

THELMA SAILS AS CROWDS WATCH

Continued from Page One. The Mayor and Mr. Wanamaker then heaved it into the water. While the ceremonies were going on, two longshoremen made the discovery that about 1000 pounds of peaches and prunes were on the pier. The crates containing the peaches and prunes were taken up hurriedly and taken aboard. Major Blankenburg boarded the ship and accompanied Captain Hendrickson down the river. The Thelma will be piloted to the Delaware Capes by Robert C. Chambers, who has been in the pilot service for more than 20 years. The deck of the Thelma was scrubbed early today. Her crew wore new blue overalls. From Captain Hendrickson down to the youngest member in the crew, the trip to Rotterdam was looked upon as the most important sea trip ever undertaken by them. As the ship made its way down the Delaware she was cheered by the 300 persons on shore. Ferryboats plying between Camden and Market street, Philadelphia, blew their whistles. A locomotive drawing a string of freight trains looted. At 1:15 the Thelma passed the Philadelphia Navy Yard. Her black funnel decorated with the Red Cross emblem was seen by sailors on several battleships and cruisers. The sailors lined up at the railings and waved their hats. Workmen employed in the different shops in the Navy Yard, also cheered. The supplies aboard the Thelma are consigned to Dr. Henry Van Dyke, the American Minister at the Hague. He will be at Rotterdam when the vessel docks there. After docking at Rotterdam, plans will be outlined by various committees there for the distribution of the food to the thousands of starving Belgians. The value of the food aboard the Thelma is about \$50,000. After the Thelma had sailed, Mr. Wanamaker extended an invitation to every one on the pier to follow the ship on the bay. About 100 persons accepted the invitation. Mr. Wanamaker also went aboard the tug. Francis R. Reeves, treasurer of the committee, and John P. Dwyer and John J. Collier, representing the Newspaper Committee, went to Washington in response to the request of Miss Mabel Boardman, executive director of the Red Cross Society. After communicating with the British and German Ambassadors, Miss Boardman assured the Philadelphians that the German military authorities would not attempt to prevent the cargo of the Thelma from reaching its proper destination. Under international maritime law, the Thelma cannot make the voyage under the Red Cross flag. Miss Boardman explained, however, that the foreign diplomats in Washington had offered no objection to the Norwegian steamship sailing from Philadelphia with the Red Cross emblem displayed from her main mast. When the three-mile limit is crossed, the Thelma will lower the Red Cross flag, and will fly the Norwegian colors until reaching Rotterdam, when the Red Cross flag again will be raised. Although the enthusiasm which characterized the first few days of every Red Cross campaign has somewhat abated, still a sufficient number of substantial contributions are coming in to justify the committee in charge of the work in believing that the three-mile limit will sail as successfully as the Thelma. This is what the committee is working for—to bring the generous citizens of this town to a realization of the fact that women and children are at the point of starvation and that no matter how much money these Belgians may have or how willing they may be to work, they cannot earn their bread there is no bread to be earned unless America sends it to them.

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"Noble Philadelphia! You Responded to Belgium's Call For Food as You Responded to America's Call For Freedom."

—So Wires a Former Philadelphia Citizen

Life, liberty and happiness. These three things we fought for here—and won. These three things are denied to poor, stricken Belgium through no fault of her own. Her liberty is gone. Her happiness is gone. Her very life is going—unless food reaches her suffering people quickly. Civilization Has Broken Down, but Humanity Still Lives. Philadelphia has proved that. She has opened her big heart to Belgium's mute cry for succor. She has shown herself a true "City of Brotherly Love." Men are giving. Women are giving. Little children are giving. Some are giving a few pennies. Some are giving a few dollars. Some are giving a thousand dollars. Don't Stop! Don't Stop! Don't Stop! Hunger doesn't stop. Winter doesn't stop. Suffering doesn't stop.

Even though the war should stop tonight, Belgium's need would go on for months to come. Give as you can. Give until your conscience is satisfied. Then start to prick the conscience of your neighbor. Life, liberty, happiness. We have life and liberty here in our peaceful homes. We have happiness only as we make others happy. "I Am Hungry" One lone man—lean, gaunt, weak—utters these pitiable words at your door—and you give him food. In Belgium this minute—and in Holland, whence Belgium refugees have fled—a million such men and a million such women and three million such children are saying, "I am hungry." They are shivering in the Wintry winds that already blow. Their homes are gone. Their fathers and their brothers have gone. Their work is gone. Their hope is almost gone. But they forget all these things in remembering the one thing that is not gone; their HUNGER.

"For God's sake, emphasize facts of Belgium's distress. Millions actually face hunger and starvation. Urge America to send food."

These words are torn not from a sentimental story book. They are torn from the heart of an American who is on the spot in Europe—a trained newspaper man with cool head not given to romancing—who sees with his own eyes the suffering and who cables to Philadelphia for aid.

Philadelphia Answers the Call

The work goes on; every man, woman and child in Philadelphia is expected to do SOMETHING for the stricken Belgians—something, if it be only 5 cents. The headquarters in the Lincoln Building, Broad Street and South Penn Square, remain open, and ships will be found to carry the cargoes of food that Philadelphia will give.

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