

"AMERICANS SHOULD BE PROUD OF WORK BY NEAR EAST RELIEF"

Says American High Commissioner. Congress Is Told of Great Accomplishment

Washington.—The annual report of the activities of the Near East Relief organization, filed with Congress by Charles V. Vickrey, General Secretary, constitutes the modest history of one of the greatest pieces of philanthropic work ever undertaken and carried through by American men and women, according to well informed persons in the capital. Ad-



CHARLES V. VICKREY

miral Mark L. Bristol, United States High Commissioner to Turkey, for example, declares:

"I have been closely associated with the work of the Near East Relief committee for about 22 months. On the whole the work of this relief committee has been such that Americans should be proud of this great humane effort. The Near East Relief here in Constantinople is run more like a business organization than any relief organization with which I have ever come into contact."

Charles V. Vickrey's summary of the activities of the Near East Relief shows the disbursement of over \$60,000,000.00 in cash and supplies, contributed by the American people to the salvaging of the Christian populations of the Near East. 711 American and Canadian men and women relief workers have been engaged in this huge task on little more than a volunteer basis. 63 hospitals, with 6,522 beds, and 123 clinics; 11 rescue homes, where young girls rescued from lives of shame in Turkish harems are taught to forget their sufferings, and to begin life anew, self-supporting and independent, are maintained.

110,000 Little Children

The most remarkable feature of the work of the Near East Relief is, however, the salvation of tens of thousands of children who have lost parents and relatives during the past six years. For these little ones American generosity has provided, through the Near East Relief, 299 homes—one, in Alexandropol, Armenia, housing 18,000 children—where, last year, 54,600 children were housed, clothed, fed and taught, while an additional 56,039, outside the Near East Relief orphanages, were saved from starvation and death by food and clothing sent them from the United States.

Mr. Vickrey's report states that approximately 2,750,490 Armenians are still living in the Near East, out of a pre-war population of over 4,000,000 and estimates that had it not been for the aid given by the American people through the Near East Relief, fully half of those now living would have perished. Food was furnished to 561,970 homeless refugees during a large part of 1920, while 300,000 garments, comprising 1,500,000 pounds of clothing sent out from the United States were distributed to barefoot and rag-clad wanderers, all the way from the Mediterranean to the Caucasus mountains.

Work Must Continue

Commenting on these figures Mr. Vickrey stated that "this distinctively humanitarian relief work, as an expression of brotherhood, should help to mark the beginning of a new era of peace and inter-racial good will in the Near East."

"The tremendous task undertaken by the American people in saving the children of the Near East is one which cannot be left unfinished. We have an investment of over \$60,000,000 in human life, that America has saved. If we falter or pause now, that investment is imperiled, or may even be lost altogether. Most of the children we have saved from death are still too little to take care of themselves, and conditions throughout the Near East are still too uncertain to let them shift for themselves. It is morally sure that for at least five years, and until these little ones that we have snatched from a terrible fate are able to support

themselves and enjoy the very chance of life as useful citizens, the American people who have rescued them must see them through.

"It is the purpose of the Near East Relief to do just this, and we appeal to the generosity of the American people to see this noble work is carried out in the spirit of mutual helpfulness and Christian charity which is so essentially characteristic of the American ideal."

Contributions to the work of the Near East Relief may be sent to Cleveland H. Dodge, Treasurer, 1 Madison Ave., New York City.

GREEK SOVEREIGN LAUDS WORK OF NEAR EAST RELIEF

Cables Thanks for Christian Lives Saved in "Beautiful Work" of Mercy

Athens, Greece.—The wonderful work done by the Near East Relief organization in saving the lives of tens of thousands of Christians throughout Asia Minor and Transcaucasia has received signal recognition in praise bestowed by Queen Sophie of Greece in a cablegram dispatched by the Greek sovereign to Dr. James L. Barton, Chairman, and Charles V. Vickrey, Secretary, of the



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KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE

Near East Relief organization, 1 Madison Ave., New York City. Her message reads:

"Deeply touched your great kindness towards Greek sufferers in Straits Area and Asia Minor. Thank you all most sincerely. SOPHIE."

At the same time, the Greek queen sent her check to Dr. Barton, Chairman of the Near East Relief Committee, for 1,000 francs as a contribution to what she termed the "beautiful work" of feeding, clothing and housing the more than 110,000 little children who have come under the care of the Near East Relief during the past year.

Besides Queen Sophie, Admiral P. Coundouriotis, of the Royal Hellenic Navy, who was regent of Greece following the death of the late King Alexander, on October 25, last, has also cabled to express the gratitude of the Greek people for the aid furnished the Christian populations of Turkey by the Near East Relief. More than \$120,000.00 was raised among the Greeks of the United States, in two weeks, and sent to the Near East by the Near East Relief, to be used in helping the widows and orphans rendered destitute by the continuation of disturbed conditions in the former Ottoman Empire. The funds of the Near East Relief are gathered by private subscription not only among Americans, but among the Armenians and Greeks in the United States, whose countrymen in Turkey and Transcaucasia have been through indescribable suffering.

In an official report to Charles V. Vickrey, General Secretary of the Near East Relief, Miss Glee Hastings, of Spencer, Iowa, describes the pitiable condition of tens of thousands of homeless, starving, half-naked refugees, driven from their homes in the war area, and huddled in stables and out-houses, or on the bare ground, for lack of shelter.

"Most of the refugees are country people with almost nothing except the clothes on their backs, stupefied and dazed by their misfortunes. Bread is given only to women and children at the rate of one-half loaf for a person, each day. The milk is reserved for the babies and sick. The refugees sit around, huddled up against the walls—women with dull, sad faces, little children that are blue and pinched with the cold, and too miserably lifeless to cry. One family of five sleeps at night on a bare stone floor, under one thin, ragged half-cotton blanket. In one room several women are wasting away with tuberculosis; in another are some severe eye cases, including two young blind girls, who have no one in the world to care for them. The overflow from these buildings live in a wooden shed with the walls and floors gaping with holes where the wood has rotted away and in tents improvised from rags and pieces of carpet."

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Baseball Sixty Years Ago

Sixty years ago baseball fans were just as enthusiastic as they are now according to a summary of a game played at Baltimore, Oct. 6, 1860. The account of the contest has been found in an age-yellowed copy of Wilke's Spirit of the Times, a paper long since discontinued, that was an authority on sport.

The rival teams—both of which bore the name "Excelsiors"—represented Brooklyn and Baltimore, and they drew an attendance of three thousand fans. The spectators were not over-orderly, for in the account there is mention of "occasional annoyances from the crowd pressing too close upon the catcher."

Rules as to who could participate were lax, it seems. The regular Baltimore pitcher—there was only one—failed to appear, but the manager was not a loss for a substitute; "Mr. Patchen, who came out to witness the game, kindly volunteered to pitch and exhibited beautiful play."

How beautiful it was—to Brooklyn—may be judged from the fact that the invaders from the banks of East River made fifty-one runs in the course of the busy afternoon. If it was Mr. Patchen's purpose to serve up balls that could be easily hit, he succeeded admirably. The Brooklyn pitcher, however, was not so accommodating; he allowed six runs, a record better than some of the Brooklyn twirlers make at the present time.

Boom Coming in Lumber

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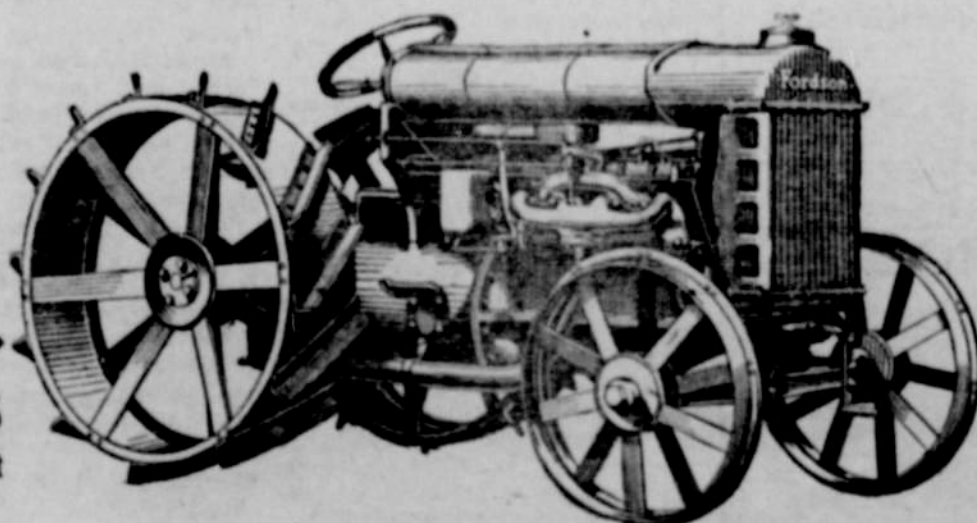
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