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ever the truck would hold no more, they rode joyously to the headquarters and assisted in the unloading.

And time after time the soldiers were compelled to exert more than verbal influence to restrain their eagerness. They wanted to collect day and night and had to be driven to their homes at dark.

Nor did the ardour of the children dwindle as the days passed. For more than a month the collections continued, and all of the vacant buildings designated as storerooms were crowded to overflowing. Some people gave liberally, handing out heavy pots and boilers that required several pairs of little hands to carry. Others, unable to contribute from their homes, but swayed by a pair of childish eyes, sought their purses and gave several kronen as their share.

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This is one way in which Austrian children have been helping in the war. They have also been busy in other directions.

Almost daily long lines of ambulances honk their way from the field hospitals to the allotted quarters in the big cities. As many as thirty of these ambulances arrive at a time, each machine carrying two or three wounded soldiers. Thus a hospital force is suddenly confronted with the task of caring for from sixty to ninety men, each of whom is in need of immediate attention. Each man must be given a warm bath before he can receive treatment.

When the war was young the incoming wounded were often kept waiting for an hour while the doctors and nurses, working at top speed, endeavoured to prepare them for surgical treatment. This was slow and unsatisfactory, as the bathing occupied and exhausted trained men and women who should have been permitted to minister to the suffering.

Then somebody suggested that the oldest boys and girls be called upon for assistance. At first a few boys were brought in to prepare the baths, and so apt were they, so thoroughly competent in drawing water, heating it to a proper temperature and emptying the tubs that a call went out for more. They came in droves, boys and girls, and to-day there is no delay when the ambulances arrive.

There are five boys to each tub. One heats the water, two carry it to the tubs in buckets and two undress and wash the patients and then empty and cleanse the tub.

The girls? Yes, they are employed, too. As soon as the soiled clothes are removed the girls carry them away to other tubs, where they are washed and fumigated, and returned to the proper owner within one hour from the time he arrived at the hospital. This employment of boys and girls permits the doctors and most of the nurses to perform their duties without interruption. The young hands are all eager and willing, but it is a sad sight that their young eyes must look upon. How thankful American boys and girls should be that our own land is free from such bloodshed. But there is a lighter side to the story of the Austrian children's work.

Stories of the work of Boy Scouts and other children's organizations reach America from time to time; but in no other country at war have the children, the unorganized school children, responded so splendidly for the cause for which their fathers and brothers and other relatives are shedding their blood. The term team work, used principally in connection with athletics, fits their enterprise. It is co-operation on a great scale.

In the early part of July there was a scarcity of vegetables that caused

great suffering among the poor. To do without meat half the days in a week was a hardship accepted cheerfully, but when the markets raised the prices of spinach and cabbage and insisted that the demand far exceeded the supply a petition for relief was sent to the Emperor.

With his usual perspicacity he took hold of the newest problem and settled it while others were worrying.

"Our mountains abound with watercress and dandelion plants," he said, "and our children are eager for labour. Let them gather the vegetables nature has given us and distribute them among the needy."

Promptly, expeditiously, it was done. Children who were not otherwise employed went in crowds to the country outside the cities, carrying with them sacks and baskets to receive the fruits of their labour.

Their enthusiasm was unshackled. It was like a monster picnic for them; a picnic without chaperons. Especially impressive was the sight around Vienna. Karlenberg and Kobenzl seemed alive with youngsters, hurrying from place to place, grubbing for watercress and dandelion plants. Competitions were organized by the elder children, and each one worked with might and main to out-distance the others.

At noon the children ate the lunches their parents had given them—lunches including bread that had been procured with bread cards and was made of ingredients that would have been unappetizing to American boys and girls. But not a complaint was heard, and as soon as the meal was over they renewed their work with increasing spirit, crying gleefully when a luxuriant patch was found, pouting when only grass and rocks rewarded their search.

Night came, and the tired little bodies carried their loads to waiting wagons. Two one-horse trucks had

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been assigned to the Kobenzl district; but before the last batch of juicy vegetable matter disappeared those two wagons had made five trips.

As the newly-trained soldiers leave for the front their exhausted comrades are brought back to the cities for recuperation. Here again the children are called upon for their services. As the great columns swing along they are surrounded by hordes of boys and girls with buckets of water and sandwiches, who dart in and out, where required, distributing refreshment and drink.

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