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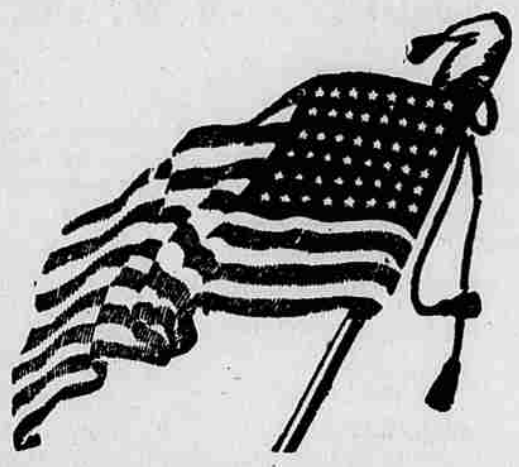

ARMENIA AND SYRIA

PRESIDENT Wilson in a recent appeal to the American people for the aid of the stricken Armenian and Syrian peoples, said:

"American diplomatic and consular representatives and other American residents returned from Western Asia, assure me that many thousands of lives were saved from starvation by the gifts of the American people last winter. They also bring full assurance of the continued effective distribution of relief and report that the suffering and death from exposure and starvation will inevitably be much greater this winter than last unless the survivors can be helped by further contributions from America.

"Reports indicate that of orphans alone there are more than 400,000, besides women and other dependent children, reaching a total of more than 2,000,000 destitute survivors. The situation is so distressing as to make a special appeal to the sympathies of all."

Reports regarding the atrocities, deportations and sufferings among the peoples of western Asia have been so terrible as almost to challenge belief. They do stagger the imagination.

Personal testimony of many who lived through the earlier period and information furnished by American ambassadors, consuls, teachers, physicians, missionaries and business men who have recently returned from Turkey to America, confirm the worst. Documentary evidence of an overwhelming character is also abundant.

At a history making conference in New York, and participated in by 139, who know most about actual conditions in the afflicted territory, the following statements were unanimously agreed to as well within the facts:

At least 1,000,000 Armenians and Syrians in Turkey have perished during the past two years from massacre, deportation, exposure, starvation, disease.

Over 2,000,000 are now homeless and in dire distress.

Thousands of Greeks deported from the sea coast of Asia Minor are now in danger of starvation.

Of those in need 400,000 are orphans.

Little children scarcely able to feed themselves live absolutely alone in deserted homes.

Fully 75,000 children under twelve years of age are starving in Syria and the Lebanon alone.

Sufferers in the Lebanon district recently were dying at the rate of 1,000 a day.

More than 500,000 refugees have fled the Turkish dominions and in their temporary homes cry for help.

Relief work still goes on in Turkey uninterrupted by break of diplomatic relations. It is freely administered in Persia, the Caucasus and elsewhere.

Distribution is wisely and economically made by absolutely reliable agents.

Every dollar contributed goes for relief, none for expenses.

The sum of $30,000,000 will be required for this winter's needs. $5.00 per month will save a life.

The cry of anguish that comes from Armenia and Syria is terrible gripping and heartbreaking. This terrific voice of need must not go unheard. Americans must respond. The gifts of money and time devoted to the many causes in connection with the war and the work we are doing in our efforts to relieve humanity are small as compared with the sacrifices that we will be called upon to make.

Through the Red Cross the men, women and children who cannot go to the front, find a way to assist those at the front, and relief work is accomplished with less delay and with more economy on a scale called for by the immensity of the war. It gives the volunteer spirit a chance to live and do.

Gladys Vanderbilt is a United States "foe" because she is married to a Hungarian, Count Szecheny. And, more interesting, the sister-in-law of Ambassador Gerard is also a "foe." She married Count Anton Sigray von Felsoe, also a Hungarian. Strictly interpreted, the law will not allow these "alien enemy" ladies to go near the water-front or live in Washington, D. C.

A Story of Married Life

REVELATIONS OF A WIFE

By Adele Garrison

Why Did Dicky's Mother Suddenly Disappear From the Hotel and Vanish for a Time.

Why is it, I wonder, that the perfect moments of life are so often quickly followed by petty, disagreeable, trying incidents?

I have thought of this many times, but never did it strike me so forcibly as in the hour following our departure from the Hudson river boat with its golden memories of our return journey from the Catskill mountains.

As we joined the crowd going ashore Dicky's tender, protective manner which had enveloped me like a warm cloak during the journey down the river, changed into his usual careless matter-of-fact demeanor. He grasped me firmly by the elbow and hurried me through the crowd as unceremoniously as if I were the suit case and bag, both of which he insisted on carrying with his right hand.

"Hustle up now," he admonished in staccato fashion, "we've got to beat it if we want to get a taxi." And "hustle up" I did to the best of my ability, with the result that we soon secured a taxi and were whirled toward the Hotel Sydenham, where Dicky had established his mother comfortably for the interval of our absence, and where I had met Robert Gordon, the romantic, Broadway habitue, man of millions and of mystery, who had told me of his friendship for my dead mother and the father whom I had never known, who was worse than dead to me.

As we entered the doors of the Sydenham I had one of my swift, unreasoning premonitions that I would hear disagreeable news. I tried to shake it off, but the impression strengthened as I watched Dicky hurrying across the lobby to the desk to register.

I saw him in earnest colloquy with the clerk, then, with a face expressing annoyance and dismayed wonder, he came swiftly back toward me.

"What is the matter, Dicky-" I asked, excitedly, clutching his arm; "is your mother ill? What has happened?"

He shook off my hand impatiently.

"Don't be an idiot, Madge," he said crossly, "just because you know how; there's nothing the matter with mother, except her usual brand of blasted foolishness. She simply checked out yesterday, and left without leaving any address."

I sank blankly into the nearest chair and looked at him in open consternation.

"Why, whatever do you suppose made her do such a thing?"

"Do you think I'm a mind reader?" demanded Dicky truculently. "How do you suppose I know what she's taken it into her head to do? There's no use standing here, come on up to our room and we'll get busy on the telephone."

Safely in the room he tossed the bags into a chair and strode toward a telephone.

"No use unpacking until we find out what mother's up to, I suppose," he threw back over his shoulder as he took down the receiver. "Don't stand there staring though, sit down and be comfortable."

I knew the number he would call even before I heard him give it to the telephone girl. It was Lillian's. If it had been a predicament of my own I would have called Lillian just as Dicky had, although I had known her a so much shorter time than had he. People turned instinctively to Lillian Underwood for help in an emergency. Her coolness, her resourcefulness, her ready wit, above all her spontaneous willingness to help, made her a tower of strength.

I listened breathlessly to Dicky's part of a hurried colloquy between himself and Lillian, who evidently had answered the 'phone herself. I could tell by his questions and answers that Lillian did not know anything of his mother's whereabouts.

"I'll have Madge call you up as soon as I get the house," he said finally, and hanging up the receiver turned to me with an annoyed frown on his face.

"Lil says she hasn't a ghost of an idea what has happened," he explained hurriedly. "She thinks she may have gone out home to Marvin. Says she called on mother twice while we were gone; once the day after we left, when mother received her very cordially, and again the day before yesterday, when the matter froze her stiff. She said mother seemed to be in a terrible wax about something.

"Suppose you call the house, Madge, you can make Katie understand better than I can. I suppose, of course, she and Jim are back by this time."

"Oh, yes," I returned, as I went to the telephone, "you know they were to be back from their honeymoon inside of a week."

Located at Last.

Dicky muttered something uncomplimentary concerning the ability of any "blasted pot walloper" to keep a promise, but I pretended not to hear him. I resented his language concerning Katie, who had proved my very good friend, but I had no wish to add to Dicky's annoyance

To my relief it was Katie's voice that came to my ear over the telephone. I had feare dthat if my mother-in-law were indeed at the Marvin house she might answer the 'phone, and I had no desire to hear the brunt of her displeasure, if she were, as Lillian described her, "in a wax over something."

But Katie's tones were not her usual ones, full of carrolling luight-heartedness. Instead of the familiar "Oh, Missis Graham is dot you? I so glad!" with which she was wont to greet a call of mine over the telephone, her answer was low and cautious. "Yes, dis is Graham's," she said, and then with a little gasp as she recognized my voice I heard her mutter a low-toned command to Jim.

"Make dot door shut, Jim, no noise."

Jim must have obeyed her mandate literally, for I heard no sound of a closing door. But Katie spoke quickly, softly into the receiver.

"Missis Graham, say notings, don't tell you called oop, but coom home joost as quick as you can. Dot old voman's is here, and she so mad she joost raise one hell all time Goot-by, I no want her to catch me at 'phone"

LANE COUNTY NEWS

CROW

(By Staff Correspondence)

Crow, Or., Dec. 21.—Crow high school will give a play Saturday, Dec. 22. Every one hase been invited.

A dance will be given by Mr. Snood Hayes, Christmas evening in the new hall at Crow.

The Woodman lodge is talking about having a dance in their hall New Year's night.

Jim Holland and his family will spend Christmas at Coburg with relatives.

Grange meets on Saturday of this week.

Mrs. Walter Holland has been confined to her bed on account of rheumatism.

Miss Bessie Hayes is coming from Portland to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

Sunday school meets in the Crow high school every day at 2 o'clock.

Captain W. E. Mitchell came home to spend Christmas with his wife and daughter.

ELMIRA.

(By Staff Correspondence)

Elmira, Or., Dec. 21.—Miss Alice Swenson was ill Monday so John Akerson taught her school.

The B. Y. P. U. met Saturday evening at J. A. McCutcheon's at Veneta. Everybody had a good time.

The Elmira Christian Endeavor Society will present a laughable play, "The Old District School," at the high school building Friday evening, Dec. 21, at 8 o'clock. A good evening's fun is promised those who attend.

Ed Dallin and Guard Huston made a business trip to Eugene Monday.

Joe White has moved to Joler to work in the shwmill. His wife and son will join him there soon.

The Rev. Mr. Christenson, missionary of the Danish church on the Pacific coast visited last week at the home of S. C. Sevenson.

Among the Elmira visitors in Eugene Saturday were Miss Mary Baen Wright, Arley Marsh, Fred Yates, Miss Alice Swenson, Mrs. Frank Swenson, Miss Katie Clark and L. M. Peterson.

Miss Delphene Bown, teacher in the high school here, has been sick the past few days and is unable to teach.

Ernest Owen returned last week from Marshfield, where he has been working.

Rev. Mr. Nish, pastor of the Unitarian church of Eugene, spoke on the new Red Cross membership campaign Monday evening at the high school building. He was accompanied by M. Nicolls, of Eugene.

Myron W. Getchell spent the week-end with Ed Mix of Noti.

Mrs. L. A. Huston and Mrs. Verna Dahlin spent the week-end in Eugene.

The Elmira Christian Endeavor society met last Friday evening at the home of Miss Faith Yates. Everyone reported a good time.

Frank Lee, with his small son Tommy, returned Sunday after a week's visit with his son Edward who is with the engineers corps at Vancouver, Wash.

WALTERVILLE.

(By Staff Correspondence)

Walterville, Or., Dec. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Millican spent the week-end in Eugene, with their daughter, Mrs. McLain.

Messrs. Frank and Matt Emmerick returned Saturday evening from the Siuslaw where they visited for two weeks.

Joe Odell is cutting wood for Mrs. Storment this week.

Mrs. Herbert Smeed and son Glen have returned to their home after spending two weeks with Mrs. Smeed's mother, Mrs. Al Montgomery of Springfield.

Mrs. Anna Stacy spent Tuesday evening and Wednesday with her daughter, Mrs. George Willian of Cedar Flat.

Kenneth Tobins is spending the week with Jack Fountain. The river is so high that he cannot row across night and morning to attend high school.

O. L. Stacy, Phillip Casebeer and Everett Wearin spent Tuesday in Eugene.

Phillip Casebeer, Harve Potter and J. W. Fountain spent Wednesday evening at the Chris Polly home.

AUSTRALIA SENDS WOOL

Boston, Dec. 21.—A cargo of Australian wool valued at $7,000,000 has reached this port. It is the first lot to be released by the British government since last spring.

If old, dead bark is scraped off of old fruit trees and a wash made of dye and soapsuds thoroughly applied during the winter it will destroy many of the eggs and larvae of many tree pests hiding there.

In feeding roots to stock one pound of grain is usually regarded as equivalent to from four to nine pounds of roots.

DALE D. MELROSE IS DEAD AT CAMP LEWIS

Former University Student Dies Suddenly; Complication of Diseases Thought Cause.

Dale D. Melrose, a junior at the University last year, died very suddenly Tuesday at American Lake, where he is a member of the 361st ambulance corps. The cause of death is thought to be due to scarlet fever and a throat trouble, probably diphtheria, which must have developed very quickly, for the boy was here on a visit two weeks ago, and seemed well then.

Dr. William Kuykendall, who returned Thursday noon from American Lake where he visited his sons, Lieutenant Robert and Captain John E., of the corps of which young Melrose was a member, believes death was caused from a complication of diseases, as he died the next day after being taken ill. He reported on the sick list Monday morning, but did not seem to be especially ill and was reported back for duty. He was sent to the hospital again Tuesday morning, and walked to the building, a distance of two or three blocks. He died about five o'clock in the afternoon. An examination was made after death but the result had not been given out when Dr. and Mrs. Kuykendall left.

The camp was quarantined early in the week. "It is believed," said Dr. Kuykendall, "that none of the boys were seriously exposed to the disease, and, although they are at present in quarantine as a means of safety, they will likely be released next Monday if no further cases result."

Young Melrose was born at Careyville Wisconsin, October 3, 1895. His parents were for some time residents of Newberg, and the boy attended the University of Oregon and the Eugene Bible University. Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Melrose, the parents, have moved back to Careyville. While in the University, Dale was quite prominent in dramatic productions.

Convicted of Disloyalty, He Subscribes to Liberty Loan

◆ Mankato, Minn., Dec. 21.—Frank J. Busch, prominent merchant here was found guilty of seditious utterances in the district court of Blue Earth county here, and sentenced to three months in the county jail, a fine of $500 and subscriptions of $1,000 to the Liberty Loan bonds, $100 to the Red Cross and $50 each to Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus war funds.

The jail sentence was suspended until Febraury 5, when Busch is to appear before the court. Busch told the judge he was sorry and made the subscriptions. ◆

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