



Charles W. and Mary Lesley Ames Family Papers

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AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED

January 14th, 1916.

A meeting of the American Fund for French Wounded was held this 14th day of January, 1916, at the office of the Vacation War Relief Headquarters, 38 West 39th Street, New York City.

At the request of Mrs. Nevin, Miss Elizabeth Scarborough presided.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of December 15th, 1915.

It was moved by Mr. Stout
Seconded by Mrs. Crawford
that the minutes of the meeting of December 15th, 1915, be accepted as read.
Carried.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of December 20th, 1915.

It was moved by Mr. Stout
Seconded by Mr. Steinbrügge
that the minutes of the meeting of December 20th, 1915 be accepted with the following correction, -
"Mrs. Stillwell reported that many sub-committees of the Lakewood Branch had been formed, etc."
should read,
"Mrs. Stillwell reported that many sub-committees of the Jersey Branch of the Surgical Dressings Committee had been formed, etc."
Carried.

The Secretary read the minutes of the meeting of December 27th, 1915.

It was moved by Mr. Stout
Seconded by Mrs. Crawford
that the minutes of the meeting of December 27th, 1915, be accepted as read.
Carried.

The Chairman reported that Mr. H. Oscar Beatty had accepted and was now a member of our Paris Depot's Committee, and further read a letter received from Mr. Beatty regarding our Paris Depot.

The Chairman read a letter written by the Lakewood Committee to the London Committee of the French Wounded Emergency Fund.

The Chairman reported that quite a few of the Branch Committees had written a similar letter to the London Committee of the French Wounded Emergency Fund.

It was moved by Mrs. Chapin
Seconded by Mr. Steinbrügge,

that Branch Committees who have not already written to the London Committee ~~xxxx~~ of the French Wounded Emergency Fund, regarding their allegiance to the American Fund for French Wounded, should be advised to do so.

Carried.

The Chairman read a letter received from Mrs. Lathrop, regarding a consultation with Mr. Harold E. Goad and the general conditions in our Paris Depot.

The Chairman authorized Mr. William Law Stout to draw up a resolution expressing the appreciation and thanks of the American Fund for French Wounded, for the work which Mr. Harold E. Goad had done for the American Fund for French Wounded.

The Chairman reported that Miss Mary Eno was unable to serve on the Committee.

The Chairman further reported that Miss Florence D. Murphy and Madame Louis Aubert had accepted the invitation to serve on the Board.

After discussion,

It was moved by Mrs. Chapin

Seconded by Mr. Steinbrügge

that a meeting of the Executive Committee of the American Fund for French Wounded shall be held on every second

Thursday of each month ~~xxxxxx~~ and special meetings shall be called on the alternate Thursdays if necessary.

Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Chapin

Assistant Secretary. *per*
AO.

AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED

38 West 39th Street

A special meeting of the American Fund for French Wounded was held this 24th day of January, 1916, at the office of the Vacation War Relief Committee, 38 West 39th Street, New York City.

Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin, Chairman, presided.

The meeting was called to order at 11:45 A. M.

This meeting was called to discuss the feasibility of renting a booth at the Home Exposition and Household Show to be held at the Madison Square Garden, from February 2nd to February 16th, 1916.

After discussion,

It was moved by Miss Anderson
Seconded by Mrs. Chapin

that we should be represented at the Home Exposition and Household Show for the two weeks, beginning February 2nd until February 16th, 1916.

Carried.

The Chairman appointed Mrs. Charles M. Chapin Chairman of the Committee of Arrangement for the booth at the Home Exposition and Household Show, with the following people to assist in the work, Mrs. Schuyler van Rensselaer, Mrs. Lewis B. Stillwell, Miss Harriet Andersch, Mr. William Law Stout and Mr. Marcel Steinbrügge.

Respectfully submitted,

E. M. Chapin per *per*

Assistant Secretary.

French Wounded Emergency Fund
34 LOWNDES SQUARE, S.W.
LONDON

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December 3rd, 1915.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

I am sure our letters must have crossed because I find that I wrote you on November 29th, answering your question about where to send your boxes.

In case it is lost I repeat, please continue to send them to our shipping department, 105 West 40th Street, New York City, marked -

GORDON W. EDWARDS, ESQ.,
c/o AMERICAN RELIEF CLEARING HOUSE,
5 RUE FRANCOIS I, Paris, France.

We have no record so far of your boxes having arrived but will notify you as soon as they do.

Mrs. Nevin wishes me to say that a report of the meeting is to be sent you the first of the week. It has been a little delayed as we are very busy getting ready for the large meeting of the Red Cross to be held in Washington on December 8th.

Thanking you for your continued interest in our work, I am

Sincerely yours,

C. M. Chapin
Secretary.

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November 29th, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Please send all boxes to our workrooms as
you have always done and not direct to France.
Please have them marked for -

Mr. Gordon Edwards,
c/o American Relief Clearing House,
Paris, France.

Mrs. Nevin hopes surely to see your daughter
when she comes East as it is so nice to get into
personal touch with those who are working so splendidly
for our Committee.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

E. M. Chapin

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November 22nd, 1915.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

A special meeting of the American Branch of
The French Wounded Emergency Fund will be held on Monday,
November 29th, at 2:30 P. M., at Vacation Headquarters,
38 West 39th Street, New York City.

I wish to call your attention to Section III
of the By-Laws which reads as follows:

"The Chairman of each Branch Committee shall be ex
officio member of the Central Committee, or she may
appoint any member of a Branch Committee to serve
as alternate if so desired."

Very sincerely yours,

Ruth Shaw-Kennedy

Secretary.

Mrs. C. W. Ames, Chairman
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

EAS.

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September 24, 1915

Mrs. M. Ames
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Mrs. Ames:

We have just received your letter of September 21st with the list enclosed. Everything except the surgical dressings is sent here to our stockroom, 105 West 40th Street. Only the surgical dressings to 7 West 29th Street.

Mrs. Nevin will be in town again on Monday, the 27th, and will answer your letter herself.

Thanking you again and again for all that you have done, I am

Yours very sincerely

EC/EAB



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August 27, 1915

Mrs. C.W. Ames
Chateau Lake Louise
Alberta, Canada

Dear Mrs. Ames:

As Mrs. Nevin is still away
on her holiday, I am writing for her to ac-
knowledge your letter.

Thanking you for your splendid
shipment, I am

Yours very sincerely

LC/EAB

Lili Chanin
per
9.9.15

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August 10, 1915

Miss Margaret Ames
French Wounded Emergency Fund
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minnesota

Dear Miss Ames:

I am writing for Miss Chauncey
to acknowledge your four boxes, which we received. As to the surgical instruments that you
speak of, sent by Parcel Post July 27th, I think
before now you will have received an acknowledgment.

Yours very sincerely

C/EAB

Lili Chapin
Miss Charles H. Chapin

*Dep
Sent the first
to Mrs Chapin Apr. 18 118*

St. Paul Branch of
AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED
501 Grand Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

April 17, 1918.

Dear Mrs. Chapin:-

I have been trying to write you for two weeks past - but have been so busy with Red Cross - and A.F.F.W. that it has seemed impossible.

There are several things important to us which I must consult you about.

1st. We sent over \$3000.00 to Mrs. Lathrop for the founding of our St. Paul Dispensary on March 16th. We sent it by mail care Morgan Harjes & Co., and have not yet heard of its receipt.

Then when in N.Y. I put in an application as serving in that Dispensary two women eminently capable of the work and both of proper age (between thirty five and forty I believe). They were Miss Elizabeth McGregor and Miss Mary R. Clark. Mrs. Lathrop was entirely satisfied as to their capacity, and said that she would write or cable a demand for them as soon as she reached the other side. It was understood that they would not go over until April, and possibly not until May 1st.

No word came from the other side until two weeks ago - about. Then an undated cable came :-

28 Z M C Cable
Paris 26

West Pub. Co.
St. Paul, Minn.

"Requesting Embassy Passports McGregor Clark and again asking Washington regarding rejected applicants " (This concerned two other St. Paul girls who were rejected because of being only 22 and 24 yrs. old) - - - - -
(concerning other matters)

Lathrop"

Now I have taken this cable to Mr. Spencer - the Official here who makes the applications to the State Department in Washington for Passports - and Miss McGregor and Miss Clark went with me to see him. He was much dissatisfied with the vagueness of the cable - but has written to Washington to see if they have received any word from the Embassy in Paris about the matter.

I am anxious to get the Passports for these women because I know that they will be most useful on the other side. Miss McGregor has been in charge of our Hospital for Crippled Children for four years - and Miss Clark has been working under her there for several years. They are getting leaves of absence to go over, and are paying their own expenses for six months. There ought not to be the least trouble in getting Passports for them.

Can you help me in any way about this? I should be very glad to have a telegram - at once - if you know anything from Mrs. Lathrop or from the Department of State about these particular cases.

2nd. About our A.F.F.W. boxes from St. Paul. I suppose that Miss Scarborough is no longer in charge of the Office? And I am not certain of who is in charge. So I write to you and will ask you to turn over the following questions to the proper person.

1. Must we change the size of our boxes?

(We have sent 580 already of uniform size
3 ft. x about 18 in. x 18 in.
These were much more satisfactory than
the larger boxes to Mrs. Lathrop - and
were sent on from N.Y. without repacking.)

The directions from N.Y. have said first
that we must use Red Cross dimensions
3x3x2 feet, and later that we need not do
so under certain conditions.

I hate to change to the larger boxes but
would rather do so than have to have our
things repacked in N.Y.)

2nd Does the Red Cross now assume the expense of
of transportation this side of N.Y.?

3rd What is the proper address for the boxes?
Is it care of Vacation War Relief, 26 West 23rd St?
Or what?

I hate to send you such a lot of questions for I know
that you must be much over-burdened with the work of the A.F.F.W.
Headquarters. I hope you can turn this over immediately to a
secretary and let her answer it.

Mr. Ames has been away in the West for nearly three
weeks. I do not know whether he has had time to write as he
intended to do.

There are several other matters I want to write about,
but I won't bother you with them now.

The two applications you sent me last week - for Miss
Frances Rogers and Miss Felicite Oglesley reached me last week.
Miss Rogers has I believe already received her Passport through
the Chicago Office. But I sent her the application you sent.

Miss Oglesley - I cannot find out anything about her. I
think it must have been a mistake. So I return it to you. I
telephoned up to Mrs. Rogers in Minneapolis - but she knew nothing
of her.

With sincere regard.

Mary L. Ames
(Mrs C.W.)

Handwritten: 2nd May

American Fund for French Wounded
73 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

April 22, 1918

Handwritten:
Ans'd
again May 9th 18
Standing alt.
Bill of Lading & Contents
of Boxes 581-542 Incl.
M. L. D.

Mrs. Charles W. Ames
501 Grand Street
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

I received both of your letters this morning so am returning the duplicate copy in case you want it for your files.

About the three thousand dollars which you sent Mrs. Lathrop for your St. Paul dispensary on March 16th. We have heard nothing from Mrs. Lathrop about it and I would advise you to write her for should it have been lost you ought to notify Morgan Harjes & Co. as soon as possible.

I have telegraphed you this morning about Miss Elizabeth McGregor and Miss Mary Clark. I wish I could help you, but feel that if I write to Washington it would only confuse them as of course all information should come from you, as both of them are St. Paul girls, but if you want me to write I shall be only too glad to do so. Of course you know the new rule is that no passports will be issued unless a cable comes from the American Embassy in Paris advising the War Department of Mrs. Lathrop's having applied there for a passport and mentioning the name of the applicant.

Now about your questions: we must change the size of our boxes and can only use the regulation Red Cross size 2 x 2 x 3, that is a definite order from the Red Cross and the Steam Ship

officials.

I think you will have to take up the question of the expense of transportation with the Red Cross in St. Paul as that seems to differ in different localities.

The proper address for all boxes to be sent is in care of the Vacation War Relief, 26 West 23rd Street.

I am sorry to have bothered you about Miss Oglesby. I am sure it must be a mistake as I have not been able to locate her at all. (I am Chicago)

Don't hesitate to write me at any time that I can be of any use. We also have a splendid Executive Secretary now, Miss Patchin, who is only too ready to answer any questions.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin)

E. M. Chapin

Chairman

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 Mr. William Stout } *Counsel*

May 11, 1918

Mrs. C. W. Ames
 501 Grand Avenue
 St. Paul, Minnesota

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Thank you for your letter which came to me a few days ago.

In reply to your question regarding the use of Red Cross patterns for surgical dressings, I am glad to say that we can still use our own patterns. The only way in which we must conform to the Red Cross regulations is in the shipping question. We must ship in boxes 2 x 2 x 3 feet. This is absolutely required.

I am sure we have equally as good an opportunity as the Red Cross to get our supplies abroad rapidly and sometimes even better because of the help the French Line gives us in our shipping.

I am sorry you have not heard of the safe arrival of the boxes you have sent. I have spoken to Miss Goan of our Shipping Department and she tells me that because of the crowded condition at our shipping headquarters, many of the boxes that came in had to be sent to a warehouse temporarily. We will soon have them at Headquarters and they will be acknowledged of course as soon as they arrive there.

With very kind regards to you, believe

Sincerely yours,

Esther M. Chapin
 Chairman

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin)

*It has been so nice seeing
 her Ames*

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GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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MRS G W AMES

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501 GRAND AVE STPAUL MINN

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CHAPIN.

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Mr. Charles W. Ames
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My dear Mr. Ames:

Thank you so much for your letter of May 28th. I am sure you did good work with Mrs. Severance, and I hope she will come and see me when she comes to New York. I shall try to be equally polite, though I have not kissed the Blarney Stone.

This is a very busy week as we are trying to get ready for a Reception that we are giving for Monsieur Justin Godart, but after the rush of that is over, I will take up the matter of the French school girl's essay on America, for I agree with you that it is one of the loveliest things that I have ever read at all.

Please tell Mrs. Ames that I had such a nice visit with Miss Clarke and Miss McGregor. They are both splendid women and I am sure Mrs. Lathrop will find them a great help.

With kindest regards to both Mrs. Ames and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Esther M. Chapin

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin)

Chairman

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My dear Mrs. Ames;

At the last National Executive meeting it was voted that all Committees shipping to New York, therefore through the New York Branch, would be affiliated with the New York Branch.

I, as Chairman of that Branch, was told to write to all such Committees asking them if they could give an amount either monthly or quarterly towards the Paris Depot expenses. If they have in the past done this but have sent it directly to Paris, they are asked to change and send it through New York. The Chairman of the New York Branch (at present myself) would in turn notify Mrs. Van Rensselaer, now National President of our Fund, the amount to be counted on from these Committees.

It was thought best not to ask for any definite amount, as of course some Committees find it all they are able to do to finance themselves, but, feeling that every one would like the privilege of being asked to contribute something, no matter how small the amount, I am writing to all Committees both large and small.

From this you will see that the National Council no longer solicits funds but only receives the funds to be sent for the Paris upkeep and the national administrative expenses. These funds must be collected in small amounts by the Branch through whom independent Committees ship.

I am therefore asking you whether your Committee will be able to share in this expense and if so what

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amount you will be able to give.

We would appreciate as prompt a reply as possible.

Yours very truly,

Charles M. Chapin
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Mrs. C. W. Ames
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Your letter was sent to me in the country on Friday and I waited to answer it until I was in the office once again.

Thank you so much for your donation of \$50.00 a month for the Paris Depot. It will be a great help and it is so nice having all our Committees so loyal in their response. Could Mrs. Ballard send the check direct to Mrs. Walter P. Bliss if it has not already gone when this reaches you. She is our Treasurer you know, and she and Mrs. Ballard could arrange about the other payments, if that would suit you.

The French Line has been very good to us lately in shipping our boxes, but they beg us to be very careful and not speak of it, as it might be made impossible for them to give us as much space. So we are not advertising it, but telling our Committees that our boxes are going over.

Your must be very proud of Betty and I am sure you are. How splendidly all that staff have been working through this last dreadful drive. I cannot see how they could have done as much as they have, working night and day. It is marvelous!

My son-in-law writes that Mrs. Lathrop looks better. He has been in Paris with his General and saw her about three weeks ago. Do tell Betty to speak to

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him the next time he comes into the office as it would be so nice for them to meet, if they have not done so already. You know his name is Shepard Krech.

May I also send affectionate greetings to both Mr. Ames and yourself?

Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. W. C. Ames
 501 Grand Avenue
 St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mr. Ames:

I am ^{have been} ashamed to ~~be~~ so long in thanking you for the copy of your speech which I enjoyed reading so much. I do wish I could say such nice things in such an appropriate way. If you could only teach me!

Won't you please thank Mrs. Ames for the report of the St. Paul Branch of the American Fund for French Wounded that she sent me. It is very interesting and so nicely gotten up.

As it is a very busy day in the office, I will have to make this a short note and close, in sending my kindest regards to both Mrs. Ames and yourself.

Sincerely yours,

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August 23, 1918.

Mrs. C. W. Ames,
 501 Grand Avenue,
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My dear Mrs. Ames:--

I am writing to explain the telegram sent to you today.

We have just received word from the French Commission, saying it will be absolutely impossible to send any second-hand clothing to France. We have been sending some articles to Italy but it scarcely seems right for us to use the funds of our organization to send clothing to Italy. Therefore, we have decided that no old garments can be accepted. If you wish to send them to the Italian Relief, I am sure they will be glad to have them.

Sincerely yours,

[From Mrs. Chapin]

Executive Secretary.

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NOTICE

Owing to the congested condition in shipping, it is impossible for us to send second hand clothing of any kind. It has also been found very expensive for us to send it to the other committees who do handle such articles.

Therefore, I am begging all our committees please not to send any more second hand clothing of any kind until further notice is sent from these Headquarters.

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To our Branch Committees

Under separate cover we are sending you 50 copies of the enclosed appeal which we are about to send out from the New York office. You will notice that we have asked prospective donors to send their contributions to Branch headquarters, whenever a Branch Committee of the A.F.F.W. is situated in their locality.

We feel that it would secure for us many new friends, and at the same time increase our subscriptions, if each of our Committees would undertake to mail at least 50 of these appeals to persons in the various localities, who are at present not regular subscribers to the American Fund but who would be interested in the work Mrs. Lathrop and her assistants are doing in our name in France.

If you could make use of more than the 50 copies, please let us know at once. They will be sent to you promptly without cost.

If you can easily do so, we would also be glad to have you keep a separate account of funds received in response to this appeal, so that we may know how far it is successful. Any funds which you receive in response to this appeal may, of course, be expended in the discretion of your Committee, except that they should not be used for administrative expenses.

With renewed expressions of our appreciation for your continued and generous support, believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

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TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES

Having just received the enclosed letter from the American Red Cross National Headquarters, Washington, relative to the new agreement between the American Red Cross and the American Fund for the French Wounded, I have promised them that I would send a copy to all committees shipping through New York.

As you will see, this new arrangement does not in any way hamper our shipping arrangements as our cases are being shipped by the France-Amerique as quickly as the congested conditions on the steamers allow. From now on none of our committees will be able to send from their home towns to New York through the Red Cross, but will have to send independently their cases to our shipping Department, 531 Seventh Avenue, and after they arrive there we undertake to see that they reach France. This is the only change that the new relationship involves, and therefore should be no handicap for any of us to continue our splendid work.

I beg of you to remember that the needs were never greater and that it means not only taking care of all the little hospitals that have learned to look to us but also supplies for many of our own American boys who are now lying wounded in these same little hospitals. Could you not make an extra effort to send even more supplies to Mrs. Lathrop who is waiting anxiously for them?

Sincerely yours,

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TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES

Many of our Committees are asking what effect Germany's surrender will have upon the work of the American Fund for French Wounded.

I am sure you will be glad to know that at a meeting held yesterday, the National Council resolved to continue our work until it is clear that France no longer needs America's help.

While, as yet, we have received no word from Paris, we know that the French hospitals are still full of wounded and must be furnished with supplies from America. Although the signing of the armistice has stopped actual warfare, American troops will be serving in France for many months, and will need the comfort and cheer which the A.F.F.W. knows so well how to give. Let us also remember that our dispensaries and emergency work cannot be discontinued without great distress to thousands of refugee women and children who confidently look to the A.F.F.W. for help.

We are therefore asking our Committees not to relax their efforts, but to continue their generous support by sending money and supplies as usual. As soon as we hear from Mrs. Lathrop, I shall write to you again.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. C. W. Ames
501 Grand Avenue
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My dear Mrs. Ames:

Thank you so much for your check of \$150.00. I have turned it over to our Treasurer, Mrs. Walter P. Bliss.

Now I shall answer your questions. You are being sent to-day the first edition of the Bulletin, also a little appeal asking you for the present to continue with your work just as usual. It answers question No. 1 quite fully.

Question No. 2 - I have asked the head of the Shipping Department and she tells me that if it is necessary to do so, you can send such a mixture as shirts, pajamas and robes. Of course, it is best not to do it unless it means holding up your things. That we do not want as we feel that Mrs. Lathrop needs them as quickly as she can get them.

Question No. 3 - I am sorry to say I will have to say no to it as we have been asked by the French Line not to have any designated cases, but have them all marked just for our Fund. But you could write Mrs. Lathrop and tell her that you would like all your re-

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fugee garments to go to your St. Paul Dispensary and as the boxes are marked inside and out from St. Paul, she can always see that they are sent. Don't you think that would be simpler?

We were all disappointed that you did not come in October with Mr. Ames and I do hope surely the next time you will be able to come.

I hope you had a nice time in California with your boy. Indeed it will be wonderful to have them all home again with the feeling *right* that it is quite that they should be and that their splendid work has been accomplished.

In Miss Vail's last letter she spoke of Mrs. Lathrop's feeling much better. She was back again in Paris so I think she is quite over the effects of her horrid influenza, but I quite agree with you that she has been under a dreadfully long strain and I do hope that, even should the American Fund for French Wounded take up other work after the needs for hospital supplies are entirely over, it would mean that Mrs. Lathrop could have some time for play for I really think she deserves it, and it is not quite right to her family that we should ask her to give as much of herself as she has these last four years. I really think we ought to remember this in forming our new plans for the future.

With kindest regards for both Mr. Ames and yourself, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Esther M. Chapin

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin)

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*U.S.
I am afraid Mrs. Lathrop would hate
my writing this*

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TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES:

I am enclosing a cable that has just reached us from Paris and I hope you will read it to all your Committee. I do not think I need add anything as it seems to me to give us a very definite idea of what Mrs. Lathrop would like us to do.

The only favor I would like to ask of you is should you need any more gauze, would you order it through us as we have a very large supply on hand and could easily let you have it. I mention this as in the cable you will notice that Mrs. Lathrop says, "Progressively diminish surgical dressings." So I think she still expects us to send some surgical dressings for six months.

I do so hope that the interest will not lag and that we shall be able to still do the same splendid work that she thanks us for having done at the end of her cable.

With very kindest regards, I

Sincerely yours,

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TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES:

For some time past we have thought it would be nice to have a small emblem that we could wear, and after much time and trouble the enclosed pin was selected as being the one that best represented France and the Fund. Mrs. Van Rensselaer, Our National President, approved of it and the New York Committee had the design made.

We have a great many on hand and would be very glad if our Committees through-out the country would accept it as the official pin of the American Fund for French Wounded and send us an order. The price to our Committees would be 25 cents each and we sell them for 50 cents each.

Hoping to hear from you and that you will like the emblem, I am

Sincerely yours,

Esther M. Chapin

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin) Chairman

P.S. We are also enclosing a sample card. Would you care to order any of these? Many people are using them for Christmas cards. The price to our Committees would be \$ 1.25 per hundred and we sell them for 10 cents each.

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Mrs. C. W. Ames
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Mr. Ames thought that these extracts from Mrs. Ethelbert Nevin's letter from Mrs. Lathrop would interest you and also might be of help in forming your future plans.

We are all so glad that Mr. Ames is able to be here for the Meeting on the 15th, but I am very sorry you could not come with him. I think it will be an interesting and an important meeting.

With kindest regards and good wishes for the New Year, I am

Very sincerely yours,

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TO OUR COMMITTEES:

Our work is now shaping toward a definite completion. We have just received a cable from Mrs. Lathrop which reads as follows:

CEASE SHIPMENTS MARCH FIRST. WORK ENDS FRANCE JUNE FIRST. CLOSING HOSPITAL DEPOTS NOW AS DEMANDS CEASE. DISPENSARIES TO RUN TILL APRIL. EMERGENCY REFUGEE DEPOTS DEPEND ON NEEDS BUT PROBABLY EVERYTHING ENDING MAY.

We are sending this news on to our Committees, knowing that they will justify our belief in them by sending us during these next two months their usual generous supplies so that our final shipments may be large and splendid ones.

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MARECHAL PETAIN TO THE A.F.F.W.

THE following note of thanks has been received by the American Fund for French Wounded from Maréchal Pétain in answer to a telegram of congratulation, sent to him at the time of the final success of the Allies.

21 Novembre 1918.

" Je remercie du fond du cœur le Comité Américain pour les Blessés Français des félicitations auxquelles je suis particulièrement sensible. "

PÉTAÏN.

AN ALLIED THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day, this year more than ever, a time of rejoicing to all Americans, was celebrated, by the French and English as well, in honor of the visit of the King of England to France. His entry to Paris was a most impressive sight; as the long line of carriages and automobiles passed down the Champs Elysées to the Place de la Concorde, both sides of the boulevard were lined with French soldiers. King George in the uniform of an English General and M. Poincaré were in the first carriage, the Prince of Wales and his brother following in the second. The procession drove slowly along, heralded by the enthusiastic greetings of the throngs, the waving of flags, and the blare of trumpets.

the Cardinal of Rheims, and Cardinal Bourne who came from England to deliver the sermon. The beautiful service opened with the Star Spangled Banner, and after a solemn Mass, sermon, and Te Deum, America was played, and the Archbishop of Paris gave his blessing from the portico of the cathedral.

The Soldiers' and Sailors' Club served dinner on Thanksgiving Day to 250 American soldiers who were invited to partake of their hospitality, — and turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie acted as a magic carpet to transport them from France to America. Several Alcazar workers were among those who helped to serve, and if the proof of the dinner was in the eating, they can testify to its success.

An impressive Thanksgiving Day Mass was held in the Madeleine under the patronage of His Eminence Cardinal Amette, Archbishop of Paris, the Cardinal of Paris,

Many hospitable French families invited American soldiers to dine with them on Thanksgiving Day, and throughout France, the day was one that can never be forgotten.

A BRIGHT SPOT ON A DARK DAY

THIS has been a real Paris November day, one of the "melancholy-days-have-come" kind, when one awakens to find the rain pouring down as though it had every idea of pouring all day.

But a melancholy day it has not been, for business has been driving at the Alcazar, and when there is plenty to do, the usual cheerful atmosphere of our bureau becomes even more cheerful, and the place fairly hums with contentment.

One of the charms of the business of the Alcazar is that one never knows what is going to happen next, and a seemingly dull day may become very interesting. Some most unexpected friend may appear, a letter or a large order may change the program of our work in a moment, so we are constantly in the attitude of expectancy.

Thus it was with me this morning when I raised my eyes from a case of refugee clothing to see our manager standing before me with the request that two of us should go to a certain Italian Hospital after lunch and carry comfort bags to the blessés.

Now I have been making comfort bags more or less for the last three years and have received numberless letters from men of different nationalities telling me how much they had enjoyed receiving them, but never until today had I the privilege of bestowing them personally upon the soldiers. Any doubts as to whether grown men really did care for them were quickly banished as soon as we entered the hospital.

A pleasant French nurse quickly appeared and we were cordially welcomed and asked to go from room to room.

As my knowledge of Italian may be summed up in the two expressions meaning "Good-day" and "Farewell", I considered myself most fortunate in being asked to accompany Mme S*** who has charge of our bag department and who speaks several languages with equal facility, Italian among the number. The sound of their native tongue as she addressed them on entering the room was the awakening note, and when they saw the load of bright chintz bags on our arms, they looked much as children do, when Santa Claus appears at a Christmas celebration. Pale faces brightened and weary ones were cheered and expectant.

Fortunately their tastes were as varied as the bags, and one after another they were chosen, from pale pink to deep violet.

A safety razor caused quite a sensation and both a doctor and an orderly were needed to explain its mechanism. It fell to the lot of a dark-eyed, pale faced boy with a complexion as smooth as a girl's, but he was none the less pleased.

A cordial English nurse begged us to stay for a while and talk to them, for she said they had but little company,—so we visited until the contents of the bags had been thoroughly explored and all announced in their child-like way that they were

"bien content". I am sure you would never guess what amused them most,—it was a small black box which opened with a spring and released with a bound, a yellow snake! Such merriment as it caused! One of the nurses was duly alarmed, or pretended to be, and the doctor was summoned to diagnose the case.

Well, they were a merry lot for half an hour, some of them pathetically so. One poor fellow with only one leg, looked at his socks and said to me with a faint smile, "But I have only one leg". But when I suggested that it was two pairs for him, he saw the joke and laughed heartily.

Several of the boys were generously solicitous for some of their friends who being convalescent had gone out for a walk, so we placed their bags on the vacant beds for them to find on their return.

We left midst a sunny shower of pleasant wishes and I must say, we were surprised to find it still raining outside, for the cheer within had made us feel that the sun was shining.

They do say that every good tale has a moral. I am sure it is not far to seek. Two words will express it, and a little help when you have a vacant half hour will impress it in a very practical way: MAKE BAGS!

OUR HOME COMMITTEES

NOW that the war is over, we must express our deepest gratitude to more than five hundred faithful committees which have supported the American Fund for French Wounded.

Many committees which began as small centers have grown by leaps and bounds, and the increase both in money and supplies has been monumental.

Before our work is over we intend to publish the names of our committees and of the countless individuals who have supported this work.

This will make a very interesting record as our contributors in America can scarcely realize how broad is our acquaintance and how many states are represented in the gifts which come from America.

The New England and Chicago invoices should go on record. The figures of these important branches are so large, that we would like the people at home to know the extent of their work.

From New England has come an enormous quantity of pajamas and underclothes, just in time for the cold weather. We are delighted to find that they have sent thousands of women's and children's clothes which are now being sent up to the districts near Belgium and Alsace.

From Chicago have come large quantities of women's and children's clothes and rubber goods, the most coveted of articles. The George Washington Bags are being saved for Christmas, and the Martha Washington Bags are being sent to refugees. As the hospital demands are decreasing and those of the refugees are increasing, we hope that Chicago will go on with these generous supplies of CLOTHES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

For years we have received magnificent consignments and supplies of every kind accompanied only by modest little notes bearing the words "The Five Friends from Brooklyn".

The war, so gloriously won, is over and few people will ever know what these friends have done to aid the American Fund for French Wounded in its work for humanity.

To every cable that has been sent they have responded most lavishly and much of our latest work has been developed by the aid of their financial help.

The thanks of our entire organization are now offered to these devoted and generous friends.

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TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES:

Since sending you our letter of January 10th, we have had more definite information from Mrs. Lathrop. As the American Fund for French Wounded is to cease all shipments by March first, we now write to ask you not to cut out any garments which cannot be finished and sent to us by February 20th, but to complete all garments already started.

Again we would impress upon our Committees the desirability of having our final shipments particularly large and to that end would ask them to redouble their efforts.

Very sincerely yours,

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January 23, 1919.

Mrs. C. W. Ames,
501 Grand Avenue,
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:-

Since writing you on January 18th. we have gone over the list of our packing department, and find that it takes at least 4 weeks from the time the cases leave your city to the date of their arrival here. (This is the minimum length of time, they have often been on the road for a much longer time.)

Taking this into consideration, we find it necessary to limit the date of your final shipments to Feb. 1st.

After this date, should you have any garments on hand, they could be sent by Express or Parcels Post. In sending in either of these two last ways, Express or Parcels Post, we would ask you to keep in mind that all goods must reach us by the first week of March.

As you ship in regulation size cases, would you be willing to send each case as it is ready for shipment? We must also ask you not to put any more surgical dressings in cases ready for shipment abroad as we can no longer send them. If you have any on hand, could not your local hospitals use them? From now on we must dispose of any that come to us in this way.

Very sincerely yours,

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CHAS W AMES

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FOLLOWING CABLE JUST RECEIVED " REFUGEE SITUATION SO SERIOUS WE WONDER
IF NOT ADVISABLE CLOSE WORK AMERICA APRIL FIRST INSTEAD MARCH WILL CABLE
DEFINITELY REGARDING PROPERTY AFTER CERTAIN IMPORTANT CONFERENCES SYRACUS
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ESTHER M CHAPIN

1044 AM

January 30, 1919.

Mrs. C. M. Chapin,
c/o American Fund for French Wounded,
73 Park Avenue,
Paris, France.

My Dear Mrs. Chapin:-

Accept my hearty thanks for your telegram, repeating Mrs. Lathrop's cable received on the 27th. That confirms our explanation of her delay in answering our cable regarding the hospital.

Her "wonder" whether it would be best to keep our work up here until April first instead of closing it March first, seems to involve us in a similar mental operation. I have talked the matter over with Mrs. Ames to see how the St. Paul Committee feels about it. She finds from her records that a large proportion of the shipments which we have made, including refugee garments, have not yet been reported as arriving in Paris. There must be thousands of cases still in transit, and doubtless many of those shipped last fall will be turning up from time to time during spring, when they will be just as welcome as ever for refugee emergencies. Under those circumstances it does not seem worth while to continue our shipments for another month, especially as we had made arrangements to close down about the middle of February. It is not easy to hold the interest of workers with these shifting plans. We can

Mrs. C. M. Chapin,

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January 30, 1919.

not live up to the ancient motto of "off agin, on agin, gone agin, Flannigan". But, of course, if it is decided by the authorities that we should carry on here until March 15th, we will do so.

Please let Mrs. Van Rensselaer see this letter, as I have not time for the moment to write to her.

Sincerely yours,

CWA:EAB

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THE PRICE FRANCE HAS PAID FOR VICTORY

Who can measure the price France has paid for Victory?

She has lost nearly 2,000,000 of her sons. Another 2,000,000 will bear the scars of battle through life - thousands of them maimed, blinded, weakened by exposure and disease.

The families of her Poilus - the Children, Wives and Mothers of France - have endured untold hardships; have suffered indescribable cruelties during four long years - hunger, cold, horrors unspeakable. They must be given back their health to carry on the torch of Liberty.

420,000 Frenchmen are returning to the patrie after months and years in enemy prisons and internement camps - diseased, dejected, despairing. Their minds and spirits, as well as their bodies, must be brought back to health and strength.

VICTORY has come, but Victory alone cannot "bind up the Nation's wounds".

The French people today need everything which the generous sympathy of friendship can give - they instinctively look to America for help during the coming months of trial. Let them not look in vain!

For four years the AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED has distributed funds and supplies in the direct, sympathetic way which has won the confidence and gratitude of the French Government and the French people.

Immediately after the Signing of the Armistice, we assured the French Government that we would continue our work until they told us France no longer needed America's help. We have just been asked to establish immediately an Emergency Depot at Strassbourg; also Dispensaries at Briey, Conflans and Chateau Salins; and Refugee Depots in the Douai and Cambrai districts and beyond Laon. This new work has already been undertaken, and it is for this that we ask your immediate help. \$250 will maintain a dispensary for one month.

THE AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED

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The American Fund for French Wounded has five main Branches:
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Through our Paris Headquarters and local Distributing Depots and Dispensaries, we keep in touch with the needs of every section of France.

Every dollar contributed in response to this appeal will be used for relief, without any deduction for expenses.

American Fund for French Wounded

73 Park Avenue

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ANNOUNCEMENT

In spite of Germany's surrender, the work of the American Fund for French Wounded must go on, until France tells us she no longer needs America's help.

So long as we can relieve the sufferings of the French Wounded in the hospitals—so long as French refugee women and children need material aid and medical care—just so long must the A. F. F. W. continue to bring comfort and cheer to those who have paid so dearly for VICTORY.

WHAT WE NEED NOW IS MONEY

The hospitals in France are still full of Wounded—thousands of refugees and liberated prisoners are streaming into our Dispensaries and Emergency Depots.

From our Paris headquarters we have just received the following cable: "Will American public come forward in Christmas and New Year offering to provide funds for stricken refugees who are now wandering back, destitute—many without shoes; all need blankets and warm clothing. We establishing outposts and dispensaries to continue through winter. This need is immediate and everyone must bend energies to help distress next two months. We using all available emergency money to respond this call from French officials and Societies with whom we are working. Have received congratulations on our prompt emergency response in this hour. Big depot near Cambrai in action; outpost beyond Laon has received no supplies."

The AMERICAN FUND FOR FRENCH WOUNDED is equipped to carry your message of sympathy and comradeship to the very heart of the French people.

Have you any idea how many hospital depots have been supported in France by the A. F. F. W. More than 33

Do you know how many hospitals we have supplied with gifts from America? More than 4000

Do you know how many dispensaries we have established in the war zone for the relief of women and children? More than 25

Do you know how many surgical dressings and hospital supplies the A. F. F. W. has distributed to hospitals in France? Nearly 16,000,000

Do you know how many cars, driven by women, comprise our motor service? More than 30

Do you know how many officials of the American Fund for French Wounded are paid for their services? NOT ONE

Do you know how many Branch Committees are affiliated with the American Fund for French Wounded in the United States? Nearly 600

TO CONTINUE THIS GREAT WORK, WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES:

Another cable received this morning from Mrs. Lathrop asks us to continue shipping for another month. Therefore, we now write to ask you to disregard our previous communication, and to tell you that we will be glad to receive any shipments up to March 15th, 1919.

We wish to notify you that as we were unable to ship surgical dressings abroad after January 1st, and as many reached us after that date, we have taken the liberty of giving them to several hospitals in the city, where they are desperately needed on account of the return of many thousands of our American wounded.

Very sincerely yours,

Esther M. Chapin
Chairman

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin)

When you receive Bulletin ignore dates therein given as this is our latest information from France.

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February 4th, 1919.

TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES:

Since sending you the letter asking that no more surgical supplies be sent because of our not being able to ship them abroad, we have come in touch with several civilian hospitals in New York that are desperately over-crowded with our returning wounded soldiers and sailors, and we find that they would be very thankful for any dressings that we could give them.

In one hospital we have been told by the head nurse that we had released four of her staff who can now go back into the operating room and the wards, instead of having to spend all their time in making dressings. Also the nurses who have had to work doubly hard with the increased numbers in their hospitals, have had to sit up late at night to keep their supply of dressings adequate to their needs.

Would you not like to help by sending any dressings that you have on hand or by making them of any gauze you still have on hand? In this way, you can help our boys. New York, being the port of debarkation, receives these wounded who come from all parts of the country. Some of them may be your home boys whom we cannot send home to you until they are well.

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TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES:

We have just received a cable from Mrs. Lathrop, asking for the full valuation of all materials sent since the beginning of the Fund. This has been asked for by the War Department of France.

We realize that Mrs. Lathrop will also expect us to send a complete record of all money received and spent from the beginning, and we are therefore writing you to send us all your records of finances and materials from the time your Committee was started, in order that we may bring our books to a satisfactory and successful conclusion. In this way we can check up and see that our figures correspond with yours.

We would appreciate your sending this record at your earliest convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel M. Chapin
 Chairman

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin)

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February 21st, 1919.

TO OUR BRANCH COMMITTEES:

By referring to our letter of January 28th you will see that we will be glad to receive your shipments up to March 15th. But we wish to add that we cannot receive any surgical supplies for the New York hospitals after April 15th as our Shipping Department is to close on that date and the building to be sub-let.

The Executive Office of the New York Branch of the American Fund for French Wounded is to move from 73 Park Avenue to 6 East 61st Street on Thursday, February 26th. After the receipt of this letter, address all communications to the new office.

We enclose a copy of a cable received recently from Paris in the belief that it will be of interest to you.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. C. W. Ames
501 Grand Avenue
St. Paul, Minn.

My dear Mrs. Ames:

Thank you so much for your letter of February 26th with check enclosed for the Paris Depot office expenses. I think I had better not try to answer your question of whether your next quarterly check will be needed until Mrs. Lathrop arrives, for her plans may be changed and the Paris Depot may be opened longer than we think now. So may I wait and ask Mrs. Bliss to answer this question after Mrs. Lathrop arrives?

You are quite right about its being the duty of the Red Cross to supply all hospitals and we hope in a very few weeks that this will be attended to, but it was not being done and rather than let the men suffer from want of these things, we jumped into the breach and have really been useful.

I am sorry to say I may not be here when you come to meet your daughter as our plans have been made for a long time to leave the 13th of March for three weeks South and I really feel that I must go. It fits in rather well with Mrs. Lathrop's visit as Boston wishes her at once and she is to go West after that before speaking in New York, so that I shall be

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home some time before she returns here.

Miss Bangs and Mrs. Tyson's idea was that Miss Bangs should arrange for dates in New England, New York should arrange dates for all places East of Chicago, and Mrs. Tyson should arrange for all dates West of Chicago, so that Mrs. Tyson would arrange for your meeting in St. Paul should you decide to have Mrs. Lathrop. It simplifies the buying of railroad tickets, etc., and that was the reason it was suggested. So will you let us know if you want Mrs. Lathrop as we are to notify Chicago and all of our Committees in ~~their~~ jurisdiction who do want her ^{her}.

As I am leaving so shortly Mrs. Fleischmann is taking the Chairmanship of Mrs. Lathrop's tour, so if you will write her please.

With kind regards to both you and Mr. Ames, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Ethel M. Chapin

Chairman

(Mrs. Charles M. Chapin)

P.S. The enclosed cable has just come this morning March 5th

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March 5th, 1919

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