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## In the Name of（Gad the Jather LET US STOP THE SLOW STARVATION OF $1,000,000$ BELGIAN CHILDREN

After two years and a half beneath the upper and nether millstones of war， the Belgium people find themselves facing a new peril－the slow starvation of more than one million children．
The meagre rations that have barely sufficed for adults have proved insufficient for growing children．There are $1,250,000$ of these children who are directiy dependant upon the food supplied by the Commission for Relief in Belgium． The ration with which that Commission has been able to supply is less than is provided to British prisoners in Germany，leas than that provided German pris－ oners in England and about two－thirds that supplied to poorhotises of England by the British Government．It is enough to keep body and soul together in an adult．It is not enough to even do that for the growing children．It consists of＂a hunk of bread and a bowl of broth each day＂and it costs about six cents One million Belgian children must have an extra ration each day or they are going to die of slow starvation．This extra ration consists of a biscuit made of lard or fat and a cup of cocoa．THAT IS ALL；but it is enough to arrest the degeneration of the growing child．THAT IS ALL；but it is enough to check the ravages of tuberculosis，rickets and other diseases that have begun to develon with alarming rapidity among the unnourished children．THAT IS ALL；but it means the difference between life and death，between continued vitality and slow starvation．One biscuit a day！＂A little more，and oh，how much it is！＂
One dollar a month will supply this extra ration and save a child．The ap－ peal comes to the United States to furnish that money and save these children． It comes from Herbert Hoover，chairman of the Commission for Relief of Bel－ gium．It comes from the Pope，in a letter to Cardinal Gibbons．It comes from American Physicians（Dr．Lucas，of the University of California，is one of them）who have made examinations of these children for the Commission．It is an appeal that comes from the most distressed nation on earth to the wealthi－ est nation the sun ever shone upon．
How in God＇s Name Can Such Appeal Be Disregarded？
Think of it，you Americans who read this，you fath－ ers and mothers of growing childrenl The Control－
ler of the Currency，in Washington，a few days ago ler of the Currency，in Washington，a Cew days ago prociaimed the weains of dollars．On the first day of this new year one single industry－the railways－had $\$ 412,000,000$ to be paid out as interest due that day on railway bonds．For two and one－half years．（nearly）Belgium， formerly＂the beehive of Europe，＂has been rescu－ sid the United States has contributed less than $\$ 9$ ， 000,000 of this sum．Yet the Commilesion for Reliet in Belgium is composed almost entirely of Americans． It works under the American flag．That flag has protected its workers，protected the trucks that ear－ ried the provisions，protected the ships that brought them．All through the towns and villages of Bel－ gium，the people in gratitude took bits of yarn and cotton and made small American flags，colored them

## The Children of Belgium for whom this Appeal is Made

 Under 8 years of age．．． 465,000 Between 8 and 7 ．．．．．． 609,000 Botween 7 and 12 ＿．．．．771，000 Between 12 and $17-\ldots .730,000$ of theos 1，250，000 are difrectly ${ }^{\text {？}}$ dependedt upon the Commis． sion for Relief in Belgium．For more than two years they have oen upon less than poorhouse America must give it to them． with paints and dyes，pinned or sewed them to theirragged garments，and wore them proudly week after week．It is to America that their hearts have gone out Yet while France and England have been between them providing $87,000,000$ a month for the support of Belgium；the people of the United States have con－ ributed less than $\$ 9,000,000$ in two years．While scores of Americans haveibeen devoting heir whple time to the work of the relief，without a dollar of recompense－some of them were capable of earning the highest salaries paid－winning for their country and flag im－ has been pitifully inadequale．For all the distressed people of Europe Asis and Africe，ae cording to the Comptroller of Currency，we have contributed，since the war began，leas than one－twentieth of one per cent of our aggregate income．That is to say，we have di－ verted one dollar out of $\$ 2,000$ of income to the relief of such distress as the world has nev－ er before seen．And in this same time，provisions for the Belgians alone have been pur－ chased from this country to the amount of over $\$ 100,000,000$ ，according to the official docu．
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What will Coos County do to save the Belgian children？ It is not generally underatood that，even in times of peace，Belgium has to import 78 per
cent of her breadstuff．Even in normal conditions she produces but 22 per cent．The cent of her breadstuffs．Even in normal conditions she produces but 22 per cent．The
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gians who have means have done and are doing their utmost in relief－work．It is＂up to＂ gians who have means have done and are doing their utmost in relief－work．It is＂up to＂
America to save these million starving children，if they are to be saved－to give a biscuit a day as a supplementary meal，in addition to the less than poorhouse rations now received．
$\$ 12$ will give that extra meal to One Child for a year The SENTINEL appeals for contributions in sums of $\$ 100, \$ 50, \$ 25, \$ 10, \$ 5$ ， $\$ 3, \$ 2, \$ 1$ ，or anything you can contribute and get your friends to help make up the total．All gifts will be acknowledged in our columns，Every cent of every dollar will go to the feeding of a Belgian child．Not a cent will be de－ ducted anywhere along the line for postage or clerical help or transportation or administrative expenses．Alt the money will be applied to the purpose for
which it is given，through the Commission for Relief in Belgium．
Let the responee be quick and prompt and generous．The SENTINEL wil］ start the list by taking care of eight children for one year－$\$ 100$ ．Remember， 812 will save a Belgian child from slow starvation．HELP US TO RAISE ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS．Readers of the SENTINEL should do that， and do it quickly．How many children will YOU save from slow starvation during the year 1917．Ten？Five？Three？One？It is time for Americans to show the whole world the size of their hearts．
Make all checks，money orders or other remittancee payable to the BEL－ GIAN CHILDRENS FUND，and make them as large as possible，and
address all letters to
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