

# Granddaughter of General Grant Occupies His Old Headquarters in Doing Relief Work

## In Same Room Former President Had His Offices as Secretary of War, Princess Cantacuzene Directs Campaign for Help for Russian Refugees

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Princess Cantacuzene, Chairman of American Central Committee for Russian Relief, Inc., at her desk in the new headquarters of the committee in Washington where her grandfather, General Grant, had his headquarters.

THE old War Building at 532-17th St., N.W., Washington, D. C., has proudly flung forth another challenge to the public interest. From the bay window on the second floor, the United States and Russian flags are fluttering together over a sign which announces the headquarters of the American Central Committee for Russian Relief, Inc.

It was in this very room that General Grant had his office during his term as Secretary of War in 1865 and where he watched the construction of the War, State and Navy building across the street. Here, with his portrait above her desk, the Princess Cantacuzene, his granddaughter, born in the White House during his Presidential administration, is directing a campaign of mercy and vast economic potentiality. Like her distinguished grandsire she does not think in terms which admit of defeat.

After residence of twenty years in Russia, broken by short visits to her native land, Princess Cantacuzene with her family has once more taken up her residence in the National Capital, where she is energetically enlisting the interest and sympathy of old and new friends in her work for the Russian refugees outside of Russia, of whom there are now more than one million, many of them in misery and destitution.

In speaking of this work in which her heart is so entirely centered, the Princess said:

"We have brought the headquarters of the American Central Committee for Russian Relief, Inc., to Washington to be in closer contact with other national organizations and because the growth and importance of this work demands that we emphasize its national character. This is not a new work. Our committee was organized and incorporated in 1919 by a group of the friends of Russia, including the civilian members of the Mission of Senator Elihu Root to

Russia and prominent Russians and Americans, for the purpose of aiding the Russian people who were victims of Bolshevik tyranny. Political developments soon made it impossible to send relief to anti-Bolshevik Russians who were in the Soviet territory, hence all our efforts were concentrated on the aid of the exiles scattered along the Russian frontiers.

"Bear in mind," the Princess continued, "that we are working to aid the Russian refugees who are driven outside of Russia by the Bolsheviks. There are now at least one million of them and we are about the only society in this particular field of charitable work.

"Lack of funds is responsible for the withdrawal of various other organizations which were in part alleviating the wretchedness of these unfortunate people.

"The horrible tragedy of it is," said the Princess sadly, "that the refugees are the intellectuals or educated class, who can and will be the backbone of future regeneration of their nation and the stabilization of their government if they can be saved from starvation and epidemic until the Bolshevik rule is terminated.

"You see, the Russians we help gave all they had to the Allied Cause and are now dying from cold, hunger and disease, driven from their own land to wander in exile, hoping, praying and trying to find some means of a livelihood where at present in the majority of instances there is none to be found."

"Does not the Hoover project provide for these people?" she was asked.

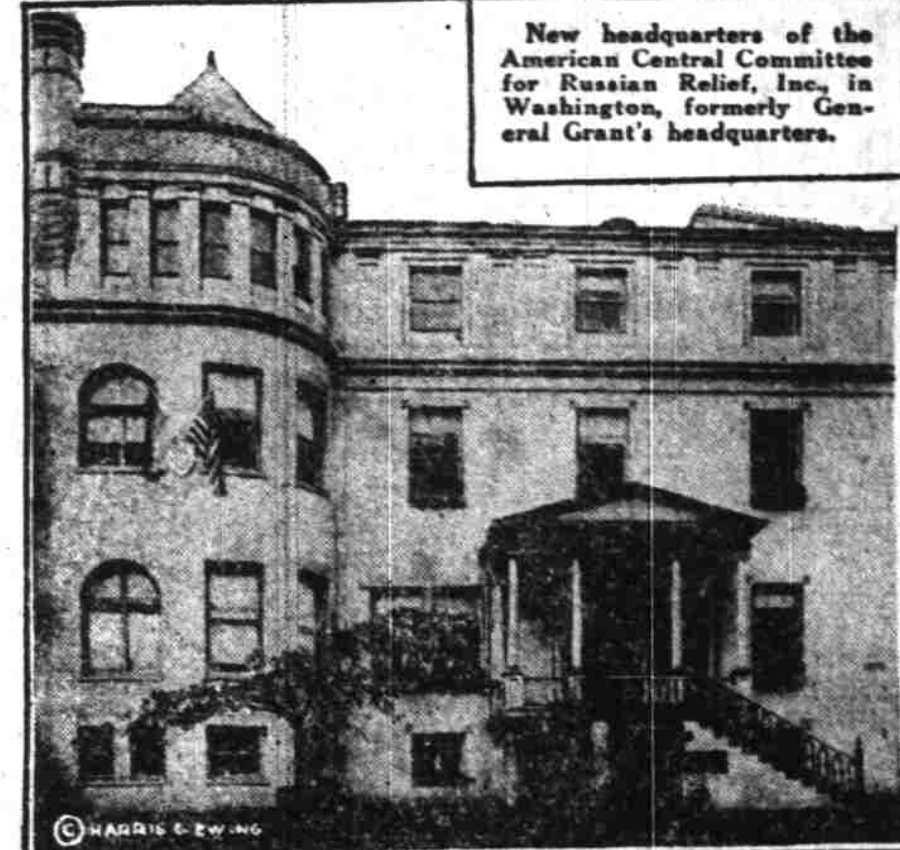
"Mr. Hoover's efforts do not include relief for any Russian refugee outside of Russia," the Princess explained. "He has sent us a check or two which has been sent him by mistake for these."

"Our refugees are widely scattered," she continued. "We have not as yet obtained the numbers in France, England, Spain, Italy and Austria, but in Scandinavia, Poland, Finland, Switzerland, Germany, Constantinople and the Balkan states and China there are about one million, most of whom are in desperate need."

"In Constantinople the situation grows steadily worse. There about 75,000 refugees are living in shacks, hovels, tents, cellars and barracks of the concentration camps in the vicinity. A large number are the aged, the babies, also the ill, crippled and wounded from the war. These, through common humanity must be aided at least with medicine, food and clothing.

"I cannot find words to paint a picture too tragic to depict the plight of these non-Bolshevik Russians," the Princess exclaimed. "They are dying by the hundreds, when only a few thousand dollars per month would ration the entire lot, for our relief work has been so systematized that we can feed a man sufficiently on five or six francs per day."

"What makes their situation more pitiable is that there is no work to be had in Constantinople. They could not emigrate to Soviet Russia without risking their lives and have no funds to go elsewhere unless we give the money."



New headquarters of the American Central Committee for Russian Relief, Inc., in Washington, formerly General Grant's headquarters.

"Is your organization affiliated with any of the political groups of Russia?"

"We are non-political. We have refused," declared the Princess emphatically, "to have any affiliation with any political group whatsoever whether Czarist, Socialist or Bolshevik. We help refugees irrespective of their political leanings."

"How does your committee obtain its funds?"

"We have not had a 'drive' or an advertising campaign or any publicity campaign, yet every mail brings checks to aid our work. Our achievement in figures for the two years of our organization is \$187,005.66 sent abroad in addition to 432 cases of food, clothing and drugs, all of which has been obtained through the personal efforts of the splendid members of our Board."

"Our overhead expenses have been small through the cooperation of American officials and their wives, and through the Red Cross and other organizations, in the investigational and distributional end of the work, and we have been able because of this to give practically all the funds received to the aid of the refugees."

"With such a spirit actuating our organization, we feel confident that Americans will respond to our appeal on the behalf of these, Russia's martyred citizens, who should live to build on the ruins of Bolshevism, the new Russia to be again a worthy friend and ally."

So strong is the interest in the cause becoming that several anonymous gifts for amounts of a thousand dollars and more have been received in the last few days.

The personnel of the officers and board of Directors of the American Central Committee for Russian Relief, Incorporated are as follows: Honorary President, Charles W. Eliot; Vice Presidents, Elihu Root, Samuel Gompers, John R. Mott, Cyrus H. McCormick; Treasurer, Samuel McRoberts; Acting Secretary, Alex. Kaznakoff; Asst. Treasurer, J. F. O'Meara. Board of Directors, Princess Cantacuzene, Chairman, A. Vinoff, Samuel R. Bertrou, Mrs. Charles H. Boynton, Frederick M. Corse, Mrs. Frederick R. Couderc, Charles R. Crane, Charles G. Dawes, Henry H. DeBach, James Duncan, Mrs. Gregory Izvolsky, Otto H. Kahn, Herman H. Kohlsaat, Mrs. Robert Lansing, Harold E. McCormick, Samuel McRoberts, Grayson M. P. Murphy, Honore Palmer, Potter Palmer, Mrs. T. J. Oakley Rhineland, Mrs. William W. Rockhill, Elihu Root, Jr., Charles E. Russell, Charles H. Sabin, Montgomery Schuyler, James A. Stillman, Robert Winsor.

## PRISON TROUPE PLEASES THROUGH

More Than Seven Hundred Persons See Minstrel Show at Penitentiary

No more people could have attended the Melody Minstrels at the penitentiary last night, except by double-decking them or running a continuous performance. More than 700 people were in attendance—706 to be exact; and they got more than two hours of the finest brand of home and imported merit.

The singers came from all the world—almost. The songs were sent out in advance from the biggest song and show houses in New York and Chicago, and they have a director who could do the big time anywhere—if he were not doing it here. And the audience comes home with its sides in a sling, after laughing itself sore at the costuming, the clever local hits, the rollicking melodies that have set people to laughing and dancing a continent away.

Some few small thanks were made last night, from the first "try-it-on-the-dog" presentation Monday night to the press, the officials and the inmates. It worked smoother, there were fewer of the strictly institutional jokes that went over the heads of the outsiders, and the whole program progressed like a professional offering. Indeed, one could hardly detect, or even think, of the whitewashed, sepulchral idea back of it all—the prisoners masking their real selves and espousing and singing there for the amusement of the unfeeling public.

The program as a minstrel presentation was a notable success. The public conditions under which all this merriment is given, were not allowed to take a deep hold—and the laugh and lift of the bones and the tambourine and the dancing feet shut out the grim reality as if it were not there at all.

The presentation of George White as a Scotch Highlander was as clever a piece of stage work as ever came to Salem. The novelty act of Graham and Ray was another star performance. If anybody ever did a cleverer disrobing act on the stage—but he never did! "The Little Pink Rose," sung by Sig. Arthur, and "Out Where the West Begins" as its encore brought forth a splendid tribute from the audience, that you couldn't tell that crowd that it wasn't all good!

The house is practically sold out for the next three nights. It

is only by chance of some one not going, after getting his tickets reserved that there will be a single good seat for any one not already supplied.

No announcement has been made of a longer series than at first announced. But so many have already failed to get tickets, that if anywhere near all who wish to go, are to be served, another night will have to be added to the season.

## AMERICAN PLAN IS OFFERED FOR CHINA

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board's duties in connection with future concessions would be confined under the resolution to "investigating and reporting." It would be authorized to inquire into existing concessions, "for the purpose of endeavoring to arrive at a satisfactory adjustment on equitable terms." Many questions regarding the meaning of the resolution were asked of Secretary Hughes and answered, but there still was apparent among the delegates tonight a divergence of views as to the exact powers which might be assumed by the new board.

In the Chinese delegation the American plan was hailed as a long step toward Chinese integrity. By American spokesmen a similar view was expressed, but most of the other delegations withheld comment. The proposal had taken them by surprise and when they realized its possible extent they all indicated that a minute study of details would be necessary before action could be taken.

## Proposal Is Dramatic

So completely unexpected was the proposal, in fact, that when Secretary Hughes had completed its reading there was a silence which delegates said became embarrassing before it was broken. After the several delegations had waited for some time without any volunteering to open discussion, Senator Schanzer, head of the Italians, asked a question about the meaning of some of the provisions. Secretary Hughes' reply opened up a general discussion which continued with some animation for three hours.

The principle of the open door, Senator Schanzer said, and of the proposed resolution, was fully endorsed by the Italian government, but its delegation did not feel at liberty to go further than accept the American plan in substance. The British made a similar expression and the Japanese declared they desired to cooperate in the open door policy, but must cable the American proposal to Tokyo before they could give it approval.

## Sarrault Is Dubious

Speaking for the French, Albert Sarrault also indicated in principle the open door, but declared he had some misgivings as to the effect of article 4 of the resolution, which would authorize an inquiry into the validity of existing concessions. He asked Chairman Hughes if that article referred also to concessions in the

past. Mr. Hughes replied that it did.

Mr. Sarrault said that the article would seem to raise the validity of any or all Chinese concessions of the past. He questioned whether that would not lead to interminable discussion and contention before the board of reference.

One of the important questions involved in the general discussions was said to have been whether the principles set forth would apply to public enterprises and private enterprises alike, or only the former. It was suggested in some quarters that this feature would have to be definitely determined before the agreement could be subscribed to by the British, although they are understood to have accepted the scheme in principle.

## OBITUARY

Mary Nipper Scates was born in Louisville, Tenn., July 20, 1828. She was married to Zebadiah Scates Oct. 11, 1843, in Louisville, Tenn. She was the mother of six children, of whom two are living, John W. Scates, Alton, Ill., and Mrs. Letha Knowland, Salem.

She leaves seven grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. She left Tennessee soon after the Civil war and made her home in Illinois until the early '90's, when she, with her husband, came to Oregon City. After a short stay in Oregon, they returned to Illinois and remained until the death of her husband about 20 years ago.

She has since made two trips to Oregon, the last about 10 years ago and since that time has made her home in Salem with her daughter, Mrs. Letha Knowland.

She was a member of the Baptist church in Carrollton, Ill., from which body she brought her letters and united with the First Baptist church of Salem. She was possessed of a wonderful memory and found much pleasure in reading the Bible and other sacred writings.

She was an industrious worker all her life and at the age of 93 years, pleaded a quilt for exhibit at the Oregon state fair. One of her richest possessions was a cheerful disposition, reflecting in the lives of her friends and loved ones, even in her declining years.

The funeral services will take place from the Baptist church Thursday afternoon, January 19, at 2 o'clock, to be conducted by the Rev. W. H. Miliken. Burial will be in City View cemetery.

## State Department Gets Bid to Meet in Genoa

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—The invitation for the United States to participate in the economic and financial conference at Genoa was received at the state department by Ambassador Rieel of Italy. Officials in making public the text declined to indicate what attitude of the administration would be.

## PROGRAM PREPARED FOR ENDEAVORERS

Governor Olcott and Mayor Halvorsen to Deliver Welcome Address

The thirty-second annual Oregon State Christian Endeavor convention will be held in Salem four days beginning Thursday February 16.

On account of the large number who will come to Salem from all parts of the state it has been found advisable to secure the armory for all sessions.

On the opening evening the addresses of welcome will be made by Governor Olcott and Mayor George E. Halvorsen, to be followed by official organization and an address by Dr. L. A. McAfee. Friday morning, February 17, the program will open with Paul Brown presiding and Mrs. W. E. Wright in charge of singing. The morning will be devoted to group conferences.

Friday afternoon will be given mostly to one-minute talks and an address by Dr. H. L. Bowman of Portland. During the Friday evening session Dr. Bowman will again deliver an address.

Saturday morning, Feb. 18, will be devoted to the church service. In the afternoon there will be given to such things as having pictures taken, visits to state institutions and the big banquet at 5:30 o'clock. For the evening session of that day there will be a 1925 pep session and an address by Mayor Baker of Portland.

The last day of the session, Sunday, will be devoted to the morning to attending church service. In the afternoon there will be a junior pageant at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, a big mass meeting to be held in the afternoon, the address to be delivered by the Rev. E. V. Silvers.

The final session will be Sunday evening, with the installation of officers and an address by the Rev. L. A. McAfee.

## Trinity Sewing Circle Entertained at Silverton

SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 17.—(Special to The Statesman)—Mrs. Clara Baltimore entertained the Trinity Sewing circle at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Helge Rue, Monday evening. A very large crowd was present. Among those present were: Miss Mable Evans, Miss Lulu Goplerud, Miss Edna Johnson, Miss Pauline Leslie, Miss Cora Sater, and Mrs. Bert Iverson, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Torvord, Miss Mable Johnson, Miss Cora Quist, Miss Ruth Ormbeck, Miss Marie Corhouse, Miss Annie Doerr, Miss Eva Rue, Miss Vera Vickstrom, Miss Marie Tingstad, Mr. and Mrs.

Arthur Dahl, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Gunderson, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hattberg, Mrs. Henry Strolie, Mrs. Klemmick, Mrs. G. E. Evans, Mrs. O. Sater, Mrs. Christine Jacobsen, Mrs. Josephine Jacobsen, Mrs. O. Ormbeck, Rev. and Mrs. George Henriksen, Mr. and Mrs. John Moe, Mr. and Mrs. Helmar Rue, Mrs. Laurence Larsen, Miss Dora Henriksen, Miss Louise Henriksen, Mrs. Marie Buess, Mrs. Hans Jensen, Louis Rue, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Moe, Mrs. Esther Weaver, Mr. and Mrs. Helge Rue, T. Dokken and Mrs. Clara Baltimore.

## Salemanship Class Has First Meet at Y.M.C.A.

At the "Y" last night the first meeting of the salemanship class was held, with an attendance of 15, and 10 other members who were unable to get in for the opening night.

T. E. McCroskey, the instructor, starts out with the assurance of a deep interest on the part of the members. And they are to receive the very best from one who has been selling publicity with conspicuous success for many years. It is expected that by the next meeting, Tuesday of next week, the full prospective class membership of 50 will have been secured.

They're not really expecting to learn the mechanical task of selling and wrapping up a pound of sugar or soap or a box of coal. The art of selling a community to the public that wants to come there for homes, for schools; the art of selling big ideas to the county, or the state, or the nation, so that they will want to invest in personalities back of these ideas—it's a fascinating subject, and it's no wonder that the class promises to fill to the brim as soon as the investigators learn what it really proposes to do.

## Henriksen Brief Owner of Thoroughbred Cat

SILVERTON, Ore., Jan. 17.—(Special to The Statesman)—For a short time Rev. George Henriksen thought he was the owner of a wonderful long-haired black cat.

While having his car repaired at a Silverton garage, Rev. Henriksen thought he heard a suspicious "meow" in his car. At first he was undecided whether it was a new "kneek" developed in the engine or really a cat. Finally he discovered a sack in the back seat from which the "meow" issued. The minister, thinking it was a joke which some of the "boys" about town had played on him because of his well-known friendliness to stray cats decided to be cautious and not investigate before he arrived in the privacy of his own home.

He expected to find a scruffy, straggly walf. Instead, when he let the cat out of the bag, it proved to be a superior breed of cat. It was a beautiful bushy, black one. For a short time the new comer was petted and spoiled at side of face; fingers on the hand.

the Henriksen home. Then the owner came along and claimed the cat.

The mystery of how the cat came to be in the Henriksen car remains unsolved.

## Will of Ellen Darr is Admitted to Probate

The last will and testament of Ellen Darr, who died January 6, was filed yesterday for probate in the Marion county court. The estate has a value of about \$5,800.

She bequeathed to her son, Thomas Woods, the sum of \$1; to her granddaughter, Margaret Chonofau, only child of Mrs. Darr's daughter, Elizabeth, there was bequeathed the sum of \$1.

For caring for her in her old age, Mrs. Darr bequeathed to Adeline Labier all the furniture excepting the large oak rocking chairs in the home, which were given to her daughter, Martha Duke Jones.

There was also given to her daughter Martha Duke Jones all the remainder of the estate, both personal and real property.

## Training School Paper Again on Exchange List

From the "Big Bike" to the last joke in the laugh department on the last page, the "Training School Monitor," organ of the state school for boys, has certainly made a lively "comeback" after a long silence.

The Monitor was discontinued in 1917, but is now published in the boys printshop at the school under the direction of E. T. Prescott, instructor in printing. The editorial caption bears the names of the members of the state board of control, Governor Ben W. Olcott, Sam A. Kozer, and O. P. Hoff, with R. B. Goodin as secretary. The officers of the boys school are Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gilbert, respectively superintendent and matron.

The "Monitor" is printed in magazine form and is published monthly. It is not issued as a commercial venture, the subscription price of 50 cents per year being based upon production costs.

## Student Original in His Ideas About Five Senses

In an examination held recently for those in the eighth grade, one of the questions was: "Name the five senses and tell where each is located."

To those who are in the habit of studying, and incidentally keeping themselves posted on affairs, the answer would naturally be, "sight, smell, taste, hearing and touch."

But one student getting ready to pass the physiology examination for the eighth grade answered the question as follows: Two eyes on the upper part of the face; nose on front part of face; mouth on face; ears on each side of face; fingers on the hand.

## PHELPS WANTS TO DEBATE CATHOLICS

Portland Clergyman Issues Challenge During Course of Lecture

"I challenge any one in Salem, any one in the Roman Catholic church, anywhere, to debate, on the platform, in the press, on any fair conditions, the question: 'Resolved, That the Roman Catholic church is not the true church of God.'"

Relating in support of his challenge, "Copious extracts from the Syllabus of Errors issued by Pope Pius IX and for which is said to have claimed divine authority on par with the decalogue, and from the canon law of the church and from a score of high Papal authorities. Guy Fitch Phelps of Portland held the attention of a crowded audience at the Odd Fellows' hall, last night, for almost two hours.

Mr. Phelps spoke vigorously against what he termed the political aspirations of Romanism. He stated that practically every country that had ever submitted in any measure to the temporal power of the Vatican, had revolted; that even faithful France had thrown off the papacy many times; that Santa Anna, the tyrant of Mexico, had five times overthrown that unhappy country for the union of church and state—but declared the country now seems to be free after burning all the confessionals in the public squares, and driving out the priesthood whom he said had led to the bosom of tolerant America. He spoke at length, with extensive readings from papal authorities, of the alleged attacks on the public schools of America, using this as one of his strongest reasons for his hatred of the institution on the Tiber.

Mr. Phelps repeated his challenge at the close and referred to it at various times during his address, disclaiming any rancor towards the religious beliefs of any Catholic, but vehemently denouncing any attacks on the religious or educational freedom of America.

"If I had the power, tonight," he said, "to raise my hand and wipe out Catholicism from America, I would not do it; for that would destroy one of our finest rights—that of freedom of thought. But I do condemn, and make war on the system that declares its opposition to free education, a free press, freedom of civil and religious thought."

## SHERIDAN NOTES

SHERIDAN, Ore., Jan. 17.—Mrs. Milton Potter, wife of the manager of the Sheridan William Telephone company, died Friday night, at midnight at the McMinville hospital, after an illness of three months. Mrs. Pot-

ter was a woman of remarkable ability, and was very much interested in the activities of her home town, being an ardent worker in the civic club and other organizations. She leaves her husband, and little 2-1/2 year old daughter, besides her mother Mrs. Beckwith of Sheridan, and a sister residing in Oklahoma.

H. E. K. Whitney of the Whitney Boys' chorus, visited Sheridan last week and held a meeting at the high school auditorium where he organized a chorus of 36 boys who will begin training at once under the tutelage of Mrs. Agnes Bennett.

A young man named Robert Newton, aged 17 years, was drowned Monday afternoon while working on logs in the Gibhart mill pond at New Grande Ronde. No one was with him at the time, but it is supposed that he fell in, and went under the logs in such a manner that it was impossible to save himself.

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