Red Cross has become to a high degree institutionalized. It is now a huge and tremendously complex organization. As such it seems to have adopted a political policy, to be affected by questions of international propriety, to have stiffened in the armor of political considerations.

It was founded to relieve suffering wherever suffering exists. It seems to have determined now upon the plan of relieving suffering wherever politicians agree that suffering ought to be relieved, but not for instance in Russia, which is politically improper, and therefore has no real right to suffer at all.

Under the leadership of Herbert Hoover a joint committee of relief organizations has been formed, which is openly using the funds collected for anti-labor propaganda. In a letter now being circulated this committee says:

Malnutrition is very likely to produce not only a diseased body but a diseased mind, a **fertile source for radical propaganda and discontent.**

This explains why the profiteers are rushing to the relief of Europe and also why Soviet Russia does not appear on the list of nations they are collecting funds to help: "A word to the wise is sufficient!"

First Aid to the Working Class.

THE AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE is organized as First Aid to the Working Class in every country. Our first and most pressing duty is to save the women and children of Soviet Russia!

In that vast country millions of women and children today are in abject want of the simplest medical supplies. Thousands are dying daily who could be saved by ordinary medical attention. Six years of blockade have deprived these people of nearly everything that makes life endurable, and misery, want, and woe stalk the streets in broad daylight.

The Russian Government has done marvelous things in the way of relief, but, unable to establish credits in other countries, cannot purchase supplies abroad. Consequently lack of medicines, surgical instruments, and sanitary equipment has made the Russian People the prey of vicious plagues that sweep off the population by thousands.

The Workers of America can help! Your dollars and yours alone can save the lives of multitudes of women and children in that far away land. To delay longer means to ignore the suffering and dying of these millions of the fairest and sweetest of humanity. These women and children must be saved!

The way is open! Shipments can now be made to Russia.

The great need is for money to purchase supplies!

THE AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE is prepared to transport to Russia with safety and efficiency all the supplies that can be obtained.

Do not turn a deaf ear to the cries of the women and children of that unfortunate land! They look to you, workers of America, for salvation!

You can easily give One Dollar or more each month to aid the sick, suffering, and dying. They are dying because of their loyalty to a Cause. We can at least heed this cry of their women and children.

Withdraw your support from relief forces that despise and neglect you! Join the AMERICAN RED STAR — First Aid to the Working Class, Everywhere!

Send in your contribution Today! One Dollar will save a life in Russia!

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