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SIX MILLION JEWS ARE FACING DEATH

Starvation and Disease Cause Indescribable Suffering in Eastern Europe.

The hardships of this winter will mean death to thousands of Jews in Poland, unless outside aid intervenes at once according to Lieutenant Shelton Wright of the American Red Cross Commission to Poland, recently returned to the United States after months of relief work in eastern Europe.

He painted a vivid picture of this half-starved people, clad in rags, who are now creeping back toward their devastated homes after months of refugee wandering, and dying of starvation and typhus along the roads, as they go.

"Outside starvation, numerous diseases, attributed to malnutrition and typhus have killed men and women and children like flies," he said. "I remember a family trying to live under an over-turned waggon by the roadside. The mother was dead under a tree a few yards away—she had been dead for days. The father was stretched upon the ground dying of typhus. He died that day. Under the waggon were two little children, both under five, sick with typhus. An older child sat stupidly beside them—a girl driven out of her mind."

Many of the people are driven to making "bread" out of leaves and bark, and "soup" out of grass and water, Lieutenant Wright reported. There was unspeakable joy among them when the American ships, loaded with relief supplies purchased with the funds raised by the American Jewish Relief Committee and other American Jewish agencies, and American and Canadian Red Cross supplies were unloaded at Dansig and other ports. In spite of the fact that the American Jewish Relief agencies are spending almost $2,000,000 a month now on their relief work in Poland, and that the Red Cross is doing its work on so vast a scale, hundreds of thousands of Jews and Poles will die during the winter unless more aid comes.

"Every box-car full of refugees returning to their homes has in it those who die along the way, and those who have contracted typhus," Lieutenant Wright said. "The people try to avoid disease by keeping clean, but it is impossible to do so, under existing conditions. Even our nurses and doctors fall ill of typhus, a disease caused by filth and lice."

The Red Cross and the American Jewish Relief agencies are doing their utmost to keep both the Jews and the Gentiles in these stricken lands alive. Six million Jews in eastern Europe face death unless immediate shipments of food, clothing, and bedding from Canada and the United States reach them before the cold weather sets in.

An appeal for funds is to be made in Ontario and a generous response from this district is confidently expected.

MOBS OF CHILDREN CRAVING FOR BREAD

Gaze Into Bakeshop Windows for Hours at a Time, Hoping for Something to Eat.

"The saddest thing in all Eastern Europe at the present moment—worse than all the other instances of starvation and even of death and disease on every hand—are the childmobs one sees outside of the few bakeries that are able to keep going in Warsaw," Sholom Asch, the famous Yiddish playwright and poet reported to the American Jewish Relief Committee upon his return from Eastern Europe, where he went as a commissioner of the Joint Distribution Committee of American Funds for Jewish Sufferers from the War.

"In the bakery windows are a few loaves of bread, and sometimes cakes, that are sold at a simply prohibitive price," he explained, "and even if these were as cheap as in Canada and the United States, their taste would still be unknown to the hungry Jewish children, who live on the cup of soup a day they get from American Jewish relief agencies. But the youngsters tantalize themselves with the sight of food, when they cannot get the taste of it.

"They press up to the window, and at first merely stare respectfully at the bread, an uncanny little crew of gaunt small folks with old faces and suffering unchildish eyes. Perhaps it is raining, or the wind is blowing coldly through the tatters that they wear, that little barefoot army, but they huddle together for warmth, and do not stir. The sight of the bread has fascinated them, it is so rarely seen.

"A customer comes out, leaving the door ajar for a moment, and the warm fragrance of the bake-shop drifts out to the little ragamuffins, maddening them. They press closer to the window, their thin little faces against the glass. Those in front put out their tongues and lick the glass, as if, by so doing, they could taste the bread behind it. No poet could ever write into words the wistfulness of their faces as they do it.

"One of the men from the bakery comes out and drives them away every few minutes, else they would break the glass. They are afraid of him, and for a few minutes they stand at a distance, their eyes still upon the bread. Then hunger overcomes their fear, and they press up to the bakery window again. Soon they are eagerly licking the glass once more. And this goes on all day every day in front of the bakery window."

More money is needed to help feed those children, and an appeal soon is to be made in Canada for that purpose.

The New York market was professional in character. Trading was dull and prices tended easy.

DESTITUTION IN EUROPE TERRIBLE

Long Processions of Starving, Ill-Clad Children Seen Daily on the Streets.

Long processions of little Jewish children in Eastern Europe, bearing their tin cups in their hands, daily walk from their villages to the nearest town in which there is a Jewish relief station, according to relief workers in these stricken lands, sometimes journeying five or six miles in order to get the cup of soup with a piece of hardtack, or the mug of milk which is often their sole food of the day.

Those tin-cup processions emphasize, as nothing else could do, the relief workers say, the terrible destitution of the Jews in Eastern Europe at present. The children in them are barefoot, almost without exception.

Reports received by the Canadian Jewish War Relief Committee say that both boys and girls are wrapped in burlap, or dressed in clothing made from the sacks in which the relief supplies have come, or in the rags which they have worn during the five years of the war, their gaunt little bodies showing through the tatters. They do not walk as children usually do, without effort or restraint, but drag themselves along wearily, and hopelessly, like tired little ghosts condemned to move in hungry processions throughout eternity.

Arrived at the relief station, the children are so tired and so weak that they sit down upon the pavements to await their turn in line. Upon the faces of every one of them there is an expression of unchildlike anxiety. It has to do with the only really vital question in the world to them—whether or not the soup or milk will hold out, until their turn comes. Every day some of them have to be turned away without food, since their numbers are so great that the funds at present on hand are not always sufficient to care for them all.

MILLION CHILDREN ARE CLAD IN RAGS

Their Wasted Bodies Show Thru Tatters, Result of Starvation and Misery.

The art of making two flowers bloom where only one bloomed before isn't half so hard as that of making two garments exist where only one existed before; yet even this can be accomplished, according to reports recently received by the Canadian Jewish War Relief Committee from relief workers abroad.

Cloth of any kind, either cotton or wool, is particularly impossible to obtain in Eastern Europe, except at prohibitive prices. A round million little Jewish children in these unhappy lands are clad in the rags that they have worn all through the war, their wasted little bodies showing through great tatters. Some of these children are still sleeping on the streets, since there are at present neither orphanages nor funds for all.

Miss Harriet B. Lowenstein, of New York, sent to Europe as a commissioner of the Joint Distribution Committee of American Funds for Jewish War Sufferers, was able to purchase more than a carload of pajamas from the salvage department of the American army in France. These were sent to Eastern Europe, and in the workrooms opened there were made over into clothing for children.

Each pair of pajamas made at least two Russian blouse suits for little boys it was reported. The larger pieces left over in the cutting were used for the cloths that the children of Eastern Europe bind around their feet in lieu of shoes.

MILLION PAIRS OF SHOES ARE NEEDED

Destitute Jewish Children of Eastern Europe Use Rags to Protect Feet From the Cold.

A million pairs of shoes are needed by the destitute Jewish children of Eastern Europe to-day, according to reports received by the Canadian Jewish Relief Committee from relief workers abroad.

At least that many of the helpless and hungry Jewish youngsters of Eastern Europe are absolutely without footgear of any kind, their relief agents say. Thousands of others have rags sewn around their feet in lieu of shoes.

Several carloads of shoes that formerly belonged to Allied soldiers in France were purchased there by the Joint Distribution Committee of Funds for Jewish Sufferers from the War, for the Jewish women of Eastern Europe. But it was impossible to buy the shoes in sizes that could be worn by the children, and all others sold in Europe are at a prohibitive price. So a million youngsters are barefoot during the hard winter of Eastern Europe.

There is a great lack of every conceivable kind of clothing, as well as shoes. In Serbia, a common child's costume just now consists of two sacks, with holes cut through for the head and feet. In Poland, flour sacks and sugar sacks sent with supplies to the destitute Jews by Jewish relief agencies are all being made over into clothing, and even small salt sacks are pieced together, and used for this purpose.

The Toronto Presbytery nominated Rev. Dr. J. Ballantyne for the chair of the General Assembly.

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Those subject to headaches, backacmes, bilious attacks, constipation or stomach trouble, are urged to get a quarter pound of limestone phosphtae from the drug store and begin enjoying this morning inside bath.

Just as hot water and soap sleanse, purify and freshen the skin, so hot water and a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate act on thestomach, liver, kidneys and bowels. Limestone phosphate is an inexpensive white powder and almost tasteless.

COMMISSIONER HIGGINS HERE TO CONFER ON SALVATION ARMY MATTERS

Com. W. J. Richards, head of the Salvation Army in Eastern Canada and Col. John McHillan, Chief Secretary are conferring with Commissioner Higgins, Chief of Staff and Second in Command of the Salvation Army for the work who arrived in Boston from London, England, recently. Com. Higgins came to America to discuss matters pertaining to Salvation Army affairs in Canada and the United States, with Commander Eva Booth, head of the Salvation Army in the United States and with the Canadian officials. He was for many years Chief Secretary of the United States and recently succeeded Com. Howard as Chitf of Staff and Second in Command. Many matters having any important bearing upon the future policy of the Salvation Army, and its reconstruction work are to be taken up at this meeting and it is expected that on his return Com. Richards will have something to say in regard to the questions affecting the policies to be followed in Canada.

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