Famous Women Adopt Armenian Waifs



There are at least three happy little Armenians in this holiday season among the more than a quarter of a million pitiable little waifs who are innocent victims of Turkish barbarity. These three have found fairy godmothers in these famous American women, Mrs. Woodrow Wilson, wife of the President; Mrs. Oliver Harriman and Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt. It is hoped that thousands of other American women will follow these distinguished leaders and signalize the glad holiday season in America by making happy in the same way thousands of other little orphans in the far-off stricken land where they now are being cared for by Near East Relief, 1 Madison Avenue, N. Y.

Near East Situation Now "Most Desperate in World," Says Hoover.



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bert Hoover.

Herbert Hoover, who has now become a member of the Executive Committee of Near East Relief, which is caring for nearly 2,000,000 Armenian and Syrian refugees and who, if any one, speaks with uority when he tells of hu- suffering, says in a formal ement:

n any opinion, the situation he Near East is the most erate in the world."

. Hoover has sent a letter eveland H. Dodge, treasurer ear East Relief, 1 Madison ue, New York, in which he

accepting your invitation ome a member of the Ex- e Committee of the Near committee, I do so with uctance, but out of a sense of ty towards one of the most ficult situations in Europe. ntil some political settlement n be obtained for the Near ast and some government es- blished in responsibility for care and .epatriation of the menian population in the Cau- us, this mass of people must e sheerly by the charity of the nited States. There are in the ucasus approximately 1,800,- 0 Armenians, of whom 800,000 entirely destitute—refugees n Turkey—and amongst them emendous mass of children.

cannot too strongly urge the members of the com- and their supporters the ical necessity of concentrat- every possible effort to sup- Colonel Haskell's adminis- ion in the amounts that he ires; otherwise we shall ss one of the greatest trag- f the entire war."

TE DROPS WHEN RELIEF ARRIVES

Lives of thousands of Armenian hildren already have been saved by he Near East Relief taking over the rmenian orphanages, according to de- iled reports, which have just reached e headquarters of that organization. hese institutions had been run by the menians since the beginning of the war to care for the children whose parents had been murdered by the Turks. Because of lack of food, clothing and medicine, the death rate among the children in these institutions averaged as high as twenty or thirty a day in some cases.

When Armenian funds became inadequate the Near East Relief took charge of the orphanage. Since that time the death rate has been greatly reduced. Given good food and care the children are quickly returning to normal physical and mental condition.

It is estimated by persons who have made a survey of Armenia that 120,000 children will die during the next year unless they are given food and care. Near East Relief is the only organization now operating in Western Asia and it is making an appeal to save these Christian children.

Energy From Common Powder.

Common black sporting powder is a rce of momentary energy in some way machine shops and is used for purposes as loosening nuts and ts, breaking up scrap iron and steel, cing a rusted locomotive piston, and aking metal cooled in a furnace. It ployed in steel guns 5 to 12 inches and of proportionate diameter. owder is held by a plunger with- ad, and it is fired with the of the gun about an inch from . An ounce charge is the ired for an ordinary loco bolt.

Burlap Bag His Only Garment



POSTER BASED ON ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN AT ERIVAN, ARMENIA, BY DR. M. S. LITTLEFIELD.

He is only one of 250,000 helpless child victims of Turkish cruelty and oppression in Western Asia. Clad just as he stands in the picture this forlorn little fellow, with hunger-stricken cheeks, hopeless mouth and frail, starved body, was found wandering in the streets of Igdir, Armenia, by Dr. Milton S. Littlefield of the Near East Relief. He was taken to a Near East Relief orphanage, where it was found that his only earthly possession was the single garment in which he stood—a worn, patched blanket made from a burlap sack.

"I saw this ragged little fellow on one of the busiest business streets of Erivan, not far from the orphanage," said Dr. Littlefield. "He was wandering aimlessly about and no one was paying the slightest attention to him. I did not pose him; the picture shows just the way he stood when I backed him up against a nearby wall."

The photograph is the basis of a striking poster now being distributed by Near East Relief.

IDEAL COUNTRY OF DELIGHT

Isle of Utilla Seems to Have Been Appropriately Designated "Lazy Man's Paradise."

Worth while seems life on the Isle of Utilla. Its place on the map would be hard to find, but it's worth discovering. Away off in the Southern sea, never heard from before and but little known, it comes to the knowledge of the Pan-American union that here have Americans found a home that others enjoy when they are dead. "We call it a lazy man's paradise," says the message from this land of delight "not that the inhabitants are necessarily indolent, but simply because a large amount of labor is superfluous. Nature provides for nearly all our wants here as in most tropical countries. Farming is our principal occupation, yet there is not a plow on the island. Frost is unknown and extreme heat is never experienced. Ninety degrees in the shade would be an unusually high temperature. Our grade schools are of high standard, attendance being compulsory ten months in the year. American text books exclusively are used and social life could not be distinguished from that of the United States. Utilla is one of the Bay islands, a string of six verdant keys in the bay of Honduras, an arm of the Caribbean sea, which was discovered by Columbus in 1502. They were then thickly populated by native Indians, who became slaves. The islands now are inhabited wholly by English-speaking people. The first family to settle there was that of Joseph Cooper, who found upon landing two lonely American young men, Samuel and Joshua Warren by name. A few years later came Mark G. Morgan, an American from Philadelphia. The descendants of these men now inhabit the islands. These pioneers were the Puritan stock, all seafarers imbued with the spirit of adventure, who though filled with wanderlust, found conditions on the island so ideal that they planted their stakes deep and said: "Alabama here we rest." Of the principal exports, 110,000,000 coconuts are sent yearly to the United States. There are fourteen Methodist churches and six of the Seventh Day Adventists on the islands with more than 700 members and 300 children to their Sunday schools.—Ohio State Journal.

Slang Is a Necessity.

"My friend," said the fussy old gentleman, "why do you say you must 'toddle along?' You are in the prime of life and walk with the easy tread of a banker."

"Sir," said the facetious citizen, "if everybody were as particular about the choice of words as you are, book reviewers would write up baseball games and heckling the umpire would become a lost art."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

SELF-DENIAL MEANS SUCC...

Much Food for Thought in Analysis of the Lives of One Hundred Average Men

The American Bankers' association has compiled and published the actual life experience of 100 men. It is an illuminating analysis of the good and bad fortune that come to the average of mankind. Here it is:

At age 22: 100 men all strong and vigorous with good mental and physical capacity.

At age 35: 5 have died; 10 are wealthy; 10 are in good circumstances; 40 have moderate means; 35 have saved nothing.

At age 45: 16 have died; 3 are wealthy; 65 are self supporting, but without resources; 16 are no longer self-supporting.

At age 55: 20 have died; 1 very wealthy; 3 are in good circumstances; 46 are self-supporting, but with small means; 30 are dependent on children, relatives or charity for support.

At age 65: 36 have died; 1 very wealthy; 3 are wealthy; 6 self-supporting by labor; 54 are dependent on children, relatives or charity for support.

At age 75: 63 are dead; 60 of them left no estate; 3 are wealthy; 43 are dependent upon children, relatives or charity for support; 95 per cent of these will not leave sufficient means to defray funeral expenses.

In spite of all preaching, economy and thrift are not common qualities. The large majority of men insist on living up to their income regardless of the amount of those incomes. Self-denial is a hard thing, yet self-denial nine times out of ten is the secret of substantial success.—Wheeling Intelligencer.

INSPIRED AT ODD MOMENTS

Brilliant Thoughts That Have Come to Men of Genius in Their Hours of Repose

There is a photograph, with which most of us are no doubt familiar, of Mark Twain at work in bed—holding his writing pad on his knees, and having the things he needed for his labor disposed about on tables on either side. But the idea of working in bed was not original with Mark. Many eminent men before him did the same thing, a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger says. Indeed, no, small part of the world's literary treasure has been produced between the sheets by physical indolent although mentally active men of genius.

One of the best known lines in English poetry came into its author's head when he was actually asleep. While visiting at Minto, Thomas Campbell one evening went to bed early, with his mind full of a new poem. About 2 o'clock in the morning he suddenly awakened repeating, "Events to come cast their shadows before." Ringing the bell sharply, he summoned a servant. The man found Campbell with one foot in bed and one on the floor.

"Are you ill, sir?" he asked.

"I was never better in my life," said the poet. "Leave the candle and bring me a cup of tea."

Seizing his pen he put down the happy thought, changing "events to come" into "coming events," and over the noninebriating cup, he finished the first draft of "Lochiel's Warning."

Violent Deaths in India.

Snake bites caused 23,918 deaths in British India in 1917, nearly 300 more than in 1916. There were 2,170 persons killed by wild animals, 102 less than in 1916. Tigers got 1,009; leopards, 339; wolves and bears, 280; elephants and hyenas, 89. Of the 456 set down to "other animals," 89 are assigned to pigs and 199 to crocodiles.

Why the Moon's Phases.

The light of the moon is due entirely to reflection of the light of the sun and the different phases of the moon to its position in relation to the position of the earth and the sun. When there is a new moon, half of the surface of the moon is illuminated, but the greater portion is turned from the earth and only a delicate crescent appears to us. At the first quarter, half of the illuminated surface is turned toward us, and at the fifteenth day the moon reaches a point in the heavens directly opposite to that which the sun occupies. She is then in opposition, and the whole of the illuminated surface is turned toward us, and we have a full moon. From opposition the moon passes on in her orbit, gradually decreasing in size, or rather less and less of the illuminated part being turned toward the earth.

Bells in History.

Bells are old, old friends of men. Centuries and centuries ago, even before Christ, the ceremonies of Isis were celebrated with bells, and later, according to Exodus, there were "a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the hem of the robe"—the robe of ephod. Bells have summoned soldiers to arms and Christians to church. They have run fires and tumults. On the third day of Easter in 1282, 8,000 French were massacred in cold blood by John of Procida at the ringing of Sicilian vespers. On the 24th day of August, St. Bartholomew's day, in 1572, bells rang in the massacre of 100,000 Huguenots. At the time of Nelson's triumph and death at Trafalgar, the bells of Chester rang a merry peal alternated with one dead toll.

Pro and Con.

"They tell me women have no strength of character."

"Nonsense!"

"That's what I say. Did you ever hear of an aviatrix stopping in midair to powder her nose?"

"No, sir. I never did. But do you suppose she is going to meet another in midair who can see whether or not her nose is shiny?"—Birmingham Age-Herald.

PROMINENT MEN IN XMAS APPEAL FOR ARMENIANS

Former President Taft Leads in Eloquent Plea for Support of Near East Relief.

To save the lives of 800,000 people in Armenia and other western Asian countries and to care for more than 250,000 orphans who are homeless there former President William Howard Taft, Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, and Alexander J. Hemphill, the New York banker, as members of the Executive Committee of Near East Relief, the former American Committee on Armenian and Syrian Relief, have issued a Christmas appeal for continued support of this organization and its work.

Near East Relief is now operating under a government charter and is practically alone in the western Asian field, the Red Cross several months ago having announced its withdrawal.

The Christmas letter, a classic of its kind, is as follows:

"Dear Friend—Another little child has shriveled up and died.

"The mother, creeping back, gaunt and cold, from the desert, has put down the thin little bones with those that strew the road and has sunk beside them, never to rise again.

"Only a little child and a mother out on the bleak Armenian road! But what is that vision hovering there and what is that voice the cold winds bear to the ears of our souls—'I was hungry and ye gave me no meat; I was naked and ye clothed me not.'

"Today—yes, today—while we are preparing our gifts for Christmas, many more of these little children—not a hundred nor a thousand, but 250,000 of them—are still wandering uncared for and alone in that dead land, 'their weazened skins clinging in fear to their rattling bones,' and they are crying out with gasping breath, 'I am hungry, I am hungry!' And the voice of one who watches us as we prepare gifts to celebrate his birthday comes again to the ears of our souls—'I am hungry! I am hungry!! I am hungry!!!'

"Now, the children and the mothers in Armenia are dreading the winter. Just human remnants they are, not protected, many of them, from the elements by even the dignity of rags. One of the best favored have merely shredded rags.' How shall we sing our Christmas songs and laugh and light the candles and give beautiful gifts while that pleading voice cries in the ears of our souls, 'I am naked and cold—naked and cold?'

"But we can feed and clothe these perishing ones—some of them—before it is too late. Herbert Hoover has cabled from the Caucasus 'It is impossible that the loss of 200,000 lives can at this day be prevented, but the remaining 500,000 can possibly be saved.' They need not starve and freeze and die if we will save them. In the name of him who saw the multitude 'as sheep not having a shepherd and was moved with compassion toward them,' who exclaimed when his disciples would turn them away, 'They need not depart, give ye them to eat!' open your heart and purse and give to these Christians whom he loves, who are suffering for him and with whom he is suffering. They need not die. Give ye them to eat.

"Fifteen dollars a month will provide food, clothes, shelter and education toward self support for one orphan child.

"Ten dollars a month will provide food, clothes and shelter for one orphan child.

"Five dollars a month will provide food for one orphan child.

"He fed 5,000 hungry people in the wilderness and said to his followers, 'The things that I do shall ye do also, and greater things than these shall ye do.' Today nearly 800,000 destitute Armenians—his people—need food and clothing.

"He took little children in his arms and blessed them. Today will you take one or more of these sad, cold, hungry little children of Armenia into your arms and heart in his name and give them food and warmth and life?

"What a joyful Christmas it will be when with your songs and your laughter you hear a voice of wondrous sweetness speaking to you, 'O, ye blessed of my Father, I was hungry and ye gave me meat. I was naked and ye clothed me; inasmuch as ye have done it to these, my brethren, ye have done it to me.'

"In his name.

"Faithfully yours,

"WILLIAM H. TAFT.
"ALEXANDER J. HEMPHILL.
"HENRY MORGENTHAU."

For Executive Committee, Near East Relief.

Amethyst Once Highly Prized.

On account of its fine color, play of light and capacity for polish, the amethyst once held a high rank as a decorative stone, perhaps next to the sapphire, but by reason of the discovery of large quantities in Brazil its popularity declined in Europe and consequently its commercial value declined in corresponding ratio.

Of all the quartz varieties the amethyst has been the most highly valued, and the most frequently used for the art of engraving. The deep shades are less brilliant and for this reason the artists of antiquity preferred paler shades. Consequently [illegible] engravings on the dark shades may be suspected as modern.

Paris.

...PIRIT IS UNCHANGED

... Clergy Still Talk of Day of Triumph in Store for the Fatherland.

The Glasgow Herald prints from a ...al correspondent some interesting ...mation regarding the views of the ...n churches on the peace treaty. ... the writer, in the guise ...pressed by the churches at this ...ds in the affairs of the nation? We ...n no doubt as to its character. In ... [illegible] ... one of the ex-kaiser's ... wrote a homily on the attitude ...ch Christian men should adopt ... the peace which is being ... Germany." He wrote ... souls and do not ... [illegible] ... in the fear of God in his ... do not realize that this hour ... for a time and that ... dawning of the new ... the earth will begin ... that time comes Germany ... supreme from the fire of ... It was in 1870-71 that ... that was the prelude; we are ... the close of the second act. ... ing third act will give us our ... and God will be with us. ... counsel is this: Be patient ... our is coming. Certainly, sign ... ace, for this will give us the breathing time we require and also time for reflection."

In the Kirchen Anzeiger there is a sermon by Stadt-Pfarrer Brockhaus, ...ded "What Is Now Our Duty?" ... preacher after denouncing "the ...uel and incredible terms" of ... ...ty, goes on: "There is a reverence which is holy and ennobles all those who nourish it in their hearts. We cannot sit down under the awful humiliation. But we must wait God's time. We must wait for him to direct our course. He who led the German people from weakness to strength, ... who once blessed our efforts in ...r world mission is punishing us now ...r our sins, but he has great work ... us yet and he will see that we ... ...d on the necks of our adversaries." All through these sermons ...ling with the peace and the post-... situation generally the German ...rgy continuously exhort the ...ks to be patient, to be steadfast ...ring the days of tribulation. In ...nctory sort of way they acknowledge that tribulation has come upon ... people because of their sins and ...rtcomings, but the sins and shortcomings have nothing to do with the ... of causing the war or with the ...ffable crimes committed by Germany in the four years of its duration.

...ract Rule for Employees in Factories Where Work Is Done on Gold.

Clothes of a light color are not favorites where work is done on gold. In fact, in many such factories a dark suit of clothes is absolutely demanded and even a light waistcoat may ... a man a job. The reason for this is that any stray grains of gold that may get on the clothing can easily be seen on a dark suit while they might get away from the establishment if light clothes were worn.

That such a rule was enforced among gold workers one man learned recently when a Bohemian gold beater applied to him for a helping hand. The Bohemian said that he had not been in this country long, that he had had a chance to obtain a good job at ... trade, but that the place had been refused him because he turned up with a light suit and waistcoat on. ... they were the only clothes he had.

The man whom he approached was struck by the story and offered to help him out if it proved true. He went to a factory with him and found out that the man could have the job if he presented himself with an hour clad in the proper clothes. So a suit of desired kind was obtained for him and sure enough he got the job.

"You may think this is strange," said the foreman of the factory, "but it ... quite a lot to us. Every man's clothing is carefully examined when he leaves the place at night and the gold is brushed off. ... never we see any on his clothes ... It is impossible to hide even the grains on a dark background, but in the case of a mixed or light suit we might easily lose quite ... and gold isn't any ... lose even in small ..."

... to Honor De L'Isle.

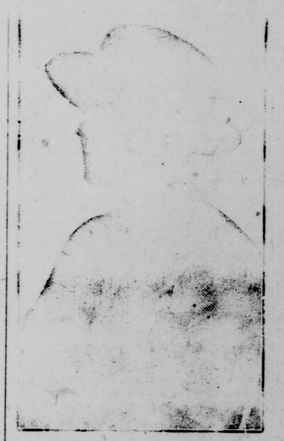
... a plan afoot to aid in the coming ... of a memorial at Strasbourg ... de l'Isle and his "Chant de ... Marseillaise" that the chair ... of the committee in charge bears ... name and is a direct descendant ... Dietrich, in whose house the ... first sung. Little enough ... imagined it did he foresee ... that his song would provide ... for a French revolution or ... time would bring him a perma... memorial in a Strasbourg that ... [illegible] out of French possession. ... back again. The author himself ... suffered both by loss of his commission and by imprisonment, first because ... the publication of his song by the Revolution made him suspected of revolutionary beliefs by what power still ... to the older government, and ... his lack of enthusiasm for the revolution made him an object of an attack by the new leaders.

The Canadian national railways recently broke a speed record in the transportation of troops from one ship. The troopship Olympic docked at six o'clock in the evening, with 4,900 returned soldiers aboard. Eleven special trains were made up to take the soldiers to demobilization points inland. The first of these specials got under way at 7:45 o'clock. The other trains followed at varying intervals of 18 minutes. ... these homes all ... to a ... in 1917.

WOMEN WAR WORKERS, EAGER TO SERVE, GO TO AID ARMENIANS

Mary Vail Andrees, Only Woman to Receive Distinguished Service Medal, Heads Party.

Dissatisfied with uneventful civilian life, after two years vivid experience as workers abroad in the world war, a party of women led by Miss Mary Vail Andrees, ... New York City, have just sailed for the Near East, where nearly a million people are suffering from disease and starvation.



MISS MARY VAIL ANDREES,
Distinguished Service Heroine Who Now Goes to Near East.

Miss Andrees has returned to this country after serving for the Red Cross, but when she heard of the sad plight of the Armenians, she at once offered her services to Near East Relief, the former American Committee on Armenian and Syrian Relief, which already has saved thousands of lives in Western Asia. Miss Andrees is the only American woman war worker who was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by Congress. Most of the other members of her party likewise served with honor for the Red Cross and other war service organizations.

Among the other members of the group are the Misses Frances and Betty Anderson of New Canaan, Coun., who were decorated with the Croix de Guerre by the French Government; Miss Margaret Milne of Washington, D. C., who was a member of the Hoover Relief Commission for Rumania, and Miss Alex Sidney, an English woman who served for three years with the British Relief Commission in Serbia. Miss Doris Nevin, another member of the party, is a daughter of the late Ethelbert Nevin, the composer.

Col. William N. Haskell, commissioner to the Near East for the Paris Peace Commission and official representative of the Near East Relief, has cabled that the relief workers now in the field are overwhelmed by the magnitude of their task. Col. Haskell says 800,000 Armenians will starve before the next harvest unless they are given aid, and 120,000 ... children face death from ... fare.

Thousands of ... are daily being brought to the relief centers from the deserts.

Porpoise Killed Shark.

How a battle-scarred dolphin, a porpoise commonly called the seahog, ... 6-foot shark is described by ... fishermen, who say ... the killing from the ... which encircles Galveston Island with the mainland.

... how, according to the books, ... and gregarious fish," ... declared there was ... about this dolphin. ... within a few feet ... fishermen saw the ... streak in the ... shark squarely ... ripped it open ... into pieces. ... fishermen is that ... protect its ... the shark was

His Caddie's Advice.

Clergyman (playing at historic St. Andrew's for the first time, to caddie) What is th' yawning abyss in the ... caddie?

Caddie—That's hell, sir.

Clergyman—Indeed! What a name ... bunker!

—You see, sir, it's called hell since ye got in ye canna get ...

Clergyman (after playing and landing in the bunker calls for his niblick) ... a good shot out of the hazard. What have you got to say to ... now?

Caddie—A' that I hae to say, sir, when we dee tak' yer niblick wi' ...—Portland Telegram.

Prevalence of Deafness.

The last census showed that there ... in the United States 89,287 persons who are totally deaf. Dr. Wendell C. Phillips of New York told the Philadelphia College of Physicians recently that in New York city there are ... 100,000 persons more or less incapacitated as a result of partial deafness, and of these probably 80 per cent are of the working class.

Prices for Canadian Wool.

The average value of unwashed wool ... was 62 cents in 1917; ... cents in 1917; ... and 75 cents ... in 1917.

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