

ARMENIANS SAVED BY AMERICAN FLAG

J. J. Handsaker Describes Near East Conditions.

OLD GLORY RESPECTED

People Flee Before Kemalist Army, but Moslems Do Not Molest Orphanages of Relief.

Tales of fighting between the Greeks and Turks in the contested area of Armenia, which has been the scene of fighting for so many years, are contained in a letter just received by The Oregonian from J. J. Handsaker of Portland, now in Armenia for the near east relief. The presence of an American flag over an orphanage at Ismid saved all in the building from the Turkish rapists, reports Mr. Handsaker.

"From the lips of H. C. Moffett, who is the director of the near east relief unit at Ismid, and from other workers, I heard a most stirring story of recent events in which America again played the part of the good Samaritan," wrote Mr. Handsaker.

"For some reason the Greeks on June 22 decided to evacuate the territory near Ismid. They had been in control for some time and had several warships anchored in the bay at a point between Ismid and the town of Bardizag, which is directly opposite. They also had a body of several thousand troops at Ismid and many others over at Bardizag. On the 23rd night the Greek commander sent a note that he would withdraw his troops and warships the following morning. This meant that the Kemalist army would come sweeping through these towns immediately after the departure of Ismid and Greek forces. It was not known even by the Greeks how many men Kemal Pasha had in the immediate vicinity. It was known however, that these forces were only six miles away.

"Maddening Scenes Prevail. "Miss Sophie Holt of Duluth, Minn., who is in charge of the near east relief orphanage at Ismid, told me about the great excitement in the town when the news came that the Greeks were about to leave. Miss Holt now has 250 girl orphans in her care. There are now 70 of these children at the trachoma hospital on the hillside above the orphanage. I may add that the orphan boys at Ismid are there only temporarily and directly because of the Greek evacuation of the town of Bardizag. At Bardizag the relief unit maintains an orphanage where these boys were comfortably cared for, but they, with all the other people in the town, were obliged to move when the Greek commander decided to withdraw.

"In the two towns of Ismid and Bardizag and the surrounding villages, more than 23,000 people moved out within ten hours after the Greek commander gave notice. The most maddening excitement prevailed on both sides of the bay. H. W. Kingsbury, in charge of the near east relief orphanage at Bardizag, maintained a spot and immediate provision made for needy veterans.

"Both Bardizag and Ismid are now practically deserted. Where the people are no longer to be seen. In the haste of the evacuation members of families were separated. It is a terrible situation, but no more terrible than hundreds of other similar instances in the history of this sorrow-stricken land. After seeing what I have seen, after knowing from personal experience what America and the American flag mean here, I am devoted more than ever to the cause before this great humanitarian cause. Our steady hand, as well as our contributions to the sustenance and rehabilitation of these innocent sufferers, are needed now as never before. I wish to say, too, that the Armenian orphans I have seen at Constantinople, at Ismid and at Derindje are fine specimens of boyhood and girlhood, and give every promise of great leadership among their races.

"When the 225 boys at Derindje gathered today on the pier as our ship was leaving and sang with great gusto and feeling the good old 'Star Spangled Banner,' it brought tears to my eyes. I want the folks back home to know that it is a good work we are doing—a worthy work. Mr. Handsaker has visited Derindje, where the near east relief ship took a cargo of flour recently. At Derindje the near east relief maintains a large warehouse.

"Kemalist Army in Control. "Derindje really consists of nothing more than the warehouses themselves, which are huge structures covered with corrugated iron and built alongside the waterfront," he says. "Around the warehouses, in an area comprising not more than five acres, is what might be called the near east relief compound. The limits of this compound are marked by a barbed-wire fence, which was erected by the British when they were in possession of this territory. The entire country is now in control of the Kemalist army. To me it is the most significant sight to see Kemalist soldiers—that is, Turkish soldiers—patrolling the outside of this barbed-wire stockade, while inside the little children, helpless orphans to the number of 250, are romped and played fearlessly under the protection of the American flag.

"The orphanage at Ismid is a large building, which formerly was used as a stable. You would be delighted to see evidences of the ingenuity of these boys and girls, none of them more than 15 years of age, trying to make habitable their temporary quarters in this former stable. They have built little cots for themselves, mostly out of pieces of boxes received at the warehouse. I noticed on many of the boxes the name of Oregon, showing that those very orphans had received the benefits of the contributions of the people of our state."

VETERANS TO GET HELP

Traveling Contact Units to Hear Claims for Federal Aid. SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 20.—Help is to be taken direct to disabled ex-service men of California, Nevada and

Arizona by two traveling contact units, consisting of representatives of the bureau of war risk insurance, the federal board for vocational education and the United States public health service. For the next six weeks about 40 towns in the three states will be visited by the units, each made up of eight workers and the ex-service men will be asked to meet the units and present their requests for vocational training, compensation and medical treatment. The requests will then be sent to San Francisco for approval and the Washington office will stop. Claims for medical, dental and surgical treatment will be settled on the spot.

PORTLAND GIRL LAUNCHES OWN ADVERTISING SERVICE.

—Dushnell Photo. Miss Annie B. Brunna. Miss Annie B. Brunna has severed her connection with the Botsford-Constantine Advertising Agency in order to start a service to a few clients. This will be known as the Brunna Advertising Service, located in the Northwestern Bank building. During her association with the Botsford-Constantine Advertising Agency, Miss Brunna was responsible for many advertisements of western products appearing in national magazines in color and in newspapers throughout the country. Among them was the campaign for Jantzen swimming suits, which received favorable comment in Printer's Ink prior to her resignation. She is now advertising manager for Lipman Wolfe & Co. for two years. Miss Brunna, who was formerly on a local paper, left that work to join the advertising staff of the Meier & Frank company. She spent several years in New York studying art and advertising.

Co-operating with the three federal agencies all volunteer veteran relief organizations will assist in going over the districts to locate and assist disabled veterans. The following organizations will help: The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans of the World War, Military Order of the World War, Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, Y. M. C. A. and the Jewish welfare board.

John W. McGregor, a resident of Portland since 1859, died at his home at 120 Cherry street, August 6. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., March 21, 1853. He took up the work of locomotive machinist in the Porter Bros' locomotive works in that city, where he was employed until August 15, 1889. Thence he came to Portland, where he worked for the Southern Pacific in the capacity of foreman in the shops here during the greater part of the 28 years he was in their employ.

He retired from the service with the railroad in 1913 on account of failing health. Mr. McGregor was a member of the Odd-fellows lodge No. 24, of Pittsburgh, and also of the Order of Independent Americans of Pittsburgh, and the Washington lodge, No. 46, of the Masons of Portland. The Masons have conducted the funeral services in the Rose City cemetery.

JOHN W. MCGREGOR DIES Resident of Portland Since 1859 Passes at His Home.

He is survived by his widow, a daughter, Mrs. Sadie Dirk, and a son, W. Howell McGregor, all of Portland. Also Mrs. Maggie Garrett of Wilkesburg, and two brothers, Thomas and James McGregor of Pittsburgh, Pa., also survive him.

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about 18 inches long, and with the center portion large enough to permit a good grip. He then let himself drop into the water. As the shark approached and turned over to strike, its great jaws open to their full width, the Hawaiian, with quick movement, thrust the javelin between the jaws, one point penetrating the roof of the mouth and the other the lower jaw. The shark, thus unable to close his mouth and helpless, was either speared or allowed to swim away, as the Hawaiian chose.

IDAHO SCHOOL FENDS NEW USE FOR POPULAR MUSIC.

Phonograph is Turned Loose and Students All Move Fingers in Time to Rhythm. BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Jazz music makes good typewriters. This is the opinion of members of the Boise school board. They reached this conclusion this week when they gave their approval to a number of bills to purchase the key.

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FINLAND URGED TO JOIN

BALTIC UNION WANTS NATION IN NEW ENTENTE. Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania Sign Alliance Which Makes Them Buffers.

RIGA, Latvia, Aug. 20.—Efforts are now under way to induce Finland to join the Baltic union, which became an accomplished fact with the signing of various conventions leading to a triple alliance of Esthonia, Latvia and Lithuania. In diplomatic circles here the signing of these conventions is considered as a great step toward the potential formation of a united military front from the Arctic to the Black sea against any aggression from soviet Russia.

PLANT OFFERED TO BEND

Water Company Proposes to Sell System. Plan to Obtain Supply in Tumalo Creek Blocked by District's Threat of Injunction.

BEND, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—An offer to sell to the municipality the water system, including rights and distribution facilities through which the Bend Water, Light & Power company serves the city of Bend, was made today in a statement issued by Charles A. Brown, president of the company, who arrived here a few days ago from Chicago. Mr. Brown made his proposal following a three-day survey of local conditions. The price which the company would consider for original cost less depreciation, he said.

SHRINE OUTING ARRANGED

Valley Clubs to Gather at Albany Park September 5. The first annual reunion of Williamette valley Shrine clubs will be held at Bryan's park in Albany Monday, September 5. The outing will be under the direction of the Albany Shrine club and plans have been made for similar outings each year in different parts of the valley. The Al Kader patrol, band and drum corps will be in attendance, as will the divan of Al Kader and many of its members.

VETERANS TO GET LAND 19,000 Acres to Be Opened to ex-Service Men Next Month. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Nearly 19,000 acres of land will be opened to ex-service men next month, according to advices to national headquarters of the American Legion. In September 1922 farms will be opened to homestead entry by ex-service men of the world war on the North Platte irrigation project in

UTILITY HEADS CALLED IN

State Tax Commissioner to Take Up Valuations. SALEM, Or., Aug. 20.—(Special.)—Frank F. Lovell, state tax commissioner, has written letters to the heads of various utility corporations operating in Oregon, asking them to call at his offices in Salem within the next few weeks to discuss the valuation of their respective properties.

WORK TO BE REORGANIZED

Changes in Office of City Attorney Grant Expected. Reorganization of the forces and work in the city attorney's office is planned by City Attorney Grant. Stanley Myers, deputy city attorney, is slated to resign to accept the office of district attorney in the general shift that will take place if Chief Justice Tobias is convinced of the judicial post in the Philippines. E. Y. Lansing Jr., deputy district attorney, has announced his resignation to take up private law practice. Mr. Grant has not announced his

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