

### CHURCH COUNCIL ENDORSES N. E. R.

Federal Body Says No More  
Compelling Need in All  
the World.

Departing from custom, the Federal Council of Churches has endorsed the work being done by Near East Relief, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, the former committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief which has essayed the task of caring for 1,250,000 starving people in Western Asia.

Resolutions adopted by the executive committee, as announced by Charles S. Macfarland, general secretary, are as follows:

"Your committee recommends that prayers be offered in all our churches for the suffering children throughout the world, especially those who are in distress and peril as the result of the war.

"They further recommend that we reaffirm and emphasize our interest and co-operation in the plans of 'Near East Relief.' We know of no need in the world that is more compelling than that of the Armenian, Syrian and other peoples in the Levant who have already received and must still receive the generous sympathy of the American people."

#### Prehistoric Culture in Ohio.

Digging into the tomb of a mound builder chief near Newark, O., scientists recently discovered ancient trinkets which they declare establish the fact that the stone-age inhabitants of the locality belonged to the same tribe whose earth monuments are found in other parts of the state, notably Ross county, where similar research work has disclosed surprising evidence of prehistoric culture. The sepulcher is located near the flint quarries from which aborigines obtained material for arrowheads and other implements. It is made of small stones and is buried in a circular mound in earth about thirteen feet high. The chief's skeleton indicated that he was a man nearly six feet tall and over average weight. Underneath the bones was found what is considered the most important article taken from the excavation, a copper gorget, believed to have been a token of authority or rank. Other objects of interest were copper earrings, an amulet of the same material and beads made from sea shells, which evidently had been worn as a necklace, and are described in Popular Mechanics.

### 120,000 STAND IN BREAD LINE

More Than 1,000,000 Face  
Death Is Message Brought by  
Miss Dakesian.

Through a bread line of 120,000 famished people waiting for twenty-four hours a day for the sale of food that is the sole barrier between them and death from starvation. That is the situation in Alexandropol, a city in Russian Armenia, according to Miss Hermine Dakesian, a pretty Armenian girl, one of the survivors of four years



MISS HERMINE DAKESIAN.

of the horrors of Turkish massacres and deportations. Saved by an American woman, she has come to this country and entered Oberlin College.

With her came fourteen other Armenian girls in charge of Miss Adelaide S. Dwight, a Near East Relief worker, who has been instrumental in helping to save hundreds of thousands of their people from death by starvation. Miss Dwight, who is not given to exaggeration and has seen conditions at first hand, says more than a million people are facing death by starvation in Armenia and will perish unless America aids.

Herself an eyewitness to the slaughter of hundreds of helpless women and children by the Turks and a victim of the deportations, Miss Dakesian, an unusually pretty girl, says



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"Water Citrus" the Latest.  
From China has been obtained the "water-chestnut," the tubers of which, eaten raw or in steams, are a source of much gratification to the palates of pic-nic epicures. They are also sliced and straddled for soups.

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there is untold suffering in Armenia and Syria. She praises the efforts of the Near East Relief, formerly the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, to save as many of these people as possible. At Erivan, the capital of the Armenian republic, one hot meal is given out daily, and by this relief alone the city's death rate has been cut from a thousand daily to an average of twenty. At Alexandropol, where the refugees from Turkish Armenia were driven by thousands, the situation is appalling, Miss Dakesian says. It is to avert these wholesale deaths that Near East Relief is making a nation-wide appeal for funds.

### BOY SCOUTS IN YOUNG ARMENIA

Strangest Troop of All in Constantinople Being Made into Good Citizens.

American Boy Scout training is aiding prominently in the rehabilitation of hundreds of little Armenian boy refugees from the Turkish massacres, who have been organized into a scout troop in Constantinople as the solution of one of the most troublesome problems that confronted the Near East Relief workers in that city.

Hounded and driven for four years, having seen their parents and relatives slaughtered or worse by Turks and Kurds and themselves forced to beg, steal or do almost anything to eke out the barest existence, these boys had completely lost their moral sense when they finally found refuge in the Near East Relief orphanages.

The boys had been starved in vain for so long that they had forgotten how to take care of clothes. This was a tragedy when the Near East Relief had sent of every pair of shoes and of every suit of clothes for new boys constantly coming in.

Then the boys were organized as Boy Scouts and given their uniforms. They began to be careful of their school clothes as well as of their uniforms.

They had been so often hungry they had come to steal without compunction. When they first entered the orphanages they continued to steal. One boy stole a purse from his American teacher. For two or three weeks after he became a Boy Scout he was obviously uneasy. One day he came to her with the purse in his hand.

"I don't want to give it back," he said reluctantly. "But I have to. I'm a Boy Scout now."

To form more scout troops to transform these little unfortunates into good citizens, is one of the reasons why the Near East Relief, 1 Madison Avenue, New York City, is making its appeal for funds.

### LARGE RETURNS FROM MINT

United States Supplies Bulk of Peppermint Oil for the World.

The bulk of the peppermint oil of the world is produced on the much lands of southeastern Michigan and a few counties of northern Indiana. The total yearly product is estimated at 500,000 pounds. There are two varieties of peppermint, the American and the English or Mitchem. The latter has almost superseded the American, being better adapted to our soil and climate, and favored by the trade. It is also harder and yields larger crops.

The ideal mint farm is one having both high land and much soil, which is a distinct advantage on account of the rotation and humus in the soil, decayed vegetation being essential to the peppermint crop. By the use of proper amounts and kinds of commercial fertilizer, large crops of mint can be grown for many years in succession on the same ground. The mint plant, after the oil is removed, makes a very

desirable feed for live stock, returning about the same amount of food value as an acre of ordinary meadow land, besides the oil. Thus two profits are harvested from one acre of peppermint.

An acre of peppermint will yield from 20 to 60 pounds of oil, while a second cutting will yield from six to 20 pounds extra. The farmer needs no extra equipment to grow this crop than found on the ordinary farm except a small still to refine the oil. In Michigan and Indiana from 20 to 100 farmers co-operate in the operation of stills, handling from 50 to 100 acres of peppermint in the one mill. It is now a large industry.

Irish Mothers' Superstition.  
Among the people of the south side of Aran, off the coast of Ireland, there is an odd belief that ill luck is sure to follow if a mother sews the first garments for her offspring. The garments for the little one must come from a distance, and are the coarsest makeshift possible. The oldest rugs are considered to be the safest as a preventive against any sort of evil.

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