

Christian Martyrs in the Bible Lands.

Since the year 1914 it is estimated that 1,600,000 Armenians and over 600,000 Greeks have been massacred by the Turks on account of their religion.

When the Turks came back from Lausanne they issued a decree that all Christians must leave the country or else be deported. Before this harsh order could be carried out they commenced a wholesale massacre of these innocent people, burning villages and towns and laying waste the country. It has been the work of the Relief organizations to rescue the many thousands of little children thus left homeless, destitute, parentless and friendless. Into the orphanages, situated outside of Turkish territory, these little tots have been taken, where they are tenderly cared for and nursed back to health.

The Relief organization is pursuing one of the greatest missionary reconstruction programs that the world has ever seen. This ensures such an educational and industrial training as will make every boy and girl of fifteen self-supporting.

Owing to lack of funds the Relief is unable to cope with the problem of caring for many more thousands of refugee children still outside the orphanages and on the verge of starvation. The Relief is bravely attempting to feed and clothe those little tots and it is hoped that if sufficient funds are secured they may yet be taken into orphanage homes and given an opportunity in life along with the others.

Cablegrams and press reports are continually coming from the Near East which indicate the appalling conditions over there. The following are extracts from letters recently received:

SALONICA, Greece: "Deaths among exiles from Turkey in the refugee camps in Macedonia are creating an orphan factory and workers of the Relief organization are facing a serious problem in caring for children whose parents have died in the camps. As a result of a house to house canvass among the more prosperous people in Salonica, 184 children have been adopted locally and promises have been secured of homes for more than a thousand more. Officials of the Relief organization have expressed gratification with the manner in which the Greek Government and civilians are co-operating in solving the problem."

CONSTANTINOPLE: "Conditions among the refugee population of Constantinople are worse than they have been at any time during the past three or four years, though the number of people involved is smaller than it has been during that period, according to Capt. W. H. Day, Local director for the Relief organization, who reports that virtually all of the foreign relief agencies which were formerly operating have curtailed their work or been forced to withdraw. The worst sufferers are two hundred Russians held on a ship in the harbor and refused permission to land in Russia, Turkey, or in Bulgaria, from which they attempted to emigrate and return to their former homes in Soviet territory. Capt. Day has appealed to representatives of the Soviet Government in their behalf.

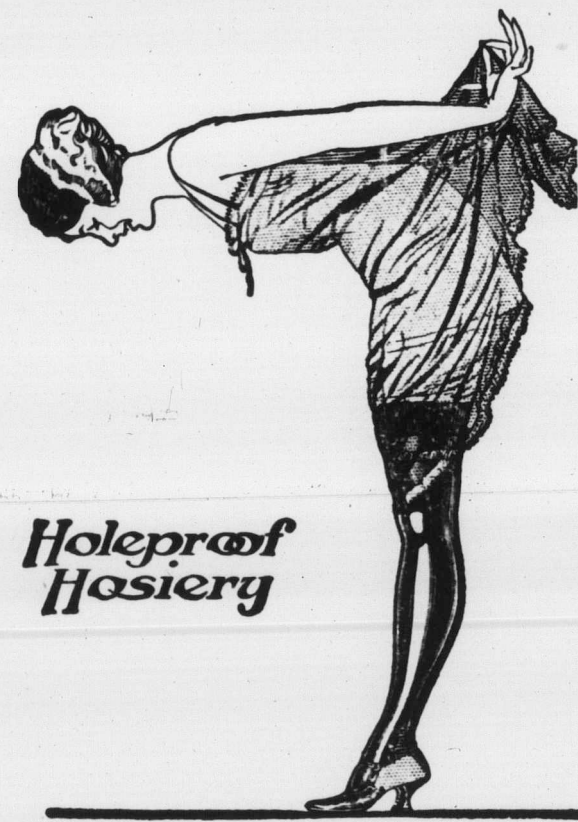
Capt. Day also reported the presence of 6,600 Armenian refugees who are entirely dependent upon outside aid. Thirteen hundred of these are children.

The British Columbia committee of the Canadian Armenian Relief, of which Major C. C. Owen is chairman, and Mr. W. H. Malkin is treasurer, met recently and decided to continue the solicitation of funds throughout British Columbia for a while, at least, in order to give everybody an opportunity to help in caring for these destitute children.

Anyone wishing to help in this most worthy cause may communicate with either of the above-named gentlemen or send contributions to 627 Howe St.

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