

LIBERIA BACKWARD IN BECOMING MODERN

London, Mar. 13.—Liberia is truly a hermit republic, writes Alan Burchier Letherbridge, author and traveler, in the Daily Telegraph. The country, he adds, has no roads, no railways, no telegraphs, no steamboats on her rivers nor any practical exploitation of her wealth.

Lodgings in Monrovia, the capital, virtually do not exist with the exception of one place which is conducted by the mayor. This man is an enterprising negro of North Carolina who besides attending to the duties of the mayorality and conducting his hotel, operates an ice plant and an ice-cream parlor which formally were German property. From these latter his profits are said to be gigantic. He also has "something to do with the postoffice" and is a police court magistrate.

"In fact," says Mr. Letherbridge, "this remarkable man, starting from nothing, has made himself a Rockefeller of Liberia."

In Monrovia, says the traveler, there are no horses, motors, rickshaws or other wheel vehicles, no street lighting, no drinking water and not infrequently food supplies for the European colony run out and strict rationing is enforced until the ship arrives.

Unless the 23 members of congress appear at parliament houses properly attired in a black frock coat, patent leather shoes, white waist coat and top hat, they are liable to a fine of \$5. The thermometer sometimes registers 110 in the shade.

CAPTURED MANY GUNS

Took Enough German Weapons to Supply Every County in U. S.

So many cannon and heavy machine guns were captured by the American army that congressmen could distribute one to each county, Representative Kahn, California, chairman of the house military committee, says.

"The army captured 1,300 cannon and 4,000 heavy machine guns," Kahn said, "and there are only 4,000 counties in the country."

MAKE BILLIONS OF PINS

Factories Each Year Turn Out "Crop" Valued at \$13,000,000.

American factories each year produce 14,000,000,000 ordinary toilet pins. Safety pins totaling 720,000,000 are purchased by American mothers every year. The yearly crop of metal hairpins is 1,250,000,000. Needles of all kinds aggregate 235,000,000 every 12 months.

The value of this pin and needle crop is \$13,000,000 at the factory. Forty-nine factories are engaged in the manufacture of the articles.

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As an inducement for attending services, Rev. F. A. Leak, pastor of the Hemet (Cal.) Methodist church, offers to the people a free ride in a motor bus to the house of worship every Sunday.

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GIRL RESCUED FROM SLAVERY AMONG TURKS

Armenian Reaches New York After Frightful Experiences.

FOUND BY BROTHER'S FRIEND

Mother and Sister Fell by Wayside and Died in Turkish Deportation Four Years Ago—Suffering Has Left Her in Pitiful State of Nervousness—Must Be Taught to Smile and Eat—One of Most Pathetic of All the Thousands of Refugee Experiences.

The first slave to arrive in this country since the Turkish deportations of 1915-'16, when thousands of Armenian and Syrian women were driven from their homes to Aleppo on the edge of Mesopotamia, is Vartanousch Karagheusian, an Armenian girl, twenty years old. She has just reached New York, accompanied by Marshall Ingalls Mays, Near East relief worker, of Topeka, Kan., says the New York Tribune.

An Arab slave mark, tattooed in indelible ink at the base of her right hand thumb, furnished proof that the girl had been a slave of the Mahometans. She was met at the dock by her brother, John N. Karagheusian, wealthy dealer in Oriental rugs, who lives in Minneapolis. He said he had not seen his sister in twelve years.

"She does not realize she is in New York," he said; "she thinks she is in heaven."

Theaters Fail to Cheer.

Theaters, automobile rides, pretty clothes and all the comfort and luxury of one of the city's leading hotels have failed to bring a smile of pleasure to the girl's lips. The suffering she has undergone has left her in a pitiful state of nervousness. When she met her brother she broke into a fit of hysterical weeping, and since, despite his efforts to amuse and entertain her, the veil of sadness remains.

She will have to be taught not only to smile, but to eat as well, for months of starvation, during which her only food was roots and grass picked from the roadside, have left her digestive organs seriously impaired, and her diet consists wholly of liquid food with small bits of bread.

Mr. Mays, who brought Miss Karagheusian to this country after she had served some time as a relief worker, following her rescue from the Turks, said her case was one of the most pathetic of all the thousands of refugee experiences chronicled at the American relief stations. There are scores of houses for refugees maintained throughout Armenia by Near East Relief, of 1 Madison avenue, for the care of women and girls who escape or are rescued from bondage. It is known that at the present time more than 100,000 women and girls are held in harems, but they are being freed as rapidly as facilities for their care can be provided.

One of Big Migration.

With her mother, sister, aunt, uncle and two little cousins, Miss Karagheusian was a member of the big migration the Turks forced in 1915. From July until October the captives were on the road in charge of brutal Turkish guards. No food or water was issued, and their only means of sustenance consisted in picking the little vegetation to be found in the fields and stopping a moment at a stream for a drink.

One by one the refugees dropped out of the line to perish of starvation by the roadside. Vartanousch's mother was one of the first to go. She died in the girl's arms. A few days later her sister gave up of weariness. She could not stagger on. After beating her and urging her forward, the Turks kicked her off to one side and left her to die alone. Vartanousch was lashed in answer to her appeals to be allowed to remain with her sister.

Her uncle was massacred en route to Aleppo; her aunt and baby cousins perished, and the girl was the only remaining member of the family left when they reached their destination. Out of several thousand captive Armenians who had started in July on the march under their Turkish captives, only 100 survived in October.

Served as Military Interpreter. As Vartanousch spoke Turkish and Syrian, as well as Armenian, she was used as a military interpreter for a time. Later, to escape the horrors of living with the army, she sought work in a Turkish hospital, and there found a girl friend from her home town, disguised and serving as a nurse. The friend was able to get her in, and for many months she nursed wounded Turks at the Zahleh base.

When the British captured Jerusalem she made her escape to the British lines and was sent by them to the American relief station at Beirut. From then on her story reads like a chapter from some fairy tale.

One day, while doling out soup to the refugees, she became engaged in conversation with an Armenian who had been in America and who was serving with the French army. He asked her name.

"Vartanousch Karagheusian," she replied.

Hears of Brother Here.

"I know John Karagheusian, who lives in America," he said. "Are you related to him?"

"He is my brother," said the girl.

The Armenian soldier in the French uniform immediately communicated with the rug dealer.

And here is where the brother's story started.

"When I received his letter," he said, "I telegraphed the Near East Relief in New York and asked if they would cable funds to my sister for me. They replied at once that they would, and I came to New York.

"The money was sent, and I heard from my sister in June that she had received it. I then asked the committee if they could have her brought to America, and we have been all this time trying to get her here."

Evidently Mr. Karagheusian did not approve of the Paris frock and coat his sister wore, for the first thing he did was to take her to a Fifth avenue department store and order a full wardrobe.

"This time next year I will bring her back to New York, and you won't know she's an Armenian girl," he said. "She's going to school at St. Margaret's Academy in Minneapolis."

ONLY PIGEON SAVED FROM CHURCH FIRE



This is the only survivor of a flock of pigeons which inhabited the tower of Westminster church, Toronto, Can. The church was completely destroyed by fire during zero weather and the bird was found embedded in ice after the fire. It was thawed out in a bucket of water and warm milk restored it.

SHOWN HIS OWN GRAVE

Veteran Told He Lies Buried in France.

The war department is stopping at nothing to convince Nathan C. Cooperman of Philadelphia that he is not alive and working as a coppersmith at Hog Island, but is really dead and buried in an American cemetery in France.

Cooperman, who served with Company H, Thirty-eighth infantry, of the Third division, enjoyed the unique sensation of looking at a photograph of his own grave, with his name and description of his outfit carved on a wooden cross above a fresh mound of dirt.

Cooperman arrived in France May 1, 1918, with the Third division and was wounded in July near Belleau wood. He believes that the mistake was made through the finding of one of three sets of identification cards he lost during his stay in France.

SPOTTED FEVER IN EUROPE

Ravages in Baltic States Reach Alarming Stage.

Ravages brought about by spotted fever in the Baltic states and Poland have reached an alarming stage, according to investigations made by the Swedish medical board at the request of the foreign office. The situation is considered grave for Sweden and the rest of Europe.

The Swedish Red Cross has decided to send a number of ambulances to Poland and Estonia, where hospitals, doctors and medical supplies are lacking. Appeals will be made to other countries for contributions to fight the disease.

Reports from the Swedish consul at Revel say there are 4,000 cases of spotted fever among Russian soldiers at Narva, 3,500 cases at Wessenberg and 2,000 at Ziegelkoppel.

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MEMORIAL GIVEN IN HONOR OF AVIATORS

New York, Mar. 13.—The first memorial here to American fighting airmen killed in France is a room in the club house of the American Flying Club set aside in honor of ten aviators of the 22nd pursuit squadron of the American expeditionary force. A tablet in the room bears the names of the following airmen who were killed in action: First Lieutenant Philip E. Hassinger, Arthur C. Kimber, Henry B. Hudson, John G. Agar Jr., James B. Biggs, James D. Beane, Remington DeB. Vernam, and Howard R. Clapp and Second Lieutenants Vaughn M. McCormick and Edward B. Gibson Jr. Members of other squadrons are planning to dedicate similar rooms at the club building in honor of comrades killed in action.

RAILWAY THIEVES INCREASE ACTIVITY

Master Crooks Believed to Be Operating Sort of International Organization.

Wholesale looting of merchandise in transit upon the railroads of the United States caused a loss of approximately \$45,000,000 during 1919, according to United States railroad administration statistics. This is estimated as more than double the total of any previous year, but it is pointed out that the increased cost of commodities must be taken into consideration. Nevertheless, there is said to have been a steady increase in the number of packages stolen.

Organizations combating these thieves have been called upon during the past year to meet an increased ingenuity exercised in diverting goods from their owners. Thefts now are planned and carried out upon about the same basis in the United States, France, England, Italy and Argentina, indicating that master crooks are operating a sort of "international organization."

Substitution is the usual method followed by the robbers. Sometimes boxes supposed to contain velvet are found to contain calico and other cheaper grades of cloth, but as a rule waste paper is found. These thefts are extremely difficult to trace.

Silk, because of its great value, is a favorite prey for thieves. Thefts have mounted to such a total that the railroad administration has even considered excluding raw silk from freight shipment. Jewelry also is a prey for thieves. However, virtually every commodity shipped appears in the losses tabulated by the railroad administration.

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ALASKA HAS SEAL CENSUS

Count Shows That the Herd is Increasing Rapidly.

The herd of seals, controlling the supply of sealskins for garments, has doubled since 1911, when the United States government assumed control of the seal fisheries in Alaska. The seals continue to increase at a rate which promises that in a few years seals will be restored as the distinctive American fur of general use.

"The last census showed 525,000 seals," said Dr. H. M. Smith, United States commissioner of fisheries. "It was taken in 1919 just after we had killed 24,000 of the animals. The herd is increasing at the rate of from 10 to 12 per cent a year. As it stands now it would be capitalized commercially at about \$90,000,000."

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