
The American Red Star League: First Aid to the Working Class [circa Feb. 1, 1921]

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Aim and Object.

THE AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE is organized solely for the purpose of giving relief to members of the working class in acute need, everywhere in the world.

Declaration of Principles.

The ghastly failure of the present organized relief forces to be of any real service to the working class and their official refusal in many cases to help the workers where help is most needed has made necessary the organization of a relief force that will be of, by, and for the working class, and for the working class alone.

THE AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE is such an organization of the workers. As the lines of the class struggle become more and more sharply drawn and the fight between the classes is waged ever more bitterly, the suffering of the workers becomes ever more acute.

In every struggle between nations, in every industrial conflict, the women and children are the chief sufferers. It is to save the women and children of the working class that the AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE will operate.

Europe lies in destitution and despair. The recent war and the present blockade have destroyed countless millions of homes and wiped out the means of life for hundreds of millions of toilers — men, women, and children.

This war, more than all others, has fallen heaviest upon the women and children of all countries. Though the war has been over for more than 2 years, still the atrocious blockade is maintained, tightening about the women and children of the dying lands the sow coils of starvation.

But such need is not confined to foreign countries. The anti-labor drive which has been begun by the moneyed powers in this country, headed by the United States Steel Corporation and assisted by every Chamber of Commerce, will lead to terrible conflicts and nationwide destitution.

Such conflicts are frequent in American history:

In Coeur d'Alene;

In the iron range of Minnesota;

In the copper range of Upper Michigan;

At Cabin Creek and Paint Creek, Virginia;

At Forbes, where the tent colony was riddled with bullets by the state guards;

At Ludlow, where women and babies were slaughtered by the machine guns of the Rockefeller forces;

At Homestead — at all of these places the iron grip of want aided the bullets of the capitalist to defeat the power of the workers.

In the great fight of the Colorado coal miners with the Colorado Coal Company, women and children bore the chief fight of the war.

Even now in the coal district of West Virginia there is desperate need. Official relief organizations will not help in industrial struggles. The

workers have had to organize their own relief afresh every time the need has arisen, causing immeasurable waste and useless expense.

The workers must be prepared now to aid their own distressed comrades. The want in Europe and Asia is terrible, appalling, and the official relief agencies use the contributions of Americans against the workers who are seeking to control their own governments. We must help them!

We must be ready at a moment's notice to aid the destitute and the distressed in our own ranks at home.

THE AMERICAN RED STAR LEAGUE is organized as the **permanent relief system** of labor everywhere. Its watchword is "**First Aid to the Working Class!**"

You are — you must be — in favor of the plan. There is no time for delay. The desperate need of the world demands your immediate support.

Send in your contribution today!

ACT NOW!

JOIN!

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