

ARAB GIRL PLEADS FOR COUNTRY

Reasons For Unpopularity of French Mandate are Told By Youthful Leader

HAIFA, Palestine, Aug. 28.—Nazel al Abed, an Arab girl who played a prominent part in fomenting the revolt against French rule in Syria last May, and who later managed to escape from prison where she was serving a life sentence, gave the representative of the Associated Press an interview in which she set forth her reasons for the unpopularity of the French mandate in the Near East.

"The French press," she said, "accused Charlie R. Crane, former American Minister to China, of being the cause of the disorders of last May. This is absolutely false. The disorders were the direct result of the oppressive and offensive rule of the mandatory power in Syria.

"We Syrian people," she continued, "are liberty loving. We pride ourselves on the fact that we are the intellectual and moral leaders of all the Arabs. In welcoming the French in 1920, we had hoped that France would help us realize our aspirations for self-government. We have been deceived. Instead of just treatment, we find that our country is occupied by black troops, who are our inferiors; our government turned over to inexperienced French officials who try to govern by force, and our leaders lodged in jails.

"In the face of all these abuses," she declared, "a nation can do no less than revolt and rid itself of the yoke of the oppressor."

Nazel al Abed is about 30 years of age, of commanding personality and with a great charm of manner. She was born in Damascus of a wealthy and influential family. A mission school provided her with an education which seems to have instilled in her heart the love of country and independence.

During the war she served in the Red Crescent, a Turkish organization similar to the American Red Cross. Since 1919 she has been the credited leader of all the women organizations in Syria. Because of her part she played in organizing the demonstrations in Damascus last May which resulted in great disorders and bloodshed, she was arrested and confined to the imprisonment. She remained in prison, however, but a short time, escaping her escape.

Asked if Syria is prepared to pay for independence Nazel al Abed replied: "Those who know anything of Syrian politics will admit that so far the mandate system has proven an absolute failure. On the one hand it introduced fresh encroachments on the sovereignty of our beloved country in favor of an imperialistic power, and on the other hand it brought to us great social as well as commercial suffering, due to the

separation of Syria from her sister country Palestine." Nazel al Abed complained that the world, and especially America, is so ill informed about Syria. "The French occupation," she asserted, "has been a curse instead of a blessing. We Syrian people today are treated like slaves. We are forced to accept French habits, French customs, a French civilization and even a French language, in spite of ourselves. Is it any wonder that we revolted last May?"

"All we ask now is to be left alone, free to rebuild our country in undisturbed quiet; free to live our life in our own way, and to solve our problems after our own manners. We still hope that America will not fail to help us realize our aspirations."

METHODISTS ASKED TO MEET CRISIS IN CHURCH WITH FUNDS

CHICAGO, Aug. 28.—An appeal to all Methodists to donate a tenth of their income to meet the crisis caused by the forces which were declared to threaten civilization is made by the board of bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church in an open letter to the ministry and membership.

The funds, it is explained, would be used by the Methodist Centenary movement. The appeal says the demand is urgent and that "the destiny of the world hinges upon Christianity. The destiny of Christianity hinges largely upon protestantism. The destiny of protestantism will be largely influenced by Methodism's failure or success at this time."

The letter, which is signed by Bishop J. F. Berry of Philadelphia, W. F. McDowell of Washington, D. C., F. M. Bristol, Chattanooga, Tenn., C. R. Locke, Manila, P. I., and W. F. Anderson of Cincinnati, reads in part as follows:

"Our world is summoned to meet the issue of its moral destiny. The crisis this hour transcends immeasurably the military crisis of the period of the war. Then men feared those who had power to kill the body; now men stand awed and fearsome in the presence of forces which threaten to cast civilization body and soul into hell.

"Humanity must make a new start. This time it must build upon the divine principles of justice and good will. It was a vision glorious. The church caught it and accepted the challenge, with what seemed a divine passion.

"Just as the movement had attracted the attention of the world, alas, the church cooled in its ardor and slackened in its enthusiasm. Now it is even suggested that the word 'centenary' is distasteful. Much has been made of the mistakes in policy and procedure; but men of experience know that mistakes always mark momentous movements. It has declared that the frequent appeals for funds has produced irritation in many quarters.

"Surely it would not be unreasonable in this hour of the extreme peril of our Lord's Kingdom throughout the world to ask that the members of the Methodist Episcopal church should meet the crisis by the gift of one tenth of their income."

Political Leader



Inez Phang, Chinese miss, has received the New York University prize awarded to the student most proficient in politics and public affairs. She plans to be a political leader in China.

TECHNICAL MEN BADLY NEEDED

Many Sections of Country Experiencing Difficulty in Filling Vacancies

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 28.—The demand for engineers and technical men of almost every type has increased so much within the last month that many sections of the country are experiencing difficulty in filling vacancies, says the report of the employment department of the American Association of Engineers.

Largest activity has been displayed in the building industry with highway and municipal work progressing with added vigor, the report states. The demand for architectural and structural draftsmen and designers with building or plant experience has far exceeded the supply in almost all sections of the country.

"While the general conditions are better at this time than they have been for more than two years, there is still some irregularity but the main trend shows improvement supported by prospects of further gain," the report continued. "Added reasons for a more hopeful feeling appear in the continued increase in the operation of the iron and steel industry, the diminishing of unemployment of skilled and unskilled labor and the active progression of building operation."

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Cop as a Censor



Mrs. Mary Sladden had just lit a cigarette as she stood on a street corner with her husband in New York when a cop ordered her to throw it away. When she claimed it was her privilege to smoke he struck it out of her hand. And now the police commissioner must decide if his men have the right to act as censors.

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CHESS EXPERTS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEET IN LOUISVILLE 28TH

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 28.—Some of the outstanding chess experts of the United States will compete in the 23rd annual contest of the Western Chess association, which will begin in Louisville August 28 and continue for ten days. It was announced here today by J. T. Beckner, president.

Among the contestants will be Edward Lasker of Chicago, who won the championship at Cleveland last year for the fifth time.

Others who already have signified their intention of being here for the tournament are: F. W. Gruer, of San Francisco, Norman Whitaker of Washington, D. C., winner of the second prize in 1915 and 1918 and victor in many tournaments in the east; Jackson W. Shewalter of Georgetown, Ky., dean of American chess players and prize winner at Budapest and Nuremberg in 1896, at London in 1888, at Paris in 1900 and at Cambridge Springs in 1904; Alex Conen and J. T. Beckner of Louisville; J. W. Fry of Charleston, W. Va., champion of West Virginia; J. H. Norris, Hoopstown, Ill., and E. B. Jefferson, Memphis, Tenn., winner of the western championship of 1913 and 1914.

Why is a woman always younger than a man born on the same day?

We must all pay for experiences; there are no passes.

If the toughs were all arrested our jails would be filled with beefsteaks.

SEEK MISSING MAN

Sheriff Asked to Aid in Search for LeRoy Hess of Willows

In a communication to Sheriff Low officials at Willows, California, are attempting to find the whereabouts of one LeRoy Hess, whose sister, Miss Nellie Hess has become alarmed at his long silence and fears something has befallen her brother. Hess is thought to have been working in Klamath Falls up until about two months ago.

COAST BUSINESS IMPROVES DESPITE COAL, RAIL STRIKES

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the unusual fire hazard this summer, but production of finished lumber during July was 41 per cent in excess of the output in July, 1921.

"Petroleum production in California at 378,495 barrels per day set a new high record, the increase occurring despite the closing of 620 wells in the older producing fields in order to conserve storage facilities and prevent over-production. On July 31st, stored stocks of petroleum in that state totaled 45,187,910 barrels, the highest figure reached in the past five years. There was a sensational decline in the number of building permits issued during July as compared with previous months of this year, but compared with July, 1921, there was an increase of 18.8 percent.

"As threshing has progressed, estimates of the yield of wheat in the district have been further reduced. A total production of 98,300,000 bushels was forecasted on August 1, compared with a forecasted yield of 103,

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518,000 bushels on July 1, 1922, and a total yield of 123,000,000 bushels in 1921. The crop of barley in California, now estimated at 38,400,000 bushels, is approximately 9,000,000 bushels greater than the 1921 crop. Prices of grain are below those of last year and the movement to market is proceeding more slowly than it was a year ago.

"Climatic factors have favored the fruit crops of the district and if existing train service can be maintained throughout the remainder of the summer, their movement to market will be accomplished without the serious losses which were threatened by recent temporary embargoes on shipments of perishable products, imposed as a result of the railroad strike. A record production of dried fruits is already in prospect. Opening prices named on all varieties, except raisins, have been higher than in 1921, when prices were unusually low because of the necessity of moving large carry-over stocks as well as the new crop.

"Contrary price tendencies have appeared during the month, advances and declines in the prices of the principal products of the district being equally numerous. In the country as a whole raw materials have declined approximately 7 per cent. The gen

eral wholesale price level, as reported by the United States department of labor, increased 3 per cent during the month and now is 5.9 percent higher than one year ago. The cost of living in the four principal cities of the district, as reported by the same agency, was relatively stable during the second quarter of 1922.

"Country banks are now being called upon to aid in financing the harvesting and marketing of the district's crops, and they have slightly increased their borrowings from the Federal Reserve bank. The banks in the larger cities continue to meet the demands of their customers without seeking aid from the Federal Reserve bank. Loans and discounts of 68 reporting member banks increased \$17,600,000 during the month and their deposits increased by an equal amount. The prevailing interest rate charged customers by banks in the largest cities of the district is unchanged at 6 1/2 at 6 per cent."

Ladies' and children's pumps, \$1.95, Houston & Jester. 28-30

There are a few varieties of cheese which keep many years. A Parmesan cheese, for example, has been kept good for 150 years.

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