

As the disabled Belgian soldiers who have been under the care of the W.A.R.C., at the Home for Disabled Belgian Soldiers, 45, Courtfield Gardens, Kensington, are now able to support themselves, through the help of the Committee in providing them with artificial limbs and in training them in various industries, this particular Home has been closed; and the furniture, bedding, &c., are about to be presented by the Committee to the Italian Red Cross, for the benefit of a new "Home of Rest for Sick and Wounded Italian Soldiers."

The Duchess of Devonshire, at Buxton, on Friday in last week, performed the opening ceremony of a great new Canadian hospital in the presence of many notable Canadians, including Major-General Sir Sam Hughes. Colonel Hod-

cholera in Damascus and about one hundred and fifty from spotted typhus and other diseases. The province of Galilee and the summer health resorts in the Lebanon are also infected by plague.

It is reported that the typhus epidemic in Asia Minor everywhere gains new impetus, and a great number of the Turkish Army doctors have succumbed to it. Many of the civilian prisoners, mostly British, have contracted the disease, and at least twelve Englishmen have been ill with it, but recovered.

SPOTTED TYPHUS BACILLUS.

The Russian newspapers give great prominence (says the *Globe*) to a communication from the chief



V.A.D. NURSING ORDERLIES AT THE WELSH HOSPITAL, NETLEY.

getts, Commissioner of the Canadian Red Cross, presided.

At No. 34 (the Welsh) General Hospital at Netley no male nursing orderlies are employed. The illustration which, by the courtesy of Mr. Cyrus J. Evans, the Hon. Secretary, we are able to publish, shows the V.A.D. Women Nursing Orderlies approaching the hospital with a patient. On arrival they remove the stretcher from the wheels and carry the patient in.

Plague is reported to be increasing in Syria. There have been over a hundred deaths from

of the Russian Red Cross on the Western front, Count Beningsen, stating that Professor Nedigajeloff and the Russian woman Doctor Burova have discovered the bacillus of spotted typhus.

Spotted typhus is a malignant form of typhus found in Eastern Europe, but only occasionally in the United Kingdom, notably in Lancashire and Ireland. The claim to have discovered the virus of spotted typhus has been made several times since the outbreak of war, and research is actually being conducted in London with material brought back from Serbia. The Petrograd announcement is one of considerable medical interest, but should be received with caution.

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