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General

December 14, 1914.

Dear Mr. Rockefeller:

Ambassador Page has sent me the report of the Commission for Relief in Belgium, in which he quotes the following telegram with regard to the discharge at Rotterdam of the cargo of the "Massapequa" which was sent by the Rockefeller Foundation:

"Five hundred stevedores jumped aboard and flung themselves at the cargo while the steamer was being made fast. The men actually fought for the right to participate in unloading. The proudest possession of the lighterman and the watermen in Rotterdam being a pass delivered to them by the German authorities, which entitles them "Member of the Relief Commission". They worked like heroes Saturday night, Sunday, and Sunday night, and by 10 p.m. Monday morning had practically the entire cargo cleared and all previous records of the port easily broken. Great crowds assembled and cheered the unloaders."

Very truly yours,

EDWARD J. MURPHY

Mr. John D. Rockefeller.