

## THE CARE OF THE WOUNDED.

By the kindness of the Editor of *The Queen* we are able to produce two most interesting pictures of a hospital barge, showing both the river hospital and the ward. These vessels form a most comfortable and convenient method of transit. The barges on the River Seine have been converted into floating hospitals by the Union of the Women of France.

Mrs. Alfred Paine, of Bedford, has kindly sent us specimens of her ward footwear for soldiers—felt slippers and flannel boots so made as to tie comfortably over dressings. Mrs. Paine says: "On the 26th, when I take my next consignment

packed tightly into assorted dozens and sent to hospitals at home and abroad.

It has been a great pleasure to have requests for more from the nurses and sisters to whom I have sent a few, and also to see how comfortably they fit and how much they are appreciated by the wounded soldiers in our own County Hospital."

We do not wonder the slippers and shoes are appreciated, they are so well made and comfortable. We congratulate Mrs. Paine on providing such a splendid supply. Think of the rest to thousands of long-suffering feet this gift has made possible.

The Joint War Committee of the British Red Cross Society and the Order of St. John of Jerusalem in England has made a grant of £5,000

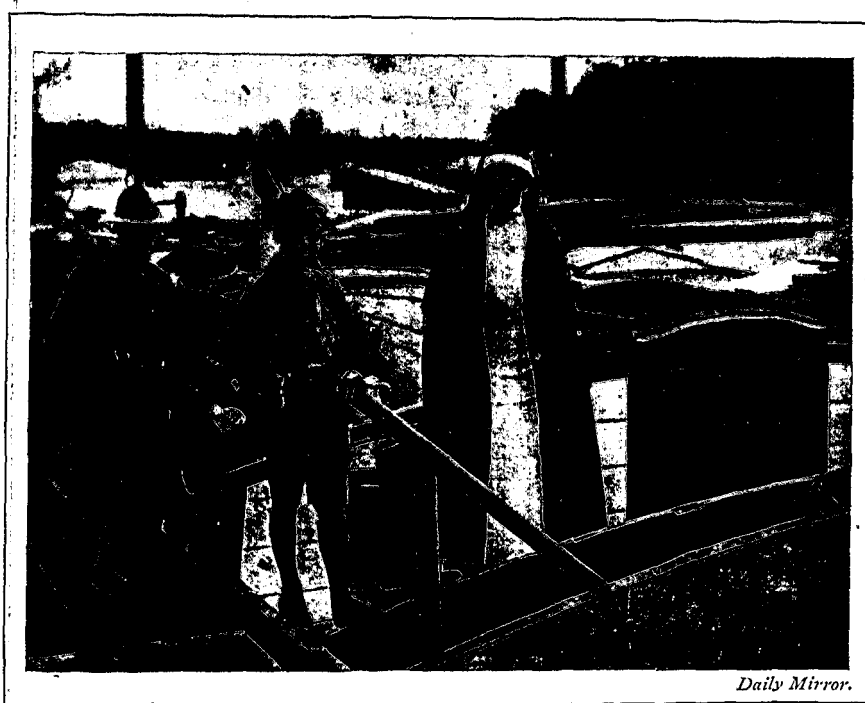
towards the establishment in a large private house in Addington, Surrey, of a fever hospital for British troops. The War Office has interested itself in the scheme, and will probably make a contribution towards the cost, which is estimated at £20,000 for one year.

The British Ambulance Committee of the French Red Cross are glad to announce that their appeal for help for the French wounded has met with a most generous response.

The committee will now work from Wimborne House, Arlington Street, where all communications should be addressed.

The President of the French Republic has sent thanks and best wishes for the success of this humane movement. We all know how terrible have been the sufferings of the French wounded at the front owing to insufficient transport. The American Motor Ambulance Corps is also rendering invaluable service in France.

The Church Army, which is rendering valuable service to the sick and wounded, reports that at Dunkirk recently the shortage of nurses and the lack of chloroform rendered the situation one of sore necessity. Lady Bagot (the Hon. Sec. of the C.A. Hospital), took out a supply of chloroform, when she recently, as we have reported, went out with additional nurses; and, in response to her



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A RIVER HOSPITAL.

to St. John Ambulance warehouse, we shall have more than completed our first thousand pairs.

The material for these, and for those which we are still making, has been given in part by business firms and private people. The slippers and flannel boots pass through many hands. The carpet soles, at first kindly cut by the shoemakers of the town, are now undertaken by some ambulance members of the Fire Brigade, and Midland Railway employees. Large bundles of the soles are then sent out to be bound with braid, chiefly by evening clubs of women and girls. After machining the uppers are sewn on. These are cut out by a few ladies, taken away in bundles by a band of helpers, tacked, turned and machined. With slippers and boots alike I am very particular to use only new material. When made they are

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