

# STARVING—DYING

## ARMENIANS

### and SYRIANS

ask your **HELP!!**

The story and facts are as follows:

1. "The destitute in Bible Lands" constitute the greatest appeal known to history.

2. 1,200,000 Adults and 250,000 little children in a country in which "there is the most desperate situation in the world."—Herbert Hoover. The children are destitute, hopeless and utterly forlorn— orphaned because their parents would not renounce their Christian faith.

3. No other country but America can give the needed help. "The land across the sea is known as America of the big heart."

4. Refugee children coming to orphanages have been refused admittance because the food ration for those already taken in had been cut to the danger point—seven-eighths of an ounce of rice daily.

5. A thoughtful observer of conditions in the Near East returning to America and seeing the orgy of extravagance and high living said: "Middle Europe and the Near East are in danger of losing their lives but America is in danger of losing her soul."

6. The gallant Armenian army kept the Turks out of the Baku oil fields and thus helped win the war. One hundred and sixty thousand were under arms.

7. The Armenians are second to no other people in thriftiness and sagacity in trade. They will reclaim their land.

#### Poster Tells Dramatic Story



This picture, painted especially for the Near East Relief by M. Leon Bracker, vividly portrays what words fail to express—the horrible suffering of the women and children of Armenia and adjacent countries. Peace has blessed Europe and America for more than a year but in Western Asia conditions more frightful than any war time experiences of the martyred populations of Belgium and France still exist. Thousands of women and children escaped massacre by the Turkish soldiers only to face the terrible agonies of death by starvation. At the present time it is estimated that 1,200,000 adults and fully 250,000 orphaned children are completely destitute and in imminent danger of death by starvation and exposure. The Near East Relief, 1 Madison Avenue, New York, is at present the only organization giving aid to these suffering people and lack of funds still prevents the reaching of more than a small part of the stricken people.

8. The "Near East Relief" is now incorporated under government control by special act of Congress. Among the Board of Trustees are Hon. Charles E. Hughes, Hon. Elihu Root and Dr. James L. Barton, Chairman of Board. The object of the organization is: "Physical relief of the homeless dependent people and provision for the orphans and their reestablishment on a self-supporting basis." Relief payments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1919, were \$30,635,241.01 or 18 cents per day for each of the 400,000 for whom help was asked. "Private philanthropy" is still being asked to shoulder the burden until "peace" conditions are restored among the nations.

9. There are 168 orphanages operating at present, caring for 41,200 homeless, helpless little ones. More doors must be opened to care for the remaining 250,000. All kinds of training is given in these asylums. There are 54 refugee stations thru which thousands pass en route to their former homes. There are 14 rescue homes sheltering 1000 girls escaped from the harems of Turks, Kurds and Arabs. The release of other thousands could be demanded if there were provided other rescue homes in which they could be cared for.

10. About 500 workers are in the field, one of whom went from Weiser; 36 eminent physicians and surgeons, 76 nurses, 7 mechanics, 15 industrial experts, 16 agriculturists, 14 bacteriologists, 197 relief workers, 25 supplies and transport workers, 19 teachers, 20 administrators, 34 secretaries, 7 engineers, 45 army officers. Present help is inadequate.

The Relief Unit to which this appeal is made includes the city of

and districts of **ONTARIO**  
**CAIRO,**  
**ARCADIA,**  
**VALLEY VIEW,**  
**LINCOLN,**  
**WHITE SETTLEMENT,**  
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