

from New York to Belgium such supplies as the public might wish to contribute. The problem at the moment was not so much that of securing supplies as of obtaining the necessary means of transporting and distributing them. It was in this way that the Foundation, through its available funds, was able to render so large a service. It was able to guarantee to whoever made a contribution in money, food, or clothing, that that contribution would reach the Belgians in full, without any deduction on account of cost of transportation or distribution, or the work of organization in effecting both.

The first vessel to sail from this continent to Europe with supplies for the Belgians was the steamer "Massapequa", chartered by the Rockefeller Foundation, and which carried four thousand tons of food supplies, every pound of which had been purchased by the Foundation itself. This was but one of four cargoes of food on vessels chartered by the Foundation which were carried between October and the close of the year 1914.

The following will indicate the total of the Belgian Relief shipments made by the Rockefeller Foundation at this time:

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