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Destitution in Near East

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And Also Provides Lesson **********

ESTITUTION in the Near East is ably described in the Christian Science. Monitor It says the statement made recently to the eastern bureau of that paper by Dr. James L. Barton, of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, as to the present and future needs of the committee, if the destitution prevailing in the Near East is to be adequately met, or even mitigated, is deserving of the utmost attention. It is not only that the call to relieve the necessities of those peoples is urgent to the last degree. The matter is important also because any just appreciation of the situation cannot fail to bring with it a fuller realization of the obligation which is of necessity being laid upon the Allies to relieve the distresses of the war. There is a call that this work of relief shall be done on an unparalleled scale, and those who will contemplate the situation with any care will recognize the fact that the call will be more in-sistent than ever now that the war is over. The belief that war conditions came to end over night, on the con-clusion of peace, is a misconception that persists, and, if for no other reason, because they do much to dis-sipate this belief the figures afforded by Dr. Barton are peculiarly valu-

It is, however, the immediate appeal of Dr. Barton's statement which must claim first place. The figures are eloquent. In Asia Minor alone, Dr. Barton estimates that there are some 3,950,000 refugees, of whom about 935,000 are within reach of the distributing forces of the committee. These people are, for the most part, destitute; that is to say, they are without food, clothing, or houses, and many thousands of them are wandering about a countryside which has been swept clean of every edible roof or are crowded into edible root, or are crowded into towns and villages where only the wealthy can obtain food. To meet the most pressing needs of these re-fugees will cost about \$60,000,000 fugees will cost about \$60,000,000 a year, and that when the work is carried out in the most economical and far-sighted way, insuring that every beneficiary shall do as much as he can toward his own maintenance, and that he shall become self-supporting at the earliest possible moment

when this is done, however, only the veriest fringe of the matter has been touched. "We must take a look forward," Dr. Barton says, "into the developments of the next twelve months, and there is every reason to believe that political, military, and other changes will, within the year, render accessible the larger portion of all the 3,000,000 that are just now inaccessible. Unless we are at this time to save and provide for this large number. The cost of doing this will be \$200,000,000 a year."

Now, it is well to face the facts of the situation, just as they stand, the

the situation, just as they stand, the Monitor says. The urgent needs of the Near East are pretty accurately known, but the destitution of the known, but the destitution of the Near East must be only a very small

part or the destitution optaining throughout immense areas of Europe throughout immense areas of Europe, areas concerning the conditions in which little or nothing is known. From Russian Poland, however, from Bosnia-Herzegovana, from Serbla and Roumania, from immense sections of European Russia, to say nothing of Belgium and Northern France, something more than rumons. France, something more than rumors have come showing a state of deliber-ately imposed destitution and delib-erately created desolation such as the world has never known since the days, seven centuries ago, when the Mongol hordes swept out of Asia and over Europe, spreading ruin and ra-

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It is not easy to grasp what this means. But if the cost of ministering to the needs of the comparatively small number of refugees in the Near East is, as it is, one-fourth of the entire national expenditure of a country like the United Kingdom in peace time, some idea may be obtained of the cost which will be involved in meeting the needs of that vast army of destitute which at the present time is inarticulate.

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Now this is, of course, very far from being an argument for pessimism. It is, however, an argument for ism. It is, however, an argument for a fuller recognition of the great fact that "the old order is not passing; it is already passed"; that the world will no more be able to return to pre-war conditions than the bean-stalk can return to its seed, that after the cost of the war vill comter the cost of the war will come the cost of reconstruction, and that whilst this is being met the great work of revaluing values, in the tru-What exactly the result will be, no What exactly the result will be, on one can precisely say, but toward the achievement of the best result the importance of facing facts cannot be

Beef for Export Trade.

Hon. T. A. Crerar, Minister of Agriculture, calls upon Canadian farmers to finish their beef animals for market. Too many light-weight animals have been slaughtered. The beef carcase, in order to be favorably considered, should weigh at least 500 pounds.

A young registrant, claiming exemption, was asked, "How many people are dependent on you?" He replied: "Two, sah. Paw, he depends on me to find washin' for maw, and maw, she depends on me for to hunt wood choppin' for paw."

Do Not Mind Heat.

Orientals seem to be immune to the fierce heat of the fireroom in ocean steamers, and can endure for a great length of time temperatures that would speedily prostrate white men.

Recognized as the leading specific for the destruction of worms, Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator has proved a boon to suffering children everywhere. It seldom fails.

Japanese have built the world's tallest chimney, a reinforced concrete structure 570 feet high, which stands upon a hill that is 430 feet higher than the copper smelter which it

Mary Pickford, the moving picture actress, has been offered a salary of \$1,500,000 a year.

THREE DARING EXPLOITS.

Deeds of Valor That Won Victoria

The Lendon Gazette records the awarding of 15 new Victoria Crosses, of which three went to Canadians. The splendid exploits of the latter are

of which three went to Canadians. The splendid exploits of the latter are thus officially described:

Lt.-Col. Cyril Wesley Peak, D.S.O., of a Manitoba regiment, for most conspicuous bravery and skilful leading when in attack under intense fire. His command quickly captured its first objective but progress to further objectives was held up by enemy machine-gun fire on his right flank. The situation being extremely difficult, Lt.-Col. Peak pushed forward and made a personal reconnaissance under heavy machine-gun fire across the stretch of ground which was heavily swept with fire. Having reconnoitred the position, he returned and reorganized his battalion, and acting upon knowledge personally gained, pushed them forward and arranged the protections of his flanks. He then went out under the most intense artillery and machine-gun fire, intercepted the tanks and gave them intercepted the tanks and gave them necessary directions, pointing out where they were to make for and thus pave a way made for a Canadian infantry battalion to push forward. To this battalion he subsequently gave the requisite support by his magnificent display of courage and fine qualities of leadership. He personally led the advance and caused it to be continued although always under heavy machine-gun always under heavy machine-gun and artillery fire, and contributed largely to the success of a brigade attack. The second Victoria Cross was

awarded to Lieut. Charles Smith Rutherford, M.C., M.M., of Quebec, of a Quebec regiment, for the most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty. When in com-mand of an assaulting party, Lieut. Rutherford found himself a considerable distance ahead of his men, and at the same moment observed a fully armed and strong enemy party outside a pill box ahead of him. He beckoned to them with his revolver to come to him. In return they waved to him to come to them. He boldly did this and informed them they wave his prisoners. An enemy officer were his prisoners. An enemy officer disputed this fact, and invited Lieut. Rutherford to enter the pill box, which invitation he discretly declined. By a masterly bluff, however, he persuaded the enemy that they were surrounded and the whole party, numbering 45, including two offity, numbering 45, including two officers and three machine guns, sur-rendered to him. Lieut. Rutherford subsequently induced the enemy offi-cer to stop the fire of a machine gun close by. Lieut. Rutherford took ad-vantage of this opportunity to hasten the advance of his men to his sup-port. He then observed on the right port. He then observed on the right bort. He then observed on the right an assaulting party that was held up by heavy machine-gun fire from another pill box. Indicating an objective to the remainder of his party, he attacked the pill box with a Lewis gun section and captured a further 35 prisoners with machine guns, thus enabling the party to continue the enabling the party to continue the advance. This officer's bold and gallant action contributed very materly to the capture of the jective and was a wonderful inspira-

jective and was a wonderful inspiration to all ranks in pressing home the attack on a very strong position.

Acting Sergeant Arthur George Knight, late of an Albertan regiment, was awarded the Victoria Cross for the most conspicuous bravery, initiative and devotion to duty, when after an unsuccessful attack Knight led a bombing section forward under very heavy fire of all descriptions and engaged the enemy at close quarters. Seeing that his at close quarters. Seeing that his party continued to be held up, he dashed forward alone, bayonetting several enemy machine-gunners and mortar crews and forcing the remainder to retire in confusion. He then brought forward a Lewis gun and directed fire upon the retreating enemy, inflicting many casualties. Sergt. Knight in the subsequent advance of his platoon in pursuit saw a party of about 30 of the enemy enter a deep tunnel which led off the trench. He again dashed forward alone, and having killed one officer and two non-commissioned officers and two non-commissioned omeers, he captured twenty of other ranks. Subsequently he routed single-handed another enemy party which opposed the platoon's advance. On each occasion he displayed the greatest valor under fire at very close range, and by the example of his courage, and by the example of his courage, allantry and initiative was a wongallantry and initiative was a won-derful inspiration to all. This very gallant non-commissioned officer was subsequently fatally wounded.

Canada's Food Exports.

In the twelve months ending September, \$1,363,749,000 worth of merchandise was exported from Canada.
Of this total more than \$604,000,-

000, well on to one-half, was made up of products of the farm, animal products accounting for \$163,488,000, and other agricultural produce for \$440,742,000.

The nearest approach to the value of farm exports was in manufactures, which represented a total of \$579,-

597,000.

Of cheese we exported 172,000,000 pounds in the twelve months ending with September; of butter, 6,500,000 pounds; of bacon, 130,745,000 pounds; of beef, 98,716,000 pounds; of pork, 19,188,000 pounds; of canned meats, 5,994,000 pounds; of wheat flour, 10,229,000 barrels; of wheat, 105,234,000 bushels; of milk and cream, \$7,747,264, and of living animals, \$21,773,000.

NEW FIELD FOR TRADE

FRANCE WILL WANT GOODS FROM DOMINION.

The Great European Republic Has Been Deeply Moved By the Cooperation of Our Country In Winning the War, and Business Relationships Are Bound to Become Much Closer In the Future.

ITH Canada entering the period of reconstruction when war industries must be readapted to peace activities and new trade secured, it is encouraging to note the possibilities of greatly improved commercial relations with France. At the recent meeting of the Canadian Reconstruction Association at Montreal, Senator Beaubien emphasized the desire of the republic for increased trade with the Dominion. "Deeply moved by Canada's effective co-operation in the war," he said, "France seems anxious to show her appreciation of our efforts. Inspired by that desire the Comite Franco-Amerique, which is presided over by Monsieur Gabriel Hanotaux, and whose principal object is to extend to the fields of industry the close relations now welding Canada and France on the fields of battle, has called the attention of its Canadian section to the great trade opportunity afforded in reconstruction work necessary to restore the devastated areas of France. It points out that many nations are already eagerly seizing this opportunity and strongly urges Canada to do likewise." The Canadian section of the Comite Franco-Amerique has already recommended to the Government that an honorary commission assisted by experts if necessions. mission, assisted by experts if necessary, be appointed to ascertain what Canadian products could be furnished for the work of reconstruction in France, particularly such products as can be standardized and provided in large quantities. The Canadian Association further suggested that this commission should negotiate with sociation further suggested that this commission should negotiate with the French Government "with a view, of having France, as a nation, purchase large quantities of such standardized products with the understanding that the orders for such materials would be handled by Canada in the same manner and through the same channels as war orders."

In supporting measures for greater trade with France, Senator Beaubien submitted some striking figures of our present exportation to prove that large orders can be secured from the republic. Within the last two years orders have been placed in Canada for very large amounts of metallur-gical products. One enquiry received by a consulting engineer in Montreal was for no less than 250,000 miles of cable exceeding in price \$10,000,-000. Tremendous quantities of material are required by the French state railways, including:

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freight and passenger cars.
Copper and steel fire-box plates.
Rails, bars and splices.
Traction chains and hooks

Halls, bars and splices.

Traction chains and hooks.

Drawn and seamless steel, coper and brass tubes.

During September enquiries were

During September enquiries were received at the French Chamber of Commerce for shoes, hardware, lumber, foodstuffs, canned goods, prepared furs, glassware for electric light, lard, bacon and smoked ham, toys, maple syrup and tree felling and cutting machines.

The present demand for window sashes and doors alone in the devastated areas in France would supply a splendid market for Canadian factories, but as Senator Beaubien

a splendid market for Canadian factories, but as Senator Beaubien pointed out, prior to the war and even up to two years ago, the major part of ready-made wooden doors sold on the Canadian market were manufactured in the States; most of them came from the middle west, many even from the State of Washington. A substantial proportion were made out of Canadian lumber. In other words, American doors dominated the Canadian market despite the fact that these articles had to bear the extra cost of long railway haul and of Canadian duty which alone added practically one-third to their cost price. The reason for such an extraording The reason for such an extraordin-ary state of things Senator Beaubion declared was the failure of Canadian manufacturers to standardize their products. As he said, "with their enormous markets the Americans can specialize in one product and by can specialize in one product and by producing enormous quantities reduce cost price to a minimum." Standardization is one of the outstanding features of British and American trade preparations. The question should be given the earnest consideration of Canadian manufactures.