

fore telegraphed Dr. Criswell to that effect, advising, however, that the plans for the International Congress continue for the present. I am very anxious to obtain your opinion in the matter of the International Congress. Is it, do you think, going to be impossible to hold it next year? Our annual meeting will undoubtedly be held in California, but if you think that the demands upon European nurses will be too heavy to make the Congress possible, I beg you will let me know, or if you deem it wise to wait for further developments before reaching a decision, we will continue to make the necessary arrangements.

Yesterday I went to the dock to see the Red

Miss Nutting has not yet reached New York, but we know that she has reached Newfoundland safely, and we expect her here on the 10th.

In case you have not heard from Miss Dock, I think she judged that it might be possible for us to continue our plans for the Congress. She was doubtful about the advisability of beginning our efforts for the Florence Nightingale Memorial Fund and quite positive that we should not attempt in such strenuous times the exhibit.

I need not tell you that your country in its present distress is constantly in our thoughts. In fact, the terrible suffering that is going on all over Europe makes it seem impossible to settle down

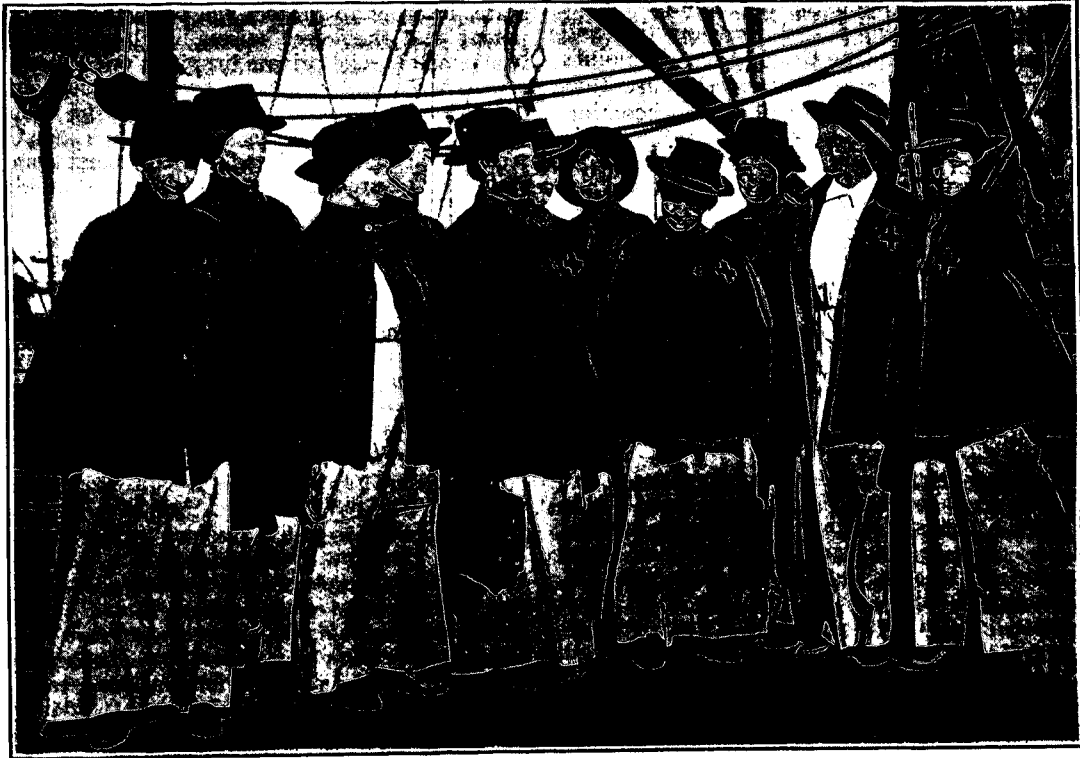


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A GROUP OF NURSES ABOARD THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT RED CROSS SHIP, BOUND FOR EUROPE.

Cross ship, which is carrying over 120 of our Red Cross nurses under the supervision of Miss Hay, and which, as you perhaps know, will leave one unit in England, a unit in France, in Russia, in Germany, and, I think, in Belgium. Miss Hay's work in Bulgaria, I understand, it was thought best to postpone for the time being, and, of course, no better woman in the United States could be found to take charge of this Red Cross work. I hope you will see our nurses when they reach the other side.

to simple everyday matters, even at this distance.

By the same mail Miss Dock writes:—

We had a little meeting yesterday and decided there should be no exhibit at San Francisco, Miss Goodrich, Miss Crandall, Miss Foley, and several of the New York Exhibit Committee. It was felt that money should not be spent that way, especially as we shall have, probably, no European nurses, and maybe none from any country. Already severe financial stringency is felt here.

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