



ARMENIA AND SYRIA,
ANOTHER JOB FOR THEIR UNCLE SAM

Turkey Proceeded to Attend to the Armenians

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Now why the need of money for the Armenians? You know their story? Abdul Hamid was the Sultan of Turkey. He was the *sweet-scented individual* who in 1896 deliberately directed the killing of 100,000 Armenians. Who are the Armenians? They are one of the oldest Christian peoples in the world. They lived in a province that lies north of Mesopotamia, east of Asia Minor, west of Persia and south of the Black Sea. It is a province of mountains and valleys—not only rich but fertile. 1,800,000 Armenians lived in that country, cultivating the valleys and made them "blossom as the rose". The Turks hated them because they were Christians; hated them because they were industrious, and enjoyed the prosperity that comes from industry.

Later when Turkey entered the great European war as the ally of Germany, she invited German officers into her army. Her army was shortly officered by German officers, who directed that army to go into Armenia and deport 1,800,000 Armenians, which they did. 600,000 escaped. The other 1,200,000 were driven by that army to the desert of Mesopotamia and Syria, and in the drive the army deliberately killed men, women and children, by rifle ball, by bayonet, by knife, by driving them over precipices, by driving them into deep running rivers—600,000 men, women and children! Half of them were deported to Asia and half to Mesopotamia. Out of those deported nearly 400,000 died of starvation.

Then Germany turned the Caucasus over to Turkey; Turkey proceeded to attend to the Armenians—in that kindly, fatherly way! That is the story!

A friend of mine who was on the border of Persia told me that he had gone to a German officer and said "For God's sake, can't you stop the butchery of these men, women and children?" and the German officer clicked his heels together and said "Stand back, the time for mercy has passed".

This is the story of that unfortunate people. The Syrians, Greeks and Jews in Western Asia have suffered the same kind of barbaric treatment. The Armenian and Syrian Relief has been organized for some years to care for these unfortunate, sorely distressed people. It has received and most efficiently expended more than \$12,000,000. Each cent that you give will go for actual relief. Feeble, helpless, starving millions cry for food. I urge you to give generously of your bounty.

THINK STRAIGHT

This is a time for straight thinking. Make sure the other fellow is not talking drivel. Analyze his thought, don't follow it. He may be suffering with phraseologic hemorrhage. It is epidemic now-a-days like influenza and much more serious.

For instance in regard to the Victory Liberty Loan and these fellows who thumb their vests, frown wisely, and say "Let the banks do it. They are bursting with money." They are talking drivel. It sounds fine but it isn't good sense. Nor is it good economics, which amounts to the same thing.

If the government thought it was wise to "let the banks do it," the government would let them do it. There would be no Victory Liberty Loan in the popular sense. But the government knows better than to let the banks do it.

This is the period of reconstruction right now. It is a period of many possibilities economically. One possibility is industrial depression. One preventative of industrial depression is plenty of money at favorable rates of interest to stimulate private enterprise. That means our banks must not be clogged with government securities. It means that we can't afford to "let the banks do it." The people must do it—do it from their earnings, present and future.

Think straight.

Support the Victory Liberty Loan.

Ukraine Prepares Attack on Rumania.

London.—Ukrainian troops are preparing to attack Rumania, which is said to have mobilized its forces to meet the assault, according to Copenhagen advices to the Mail.

Tumulty Denies Will Run for Governor

Jersey City, N. J.—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, will not be a candidate for the democratic nomination for governor of New Jersey, he declared in a letter made public here.

SITUATION IN NORTH RUSSIA IS CRITICAL

Washington.—The situation in the Archangel district is regarded by military officers in northern Russia as extremely critical.

Reports that the Bolshevik forces were using gas shells were taken here by some officers to mean that this equipment had been supplied through German sources, notwithstanding the terms of the armistice, and if this was established as a fact it was intimated that drastic action against the Germans would be taken by Marshal Foch.

Available figures obtained by war department officials show that the British force in the region of the north is approximately 6000, American 4500, French 1500, loyal Russians under British officers 1200 and 1000 other soldiers of one of the smaller allied countries.

PERSHING DENIES REPORTS

American Soldiers Not Responsible For Crime Wave in Paris.

Washington.—Reports that American soldiers are responsible for a crime wave in Paris are flatly denied by General Pershing in a cablegram to Secretary of War Baker. "Full refutation of the charges cannot be put too strongly before the American people," the American commander stated.

General Pershing's cablegram was sent in response to inquiries by the war department, following sensational charges, published in the Paris Matin, that American soldiers were responsible for an appalling number of murders and robberies in the French capital. Press dispatches since that time have stated that these depredations were committed by Apaches wearing American uniforms.



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THE WAR IS OVER

All signs point to continued opportunity and prosperity for the American farmer. High prices for grains and big demand for all foodstuffs are his main inducements for continued increased production. The ending of the war has released for farm financing millions of dollars until recently required in other directions. It will release for farm work before next season thousands of the "Boys" taken from the farm. These things combined will enable the farmer to take advantage of his unusual opportunities.

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