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The Starving Children of Russia.

The world, tired of catastrophes, has been startled by yet another, the failure of crops in a large area of Russia following on a drought of extreme severity. Death faces literally millions of people. It is a situation which might almost paralyze us with its immensity and complexity. But forces are at work to deal with it. The Supreme Economic Council has expressed its intention of acting, and England has appointed members to an International Commission. The Joint Council of Red Cross Societies at Geneva has held a Conference there at which representatives of governments and voluntary societies were present, and this conference empowered the Joint Council to invite Dr. Hansen and Mr. Hoover to be Commissioners to co-ordinate and direct the various relief activities. The Joint Council is also to appoint an Interim Advisory Committee to act as a link between the commissioners and the relief organizations. In England a widely signed appeal for funds has been issued, which will be followed up all over the country. The following account of work among the starving Russians has been received from a member of the Friends' Relief Mission:—

(September 4)

The American relief is coming in from the north; 22 cars of the American Relief Administration are on the way from Riga. The relief from Russia's peasants is already in the district. Health Department train No. 10 leaves to-night from the Nkolnevsy station for Samara and Orenburg. For a week all barriers have been down in Russia to the outside world. Correspondents, foreign business men and relief missions are all pouring in together. I am going down to-night on the Health Department train with two cars of "Quarrel food" selected to supplement the many cars of meal donated by Russian peasants. Together with our cod liver oil, cocoa beans and sugar, the bread-meal will make a fairly balanced ration for children. We shall distribute 300,000 feedings in Samara, the central city of the famine, and then go on to Orenburg with 200,000 more. The A.R.A. has sent its investigators to Kaban on the north with instructions to proceed south along the Volga and to wire back daily. Food trains will follow to the points thus designated, and kitchens will be set up. It is a logical and good plan, but it leaves Samara, the large central famine city, for several days more without food. So we are pouring our food, all we have, into Samara to keep 30,000 children there alive till the main relief comes.

A Russian Feeding Train.

The Health Department of Russia is a wonderful organization. The train on which I go down to-night, has besides its many cars of food, a travelling bakery that bakes a ton of bread a day, a kitchen-car that cooks 1,000 portions at one boiling, a dispensary-car beautifully arranged but pitifully short of medicines, a waiting-room for patients, sleeping quarters for patients, which trains were going within a few days. It will travel like a fast passenger train, carrying the relief which the Russian peasants themselves have given out of their own poverty. The Health Department is non-political and under doctors' control. It has thousands of clinics and sub-stations all over Russia. It works quickly. We went to Dr. Trebogatov, its head of transport, with our offer of food, and in three hours our wagons were assigned, our permits issued, our food properly divided among the three nearest districts to which trains were going with in a few days. We had only to load the wagons, seal them, and to put our own personnel in charge or allow their doctors to handle them, as we press in any way we chose through them, and we would work quickly. If we had not automobiles enough for loading they offered us theirs. They are tackling an enormous job and doing it well. But their own organization is reported to be breaking down in the distant famine districts because of the starvation of doctors and nurses. They have the organization, but they haven't the food, because there is not enough food in all Russia. Unless this health organization is kept intact pestilence will sweep Europe. As I came from Warsaw to Russia, I saw no other power competent to stop it.

Russian Self-Sacrifice.

All the way from Minsk to Moscow were signs of the great spirit that is stirring in Russia in the common fight against famine. Boys in a single garment of home-woven linen and without shoes got on the train with official dignity and municipal credentials, selling papers for famine relief or taking collections and giving proper receipts. There were posters in the stations announcing benefit performances of every kind. The papers announced that the peasants of Jaroslavl had given four million pounds of potatoes (four million pounds—their entire surplus—asking no money in return, but only salt and a few clothes. The central

co-operative, of which I began to hear ever more and more as I went through Russia, had pledged one pound in every peod of its grain turnover. Workers were given Saturday, women were melting wedding rings, not individually but in large groups by general vote.

It was inspiring; it was heroic, but it was pitifully inadequate. For the famine involves a district of well over twenty million people stretching 1,500 miles from north to south and several hundred miles east to west, a district on which Russia normally depends for much food. This district has now neither food nor seed. The terrific drought has burned everything. For two months past the peasants have been baking clay, bark and ground roots into their bread. And all Russia has not enough to feed them.

An ex-teacher from America whom I had known in Seattle came up to Moscow from the Crimea, where he had been engaged on agricultural reconstruction work under the Soviet Government. He was broken by starvation and malaria. His ration for two weeks had been one pound of bread with daily soup from rotten potatoes that had been previously cast aside as unfit for hogs. Before he left government rations came from the Ukraine, and he got a pound of bread a day. He himself had been stricken with malaria, and came up to Moscow—six days' and nights' journey by train—with a temperature of 104. His wife sold nearly all her clothes for extra food to save him. He still believed in Russia; he still wanted to help, but he said he had to leave in order to get food to regain his health. The first quarantine he saw was in Moscow.

Starving Peasants Sowing Seed Food.

The uprisings reported abroad have been unheard of, but the pressure upon transport is terrific. It comes as a shock of surprise to learn that the Government is actually undertaking planting crops. It was estimated that fifteen million pounds of seed were needed, that nine to eleven million were perhaps obtainable. The foreign trade bureau bought over two million in Sweden and the United States. The Department of Agriculture has been trying to collect nine million here in Russia. It is now announced that 5,897,500 pounds have already been shipped. It is a race against time, as it must be planted in the next two weeks. Those who know the peasants assure me that the seed will go into the ground even while the people are eating the first thing the peasant thinks of is the sowing. And there are strong local committees who will control the distribution. Nothing, I think, of all I have seen in Russia has given me such a sense of the power of this people.

ANNA L. STRONG.

Save the Children.

The "British Weekly" (London) contains the following appeal on behalf of the famishing children of Russia from the "save the children fund":—

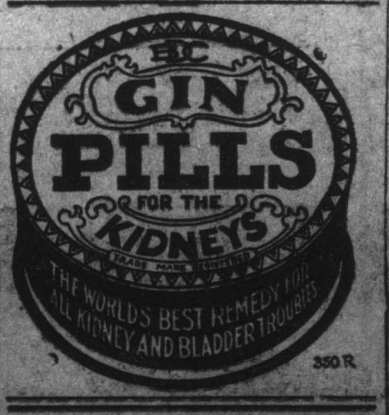
"The awful cries of starving children are multiplying tenfold as the terrible Russian winter closes upon them, and to the pangs of hunger are added the horrors of intense cold, driving sleet and bitter winds.

Those of the children who have so far resisted the famine by eating upon the tree bark, thistles and even rats and other vermin, cannot possibly hope to face the rigours of the Russian winter. Their weakened emaciated bodies are not proof against penetrating winds, and their terrible hunger can only reach its climax in dread death, as the heavy snow comes and blows out even the withered roots and fallen leaves which are practically their only food.

It is terrible to know that 8,000,000 helpless babies are writhing in the throes of hunger. Their bodies are emaciated and their tiny bones twisted and deformed. Children are dying hourly. Talking politics, raising bogies and discussing old prejudices are nothing short of sentencing to death many helpless little ones. Action, immediate and all-embracing is necessary and vital, if valuable child-life is to be saved.

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