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A CHRISTMAS THOUGHT FOR NEEDFUL KIDDIES

Time has healed most of the wounds of the war. In the United States the scars have almost vanished. But in Central and Eastern Europe a great open war wound remains. Its sufferers are little children—children of war allies and war enemies, Catholic and Protestant, Jew and Gentile—but all too young to have had a part in making the circumstances of which they are now the helpless victims.

In the eye of America they are just hungry little children—3,500,000 of them who will die or suffer permanent injury through the stunting of mind and body from the effects of underfeeding unless America continues its great self-imposed charity of providing them with supplementary food and necessary medicines.

In order to save these children eight great American organizations have banded together as the European relief council and have appealed to the American people. The organizations are the federal council of the churches of Christ in America, the American Red Cross, the American relief administration, the Knights of Columbus, the American Friends service committee, the Jewish joint distribution committee, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. Herbert Hoover is national chairman. Former Secretary of the Interior Franklin K. Lane is treasurer.

The charity of the European relief Council is being administered on a policy that prevents pauperization and that develops self help. Every American dollar contributed to the starving children draws \$2 from European sources as cash, food, rent, light, heat and transportation. The three dollars is so expended that it will give one child one full meal a day for one month. Ten American dollars will carry a child until next harvest.

Ten American dollars will literally give a child a Christmas present of its own life—the most magnificent Christmas gift in the world no matter what the price. America's Christmas shopping in lives, as in humbler things should be done early.

A check to Franklin K. Lane, 42 Broadway, N. Y. is the life warrant for a European child. They are not America's children. The highest court of justice in the world would not say that it is our obligation to feed them. America's task is carried forward on a nobler spirit than that of justice—it is mercy.

State tax levy for 1921 will be \$9,493,105. It is over nine mills and has never reached five mills in the past, averaging 3 to 4 mills.

Willamina advises that a good garage, a jeweler, a picture show and more business and residence buildings are badly needed.

POSTAL SERVICE SHOWS DEFICIT OF MILLIONS

Washington — Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270,482—the second largest in the history of the service—Postmaster General Burleson shows in his annual report to the president, in which expenditures of the post-office department are placed at \$454,322,609 and revenues at \$437,150,212.

The postmaster general charges congress with direct responsibility for the deficit, explaining that the expenditure included approximately \$33,202,000 paid as a war bonus to postal employees and stating that but for this there would have been a surplus of \$18,427,917.

Mr. Burleson says he declined to approve the bonus action of the legislative department, adding that he had offered suggestions of another plan for compensating the employees which would have served the purpose without at the same time giving a blanket increase in pay to "thousands who were already amply compensated."

"For reasons that can be readily understood," he continues, "the legislative department rejected these suggestions made by the postmaster general and hence is directly responsible for the deficit which inevitably followed the indefensible action."

"The postmaster general feels constrained to point out that if a prompt halt is not called and such a policy is persisted in, there will be a deficit for the next fiscal year of approximately \$30,000,000 and the postal establishment will cease to be self-supporting, as it should be, and will become a constantly increasing burden upon the general treasury."

Reference also is made to the decision of the interstate commerce commission, granting the railroads additional pay aggregating \$8,103,889 for carrying the mails.

FARM AND HOME POINTERS FROM AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Fattening lambs were fed all the alfalfa they could be induced to eat in the experimental tests at the Union branch station, with a grain ration as follows: Started on a feed of one fourth pound of whole barley a day, which was gradually increased to one pound per day at the end of the eighteenth day. This was the amount fed for the remainder of the test, 90 days. The 130 lambs under shelter gained 29.3 pounds, average, and those in open lots 27.3.—O. A. C. Experiment Station.

The Portland press announces receipt at that port of large shipments of nitrates, which will be used in Oregon orchards. Growers can learn much that the state experiment station has found out about orchard fertility by sending for the station bulletin, "Fertilizers for Oregon Orchards."—Horticulture, O. A. C.

Soiling, pasture and silage are used to supplement one another on many well-managed Oregon stock farms. Together they make possible the feeding of succulent feeds at all seasons of the year.—Farm Crops, O. A. C.

The pressure cooker is one of the first of the labor and fuel saving equipments purchased by many progressive housewives. It can be used to prepare fruits, meats, and vegetables for immediate use as well as for canning, and soon pays for itself.—Home Demonstration, O. A. C.

Not all the arsenate eaten by caterpillars feeding on sprayed foliage is assimilated, but a part passes through the digestive tracts. Less is lost this way when they acid lead arsenate is used.—Entomology, O. A. C.

Potato storage calls for well ventilated, cool, dry conditions. The best temperature is from 35 to 38 degrees. A more even temperature is maintained in bins having false floors and walls.—Farm Crops, O. A. C.

SOILING SYSTEM USEFUL IN GREEN FEED SUPPLY

In providing cheap, succulent feed for the stock at all times of the year there is often a need for soiling crops, points out G. R. Hyslop, head of farm crops at O. A. C. These crops are cut and fed fresh to farm animals.

Other methods of supplying fresh green succulence are the pasture and the silo. None of these is recommended as best to the exclusion of the others, but all are used as supplements to one another.

Cheap, high yielding pasture is said to be best when available. Where silage crop conditions are favorable silage has many advantages over other fresh feed systems. But there are times in western Oregon when the forage crops can best be harvested and fed fresh from the field to the livestock.

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A new college bulletin giving cultural directions and other points on

each of these crops has been published by the extension college at Corvallis, Oregon on request.

Lane Has Farmers' Week

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