

# ESSAYS TELL STORIES ABOUT BAD SUFFERING

## Scores of Students Participate in Armenian-Syrian Contest

### 43 WRITINGS RECEIVED

#### Eleven-Year-Old Louise Nunn Urges Response to Call for Funds

The story of suffering Armenia has been carried into many homes by the children of the public schools who have taken part in the prize essay-writing contest inaugurated by the local relief committee.

Every mail brings anywhere up to a dozen essays, forty-three having reached headquarters before noon yesterday.

Among the essays of the school children of Marion county one here and there is read, as it passes through the hands of those at headquarters. Nothing like an examination of all has as yet been made, and this will not begin until all outside points in the county have had an opportunity to mail in their essays.

But occasionally one is halted and read. This happened in the case of an essay by Louise Nunn of the sixth grade of the Englewood school, which shows good study of the situation. Writing of the Armenians, Louise says:

"They are a thrifty people. They would not think of begging, or calling for help if they were left alone so they could raise their own crops. They guard a little bunch of grass as if it were the choicest food. They eat weeds and dogs that have died, even without cooking, they are so hungry. White bread would be as great a luxury as the nicest cake would be to us. Some of the children are herded up into districts and fed just enough to keep alive. They do not have near food enough to go around.

"Think of the joy when a ship comes in loaded with food! Then try and think of the sorrow and mourning when there is not enough to go around. In one section there are

# ROADS STRUGGLE WITH PROBLEMS OF SHIPMENTS

## Effort Made to Keep Fuel Moving Through Bad Storm Districts

### INDUSTRIES MAY CLOSE

#### Temperatures Reported Rising—Factories Badly in Need of Coal

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Against the worst general snow and ice storm of a generation, the government railroad administration today struggled in an effort to open main traveled routes and keep coal and food shipments moving over the lines best able to handle them.

The situation was regarded as worse than at any time within the last week of traffic-paralyzing weather. On top of an accumulation of snow in the middle west came fresh snowfall today. Snowplows went to work on the new drifts, while gangs of laborers tackled yards and terminals already cleared of snow within the week.

Temperatures were rising in most sections tonight but it was not warm enough to release cars frozen to sidings or to thaw thousands of cars with coal caked in the carriers. Telegraph and telephone wires went down under weight of snow and ice and many passenger trains whose schedules had been re-established yesterday, were withdrawn again, lest they meet the fate of scores of others stalled beneath drifts.

Only coal and food kept moving but slowly. The railroads' supply of locomotives were used largely for these shipments.

Officials believed it would be only a matter of days before some industries would be forced to close by inability to get fuel. Measures are being planned to safeguard domestic and public utilities needed, and to distribute the remainder to the most essential industries.

Railroad administration officials acknowledged they could do little against the weather except to distribute cars, locomotives and snow fighting apparatus.

Freight moving week, although recognized in telegrams from a number of commercial organizations today, seemed almost snowbound. Director General McAduff spent nearly two hours discussing the mid-western storm conditions with R. H. Aishton, president of the Chicago & Northwestern railway, who had been summoned here for a conference and there were reports that Mr. Aishton would be named formally as Mr. McAduff's representative in Chicago to supervise transportation as A. H. Smith is doing in the east.

# FUEL FAMINE IN EAST NOW BECOMES ACUTE

## Thousands of Workers Idle; Many Theatres Are Ordered Closed

### TRAINS RUSHING COAL

#### Industry to be Normal in Four Days Unless New Storms Set in

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—With thousands of workers idle and many industries facing paralysis, the whole force of the federal fuel administration today was directed toward relief of the fuel famine in the storm-swept districts of the central west.

At Indianapolis, all theaters, saloons, pool rooms and places not absolutely necessary, were ordered closed until further notice.

In Michigan, W. K. Prudden, state fuel administrator, declared that there is less than 500 tons of available coal in the state outside of Detroit. He issued an order limiting sharply the hours during which all places of business may be heated.

Kansas City reported only a limited amount of fuel available with the authorities taking every precaution to conserve that. The ward schools have been closed and the majority of churches are holding no night services.

At Omaha, Neb., railway officials declare that the coal supply will be normal within four days unless there should be another storm and blockade.

Wyoming and Colorado are said to be furnishing a larger supply of coal to Nebraska than ever before. Des Moines reported that conditions were normal and that there was no shortage. Lincoln, Neb., reported no serious coal shortage in its district.

In Kansas the railroads have been given instructions to run solid coal trains if necessary to relieve the shortage and coal is to be handled ahead of all other commodities.

From the northwest no suffering was reported.

In Chicago, Fuel Administrator Durham said the situation will be more critical in five or six days than at present. "Though we hope to be able to take care of the needs of the small consumers, some industries may have to close because the mines are not in operation," he declared.

# More Members Added to Union Labor Auxiliary

At an adjourned meeting of the Salem Union Labor Red Cross held in Union Labor hall last night the charter membership was raised to fifty-five members from the original thirty of the night of the organization, and a third meeting was called to be held January 29, at which the women affiliated with the labor unions, or their friends and relatives, will be admitted to the auxiliary.

The secretary last night sent the following message to the State Federation of Labor, now in session in Astoria:

"The Salem Trades council has organized the Salem Union Labor Red Cross auxiliary with fifty-five charter members; will meet on the 29th with our ladies, who will join the order. This is the first labor union Red Cross auxiliary in the state of Oregon, and suggest that the State Federation organize a Labor Red Cross auxiliary as a war measure, thus doing our bit for the government."

# K. OF C. MEETS GOOD RECEPTION

## Inauguration of Campaign Finds People of Salem District Generous

A committee of men soliciting funds for the war fund of the Knights of Columbus has been at work since Monday and beginning today a committee of women will be at work in the same cause. Because of other campaigns that are on now, the Knights of Columbus have confined their workers to members of the order or members of the Catholic church.

Frank Davey, district deputy for this district, who is in charge of the campaign, says that the reception being received in Salem is cordial and that considering the large number of good causes to which the people are being asked to contribute the generosity with which they give to one more is surprising.

The committee of men at work is composed of Albert O'Brien, James E. Heenan, A. A. Michel, Dr. Herman W. Barr, David O'Hara, James Donagan, Frank V. McCarthy and Thomas Brown, with Mr. Davey in charge.

Four women leaders have been chosen as a nucleus for the organization of women which will be effected today with about twenty members added to the four leaders who are Mrs. Frank Davey, Mrs. A. A. Michel, Mrs. J. G. Naden and Mrs. Albert O'Brien.

A quota has been set for the Salem district, but the campaign will continue all of this week and a part of next.

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## Government Introduces Evidence at Hindu Trial Showing Conspiracy

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# SENATE REJECTS PAPER CONTROL

## Resolution is Called Vicious; Loyalty of Press Held Uppermost

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The resolution giving the federal trade commission direct authority to regulate the production and distribution of print paper was rejected by the senate today, 36 to 33.

After the vote, which came at the close of a debate that had been in progress almost all continuously since January 7, Senator Smith of Arizona, who was in charge of the resolution, announced that he would continue his efforts to have the government take over control of the print paper industry. He said he would seek to have the house adopt and send to the senate a similar measure in slightly changed form.

In debate attacks made upon the resolution both by Democrats and Republican senators, Senator Knox termed it incomprehensible and "vicious in its purpose." No institution has shown more loyalty to the government than the press, he said, adding "that as the newspapers seem to understand the viciousness of this bill, the more they are inclined to oppose it."

Senators Harding and Hitchcock, both newspaper owners, also opposed the measure, the former declaring that it would only hinder the importation of pulp from Canada, and embarrass the publishers.

Senators King and Fernald argued that it was not a war measure but a bill to turn private enterprises over to the government, while Senator Reed classified it as a "disgrace" to the senate and Senator Smoot asserted it would prove the greatest censorship ever imposed.

On the final vote, twenty-seven Democrats and five Republicans supported the resolution and twelve Democrats and twenty-four Republicans opposed it.

The federal trade commission is now preparing to fix news print paper prices under an agreement reached by the manufacturers with the commission and the department of justice.

# ALEXANDER NOT TO ASK EXEMPTION FROM DRAFT

## Omaha, Neb., Jan. 15.—Grover Alexander, premier pitcher of the Nationals, has been placed in class 1, division A, of the draft and will not play ball with the Chicago Cubs this year.

Alexander received his card today and says he immediately wired Weegham.

"I shall ask no exemption," said Alexander this afternoon. "I'm ready to go. I am no slacker. I don't know what the hell I'll do about transferring me from Philadelphia to Chicago. That's up to the baseball people, not me."

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used the Yorktown's wireless to obtain charter money for the schooner Annie Larsen while both vessels were in the harbor of Acapulco, Mexico, were introduced. The government maintains that a cargo of arms and ammunition which was aboard the Larsen at the time was for the use of the Indian revolutionists.

No evidence was presented to show that the commander or any of the crew of the Yorktown had any knowledge; they were participating in a supposedly criminal act when they allowed Page to use the ship's wireless.

These alleged facts were brought out during the cross-examination of Marcus Martinez, a San Diego customs broker, who testified that he chartered the Larsen at Hizar's request, to carry arms and ammunition supposedly to the Carranza port of Topolobampo, Mexico.

Robert L. Sebastian, deputy collector of customs at Aberdeen, Wash., testified to the seizure of the Larsen and her cargo after she had put in at the port of Hoquiam, four miles from Aberdeen. Page escaped, after two deputy sheriffs had been put aboard the vessel to see that he did not get away, Sebastian testified.

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# HIGH COMMAND NOT AT FAULT

## British Government Considers Cambrai Reverse Was Not Surprise

LONDON, Jan. 15.—Andrew Bonar Law, chancellor of the exchequer, announced in the house of commons today that as the result of Field Marshal Haig's inquiry, the government considered the British higher command had not been surprised by the German attack in the Cambrai sector, November 30, and had taken all proper means to meet it.

Mr. Bonar Law said Field Marshal Haig's inquiry was instituted before instructions had been received by him from the war office. His report

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has been carefully examined by the general staff and the war cabinet considered it would be highly detrimental to the public interest to have a public discussion on the breakdown which undoubtedly had occurred. The cabinet, added the chancellor, was satisfied that proper measures had been taken to deal with any similar situation in the future.

East Pemberton Billing, member of Noel Hertfordshire, asked the chancellor if he could dispel the rumor that Field Marshal Haig was being relieved of his command in France. Mr. Bonar Law replied that it was quite unnecessary for him to do so.

# Weather is Better Corn Prices Lower

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Corn averaged slightly lower in prices today mainly as a result of better weather conditions than had been expected. The market closed unsettled, at the same as yesterday's finish to 1/4 cent lower, with January \$1.27 1/2 and May \$1.24 1/2 @ \$1.25. Oats declined 1/4 to 1/2 cent net. Provisions scored gains of 2 1/2 to 17 cents.

Bright skies, instead of a new snowstorm, which was looked for, put the bulls at a disadvantage in corn. A slight increase of the United States visible supply total tended to ease values and there were reports that a large number of loaded cars were waiting throughout the west, especially in Iowa, ready to be hauled to market as soon as motive power and clear tracks were available.

In oats nothing was heard of any seaboard inquiry, and selling was based largely on the fact that Illinois seemed in a fair way to clear up congestion. Under such circumstances, rallies failed to last.

Tightening of the provision market came about from the meagreness of offerings.

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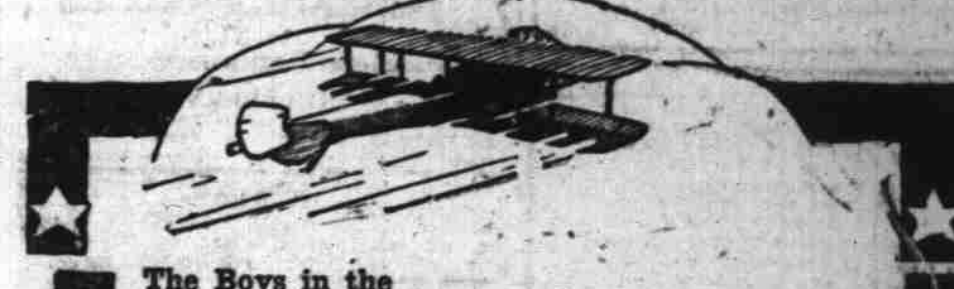
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