

# Send This Word to Belgium— Philadelphia Says: "We Have Just Begun to Give"

Swift and generous comes the response to the call for food for stricken Flanders.

It makes us all proud we are Philadelphians—let us be prouder still.

Already tons of food and large sums of money to buy food have been contributed, but there must be

**More! More! MORE!**

The Norwegian steamship "Thelma," under charter by a citizen of Philadelphia, is lying at Pier 16, S. Wharves, Delaware River, waiting for a cargo of food.

Each day she waits hundreds more will die in Belgium for want of food.

The agonies and destitution already resulting from the war in Europe have become an enormity in the face of civilization.

There is nothing in the whole world's history in the least measure to compare to it.

It is a new revelation of world disaster; such a thing as there is no precedent for.

No prophecy ever contemplated the remotest degree of its horrors. No language has words to describe it. There never was such a thing. There never was belief in or expectation of such a thing. It is unutterable.

The newspapers of Philadelphia have responded to a call to give their help toward the preservation of the light of civilization in the world, and have volunteered to do the work of filling the relief ship.

## This is Not Our War, But a Starving Child Is Any Man's Problem

Millard K. Shaler, the American who visited Brussels on behalf of the American Commission for the Relief of Belgium, cabled from London:

*"These afflicted people (the Belgians) constantly express their undying gratitude for American help. Without America they feel they would be crushed out of existence by famine and war."*

## Without America They Would Die—But With Our Help They Shall Not

We shall not mince words for fear of giving offense. This is no time for strenuous solicitation, but it is time for thoughtful consideration.

In the name of humanity the Belgians have a right to the aid of all Christian peoples.

The newspapers of Philadelphia have taken charge of the work of filling the relief ship with food.

## The Special Headquarters in the Lincoln Building, Broad Street and South Penn Square, Will Be Open Late Tonight

In the headquarters will be shown samples of the kinds of food that it is possible for the ship to carry, and information will be given as to how this food can be bought.

The Philadelphia National Bank has charge of the Relief Fund. Make checks payable to the Philadelphia National Bank for the Thelma Fund.

The whole American body of humanity seems ready to MAKE ACTUAL SACRIFICE to save the other half of the world from the effects of a disaster unspeakable.

Men, women and children who are suffering now in Europe are EXACTLY LIKE OUR OWN MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN here at home.

They have the same aptitude for sorrow; they have the same capacity for pain, the same horrors of hunger and shelterless destitution that every one of us has.

They are experiencing the agonies and sorrows, while we can only contemplate them.

They are unable to help themselves. THERE IS NO ONE TO HELP THEM SAVE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

Sympathies have nothing to do with it. It is a duty unescapable by any of us.

## It Is the Supreme Call in the Hour of the Great Crisis of Civilization

Five cents will pay for a meal for a hungry woman and child. There is not a little boy or a little girl in Philadelphia who can't give five cents.

\$6.40 will buy a barrel of flour that will save a family from starvation. Remember that every day hundreds are dying. Who in Philadelphia will give \$6.40 to buy a barrel of flour to save some of these lives?

\$3 will buy fifty pounds of beans. Who will give this little amount, and be recompensed by the consciousness of suffering relieved and lives saved and civilization redeemed?

Buying in quantities may make these prices less—and that will mean we can buy all the more.

If you cannot give without making some sacrifice, MAKE THAT SACRIFICE.

## Special Suggestion!

A considerable number of people have stopped at headquarters to ask if they could be permitted to send whatever articles they could find in the grocery stores where they usually buy their own supplies. The answer is that no one is shut off from giving any food that is put up in proper form to go on shipboard, and that will not spoil. Let your grocer or storekeeper deliver the goods at headquarters if you can arrange it, as time is a factor. If you have no way to deliver, telephone *Filbert 2456*, and the goods, if in the city, will be sent for.

Cyrus H. K. Curtis . . . Public Ledger  
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Benjamin G. Wells . Philadelphia Press  
John J. Collier . . . Evening Telegraph

M. F. Hanson . . . Philadelphia Record  
James Elverson, Jr. . Philadelphia Inquirer  
E. A. Van Valkenburg . North American  
W. L. McLean . . . Evening Bulletin