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Charity Begins at Home—In America

Human psychology is a queer thing. If a great flood or tornado devastated an American city of 200,000 so thoroughly that 100,000 of the victims were stricken down while all were starving or on the verge of it, what would happen?

The map of the whole country would be dotted with train loads of provisions headed for that wrecked city, and ahead of them would be swift passenger trains filled with doctors, nurses and medical supplies. Congress, every state legislature and governor, every mayor and common council would be wild with excitement and a desire to do something substantial speedily.

But who is doing anything particular at this time for the 200,000 starving people scattered through the farming districts of our Southern states? Who are the doctors and nurses hastening to the side of the hundred thousand of that number who are stricken with pellagra, the dreadful disease that is caused by eating poor, insufficient food?

"Cotton is King" in the South, but it has now been a sad king for a year or more. The small farmer was long ago flattened out, penniless and unable to buy food, let alone clothing. The result has been that their families have fed mostly on corn, and much of it bad corn. That means pellagra.

Another winter is coming on. Winter is not often severe in the South, but it is severe enough on people who are under-nourished or already sick unto death. And unless help comes soon many more thousands of poverty-stricken people who have been living on corn alone will be down with the leprous pellagra.

There may be poverty and starvation in Russia. But before we repeat our Belgium act of benevolence in Europe, let us look to the state of our neighbors. For years we have been pouring our money and our charity across the Atlantic. Let's now pour what we can this summer and the coming fall and winter into the stricken country homes of our southland.

Slats' Diary.

By ROSS FARQUHAR.

Friday—started on are trip last night. pa done verry well for a new beginner in a pullman. he had a awful time a getting on drest in the upper shelf he busted his pajamas & a couple commandments & knocked his elbo on the roof. he saw the little hammock which you put yur close in & that I was to sleep in it till ma had to change his mind. she slep in a lore shelf. when the waiter tuk away the ladder we clum up on he got mad and sed how in thunder we gonna get down agen. haveing a good time.

Saturday—in the dining car ma started ordering like she was reading a advertisement and pa got wite in the face & sed wate a mimit yure reading from the rong side read down the right hand side & when you see 25 cts look it over & see if you like it we will stop off & see Look out mt. today.

Sunday—had a fine time on the mt. we went up a incline & ma got hysterical & pa was nervus & week I wassent skared but my toes got a kramp like when yure in swimming & my stummick felt wabby. we

cum down in a auto which set pa back six \$. got on the trane agen. after pa quit skuffing with his close he was quiet & ma called up & sed Are you up there still & pa answered & sed I am up here but I aint still.

Monday—New Orleans is a fine place where molasses grows. tuk a walk threw the old french quarters & seen a colored man arguing with a lady which pa sed was his wife. she sed shewas gonna bust his hed wide open if he diddent go a hed & hunt a job.

Tuesday—still visiting fokes & eating meals. we are going up the river today to see some fokes who live in the country & keeps 2 children & cows & a hired man.

Wednesday—met a nice little girl my age and mitey pritty. she seems to like me so I coaxed 4 bits frum pa & tuk her to a show & bot her ice cream & chewing gum. evrything I sed she wood smile because she had a dimple in her cheek wen I cum back my unkel ast me did I kiss her & I sed No I guess I done enuff for her without that.

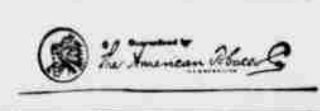
Thursday—sick.



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Coal sufficient to care for the entire country's needs throughout the Fall and Winter months cannot be mined or transported entirely during those Winter months, but must be equitably distributed over the twelve month period.

To insure the United States against a soft coal shortage, the average production of all mines should be 11,000,000 tons per week throughout the year. By reason of a mild winter over the entire country production began to drop off in November, 1920, until at the present time so much production has been lost on account of "no demand" that if this condition continues for another ninety days, not alone our Heppner community but the entire country will face as grave a fuel shortage as has existed at any time previous.

The following letter sent out from the O. W. R. & N. is further argument in favor of storing coal NOW.

To General and District Freight Agents, Traveling Freight Agents and Local Agents: Regardless of efforts to get before the consumers of coal, assurances as to stability of rates for this season at least, there continues a general disposition on the part of the buying public to hold off their purchases, no doubt due in considerable measure to expressions of certain officers of the Administration leading the consuming public to believe there will be a reduction in freight rates during the coming season. There is nothing in the situation that would

justify such belief, for the simple reason that freight rates cannot be reduced until transportation costs have been substantially lowered, and that has not yet been accomplished. I wrote you along similar lines on May 6th, and at this time reproduce the following telegrams, copies of which have been sent to me by Mr. F. W. Robinson, Freight Traffic Manager, Union Pacific System:

Utah Coal Operators by Cameron Coal Co., dated June 3rd to Hon. Herbert Hoover, Secretary of Commerce, Washington, D. C.

"Government departments recently advised public that unless coal was freely stored during summer months coal panic would ensue during coming winter and Congressional Committee reporting on Senate Bill S-186 expressed similar view. This correct statement of situation was accepted and acquiesced in by consuming public. However, telegraphic announcement of President Harding's recent interview with the Interstate Commerce Commission was unfortunately unduly emphasized by newspapers and has resulted in serious checking coal storage in anticipation freight reduction. In Utah such reduction very unlikely because State Public Utilities Commission refused permit last freight rate increase to apply on coal moving wholly within state. Coal mines this field working only twenty to twenty-five per cent time and further reductions would be completely demoralizing. If not inconsistent with policy your department would very much appreciate an expression from you as to whether or not you have information regarding immediate coal freight decrease in Western states as well as your views concerning summer storage—in fact, permit us to suggest that an official expression to Associated Press and others from Washington as to whether or not any proposed freight reduction will apply to coal would result in clarifying present uncertainty which is causing stagnation in coal business. Continued disposition on part of consuming public to delay storing coal will unquestionably bring about serious condition this winter."

Mr. Hoover's reply of June 7th, as follows: "I have no information that leads me to believe there will be any reduction of coal rates this season."

It will be appreciated if you will bring this expression of Mr. Hoover's to the attention of all retailers and consumers in your respective communities directly and through the press. We believe it to be important, in order to avoid later coal car shortage, congestion and possible coal shortage, that they give due consideration at this time to the advisability of anticipating their requirements and laying in a supply of summer storage coal for their Fall and Winter needs.

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