

ALEPPO CENTER OF ARMENIAN RELIEF

Ancient City Displays Lights and Shadows of Work.

ORPHAN MINISTRY SET UP

New York Minister Heads Hundreds of Boys, and Work for Men and Women Provided.

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ALEPPO, Syria.—Short of the Caucasus, this is the central point in Armenian relief. Work in Constantinople is chiefly administrative. This old city, now made new, is the most important railway junction in the near east. Through it, the scattered Armenian refugees are pouring to their homes, or to what used to be their homes. So this is a clearing house of tragedy.

Aleppo, it will be recalled, is the northernmost city of Syria. It lies inland from the head of the Mediterranean; its port is Alexandretta, and near by is ancient Antioch, where the disciples were first called Christians. Countless historical and legendary incidents are associated with this region, which since time beyond all record was a highway for communication between east and west, north and south.

Even the name carries a suggestion of the remote past. In Arabic Aleppo is "Halab" or "White cow," because tradition has it that Abraham once dwelt here, in the castle which dominates the city, and he apparently milked his white cow every day for the benefit of the poor.

Many Interests Develop.

In a life as long as that of Aleppo—the Egyptian monuments of 2000 B. C. mention the city—all sorts of interests have developed. The fact that most of the world's licorice root and most of its pistachio nuts are exported through Aleppo and grown nearby may not be generally known. Of wide fame is the "Aleppo button," a mysterious ball of unknown origin, which appears on the exposed surface of the body, usually on the face. It runs its curious course for a year or two, despite all medication, and then leaves a scar like a vaccination mark, sometimes as big as a dollar. I have seen a cultured British lady with one of these "buttons" a-bloom on the end of her nose. So seriously is the affliction regarded that Great Britain rebates a certain proportion of the terms of service of its representatives in Aleppo.

Relief Made Official.

Prior to the British conquest of Syria these Armenians were almost wholly dependent upon the bounty of Americans for succor. Consuls, missionaries and educators worked with splendid devotion and efficiency. Since the arrival of the British relief has been made official. Transportation, shelter, food, clothing and medicine have been provided. Sixty thousand refugees have been cared for by the British government in relief measures. Army officers have the work in hand, and they have systematically gathered up the refugees and transported them to their old homes. In this work of rehabilitation they have done literally wonders. There is no starvation anywhere in Syria today. Of poverty naturally there is plenty; it is especially to his own homeland that the words of Jesus apply. "The poor ye have always with you. Dangerous destitution, however, has been overcome. Dier-zar-Zer and other deportation centers have been completely evacuated.

In all this work the American relief workers are taken into close and cordial co-operation by the British. There is in Aleppo a great barracks where from six to ten thousand refugees are kept pending distribution to their homes. This is provided by the British, who also furnish the food, but the administration is in the hands of the Americans, first of the Red Cross, and upon the latter's demobilization, of the near eastern relief committee.

Spirit Is Broken.

This particular refuge is an impressive picture of the plight of the Armenian deportees. They have lived for years as hunted, hungry animals. Their spirit is broken. Even here their home is but a spot on the earthen floor of the gloomy barracks. Their possessions are the only what they can carry, and their clothes are rags. Literally for years they have been without facilities for cleanliness and sanitary living. The wonder is not that upward of a million have died and been killed but that any have survived. Now they simply sit around and wait. The men, said the relief workers, evade work, but the women are of better spirit. Pastors told me that interest in religion and even in the prospects of a new Armenia has slumped. These poor creatures are the Turk's handwork, as fearsome as the ones whom he slew outright.

While I was present, there was great excitement over the arrest by the American Red Cross physician in charge of a Turk who had come seeking an Armenian girl. He carried a British passport to Mardin, and, having accomplished so much, his audacity knew no bounds. He was recognized by Armenians in the barracks as the late military governor of Urfa, a ravager of girls and a murderer of Armenians.

The American doctor, who has no judicial or police authority whatever, held a formal trial and on the evidence of 16 witnesses, including the man in jail, where I saw him. Powerful influences had tried to secure his release, but the American, standing squarely on elemental justice, refused to let him go except to the highest British authorities. That Yankee physician is the type who would set up gallows all over Turkey were they in places of responsibility, and by a few hundred, or a few thousand, snorted executions of red-handed murderers would establish law in the land.

College Students Assail.

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Marrriages Are Arranged.

That same young American is a wonderful housemother for these Armenian girls with their tragic stories and lifelong problems. She arranged the marriage of a number of them to Armenian soldiers in the French oriental legion. Life is not uninteresting for the girls out here. Some of the workers manage industrial enterprises, such as knitting, embroidery, lace making and sewing. Others work in the hospital and dispensary, or in the repair of motor trucks and touring cars, and put in an amount of labor such as

no labor union in America would permit.

Over in the tented orphanage for boys I found a New York minister dressed in a native gown, supervising the life studies of several hundred youngsters. I happened upon one of the countless incidents of the day's work; a new boy who did not want to have his hair clipped short. It took the comforting comradeship of an older boy to help him through his ordeal.

In America there is much talk of Armenian needs; out here it is good to see what a vast amount of successful work has already been done.

There are no faces hereabouts wearing the pinch or pallor of starvation.

ELKS PLAN TO STAMPEDE

25 Hood Candidates to Go to The Dalles December 11.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 29.—(Special.)—Elks of the Hood river valley are planning on stampeding The Dalles lodge, of which local men are members, with a herd of 25 candidates on the evening of Thursday, December 11. The initiation of the new class of baby Elks will give Hood

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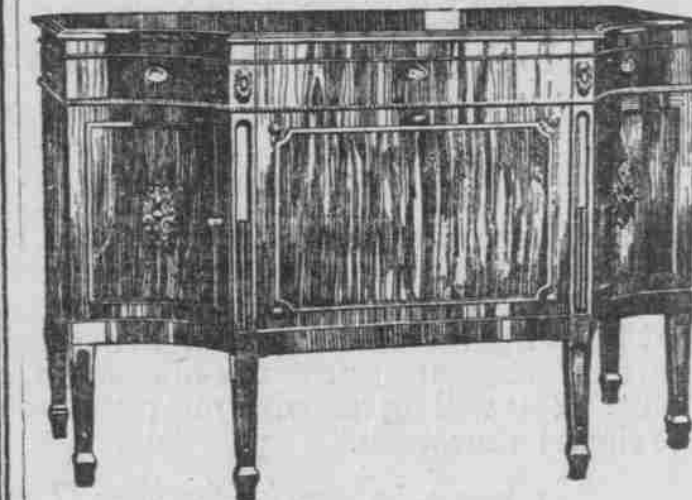
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