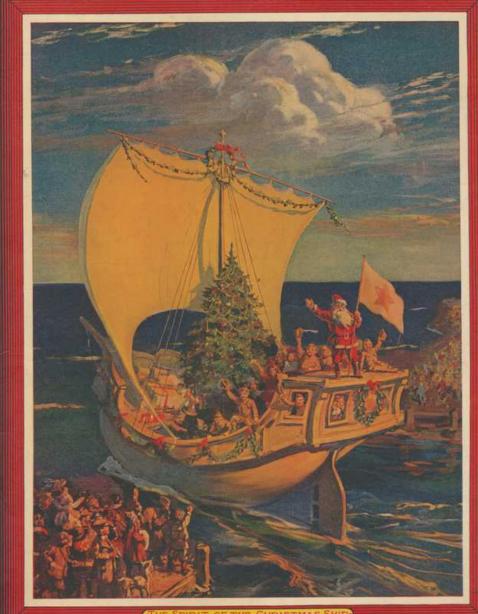
Dedicated to
The Children of America.

Hurrah! Hurrah for the CHRISTMAS SHIP!







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THE SPIRIT OF THE CHRISTMAS SHIP

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This is the Great "Children's Rally Song" of the Nation-Wide Movement for the Children of Almerica to send a Shipload of Toys and Gifts to the Children of Europe made Orphans and Homeless by the Great War









TO THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA

A few days before next Christmas a big United States Warship will leave America for Europe. It will be called the

Why? Because it is going to be filled with Christmas Presents for those poor little children in Europe who are now home-less, sick and destitute because their fathers and brothers have been killed or crippled in the Great War over there.

WHO are going to YOU! THE CHILDREN OF AMERICA

Isn't this a glorious opportunity for you to help make some of these poor little children happy? All of you know that There is No Greater Pleasure Than That of Giving to Others.

Just think what it means when our good President Wilson, and his Secretary of the Navy Daniels, have arranged to let one of our own country's great warships be the Christmas Ship. It means that our government considers it very important for this great shipload of presents to cross the ocean in perfect safety, so that every present may be promptly delivered. There never was a Christmas Ship before! There may never be a Christmas Ship again! Here is a chance for you to be one of the givers and help make next Christmas the best that was ever known on earth!

Do You Want to Help? Of Course You Do!

JOIN THE NATION-WIDE MOVEMENT OF LOVE AND CHARITY by contributing toys, money, and useful gifts to the Christmas Ship! This will make a grand MERRY CHRISTMAS from the Children of America to the Children of Europe.

The picture on the title page of this song is intended to represent "The Spirit of the Christmas Ship" rather than the actual ship itself. Such ships may have been used in olden times, but in these days ships have to be big and strong so as to carry a large number of people and things. And there is nothing stronger or safer than a large warship.

SUGGESTIONS HOW TO HELP

Toys, Articles of Clothing, etc. Toys and Dolls will make many a child happy. Articles of clothing will surely be appreciated, and shawls, gloves, caps, shoes, hosiery, etc., will be just the things some little tot needs. When you once start to think about it, you will call to mind a hundred different things that would be nice and proper to send. But whatever you send, don't send broken toys, cast-off or worn-out clothes. Send something nice, new and clean, even if you send less.

Saving Money The most useful, practical thing is money. You can get this in many ways. One good way is little each day into your savings bank. You will be surprised to see how fast the pennies and nickels mount up to the dollar mark.

Earning Money Earning money is another way. Boys can get money for errands, while girls can sew or make little things that their friends might like to buy. Boy Scouts of America, here is a chance for you to work hard in a good cause. We are certain that this grand opportunity of doing good will bring out the best talent you have and enable you to contribute a large share to the Christmas Ship Fund.

Christmas Ship Clubs One of the best and pleasantest ways of earning money is for several children toward the same end. If you have brothers, sisters or cousins, you could keep the club right in your own family, but you often get a larger variety of ideas when children of different families get together. Give your club some attractive name, such as Santa Claus Club, Hands Across the Sea, The Busy Bees, The "Inasmuch" Circle, etc.

Let us tell you what three little girls in the city of Washington did the other day. They put some toys in paper bags, tied the tops together so that no one could "peep," marked each bag with a small price, and displayed them in their front yard. The stock was soon sold; other articles were found and disposed of; and the next day these little folks sent \$2.00 away to the Christmas Ship Fund.

In Chicago, two little girls were allowed to gather flowers from a neighbor's garden. These flowers were soon sold, bringing \$2.50, which was promptly sent to the Christmas Ship Fund.

In another place fifteen girls held a candy sale and earned over \$20,00 for the Fund.

One whole town in Illinois has been turned into a workshop for preparing gifts for the Christmas Ship. Every man, woman and child in LaRose is busy. The Sunday Schools are taking up collections; the Ladies' Aid societies are making warm little garments; a moving picture company is planning a "benefit"; the young men will give a charity ball; the girls are making aprons; the little boys are going to have a pigeon sale, climbing to the belfry of the old church after the birds; while in the school are "penny boxes" into which the pupils may drop their pennies. The women are planning a pie sale, besides social affairs where a small admission fee will make the Ship fund that much the larger.

Giving Entertainments always some children who can dance, recite, sing or play the piano. These can join their talents and give an entertainment to which their friends, young and old, will gladly pay an admission fee of 5 or 10 cents. Someone can read or recite some story that will show how greatly the little ones across the ocean need our help. The entertainment can end by someone singing "Hurrah! Hurrah for the Christmas Ship!" the rest joining in the chorus, waving hats and clapping hands at the right place.

An entertainment consisting of pretty dances by little children ought to be well enough attended to raise quite a few dollars for the Fund.

Remember the Aged Also We must not forget the aged people, who also need our loving help. Yarn and needles for the women, and knives and tools for the men, are a few of the things that would give these lonesome old people something to do and live for.

Where to Send Your Gifts Ship. You will be safe in sending your gifts to the publishers of the nearest interested newspaper, who will be glad to forward same to the Ship. If you are in doubt, send your gifts in care of THE CHICAGO HERALD, CHICAGO, ILL. This paper was the originator of the Christmas Ship idea, and has many people who give their whole time to looking after the presents, and who will see that they reach the ship in time. Gifts should be prepared and sent with the least possible delay, as the Ship must start across the ocean in plenty of time to reach Europe

Now, children, do your very best for the poor little orphans across the ocean.

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