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NEAR EAST RELIEF A VITAL NECESSITY.

Brigadier General Frank McCoy Tells of the Necessity of American Help.

Just now when the Centre county organization for the Near East relief is bending every energy towards securing the quota allotted to this county the following letter, written to Miss Mary Hunter Linn under date of February 12th, by Brigadier General Frank McCoy, now stationed at Douglas, Arizona, is very timely.

I am very glad you wrote to me about the wrong impression given by some of my casual talk on the subject of the Near East relief.

I went out on the Harbord mission somewhat skeptical about the terrible tales of the Armenian massacres and sufferings, but I came back fully convinced that they were the victims of the greatest crime in history, thoroughly interested in the Armenians as a people and sympathetic with their cause and sufferings.

The best and most effective way of furnishing relief would be, of course, for a mandatory power under the League of Nations to establish a stable government in Turkey and Transcaucasia, but in the meantime, there are at least three hundred thousand Turkish-Armenian refugees in Russian Armenia, superimposed upon a poor population, who cannot return to their homes in Turkish Armenia, and who are absolutely dependent for life and health upon American relief.

There are also Armenian refugees largely dependent on American relief in Mesopotamia and Syria, and at least fifty thousand orphans in various parts of Transcaucasia, Turkey and Syria. These refugees and orphans are entirely dependent on us now, and probably will be until a stable government permits them to return to their homes and farms.

They are such an able, vital people that in a comparatively short time under conditions of peace and security, they would be able to look after themselves and their orphans. In the meantime, to save their lives, it will cost at least thirty million dollars, and twenty million more to put them on their feet on a self-supporting basis.

The political problems and readjustments in the Near East are so complicated, and the various peoples so inextricably commingled and interdependent, it is very hard to generalize satisfactorily and give a true impression in a short letter; so that I suggest that if you can obtain the help of two other members of the commission who are now in Pennsylvania, and thoroughly interested in all phases of the problem, that you and your neighbors would be entirely repaid in interest, and the more skeptical ones stirred to sympathy, as I was. They are Colonel John Price Jackson, 509 Union Arcade, Pittsburgh, whom you may remember as having been at the head of the department of Electrical Engineering at the State College some years ago, and Col. Jasper Y. Brinton, 124 South 19th St., Philadelphia.

Without visiting the Near East, it is impossible for an American to realize the prestige of our country in that region, and the gratitude with which it is regarded by all of the peoples scattered from the Mediterranean to the Caucasus. It is more easily understood, however, when one thinks of the hundred years of unselfish educational and missionary work of Americans throughout that historic stretch. During and since the war, the effective and self-sacrificing work of all our educational, missionary and relief people in Asia Minor has been such as to arouse the pride of every American official who has visited Turkey. As General Harbord remarked, "Although it is very gratifying to the pride of America, it brings with it heavy responsibilities for continuing the good work to a satisfactory conclusion," in other words, until a stable government or governments are established.

With strong hope that this will answer your questions, and help you in your great work, and with kindest remembrances, I am,

Very sincerely yours, FRANK MCCOY.

—Mr. and Mrs. George Beezer have rented the Edmund Blanchard home furnished, and will occupy it after the first of March. Mr. and Mrs. Beezer have been living at the Bush house since selling their home on Curtin street.

—Subscribe for the "Watchman."

WILKINSON.—Harry A. Wilkinson, a clerk in Hazel & Co's store, died about nine o'clock last Friday morning as the result of influenza, after being housed up only two days. Mr. Wilkinson worked in the store until Tuesday afternoon without a complaint, but Wednesday morning he felt too bad to go to work. He grew rapidly worse and passed away at the time above stated.

Deceased was a son of John and Ellen C. Wilkinson and was born near Potters Mills thirty-four years ago. His early life was spent in that vicinity but ten years or more ago he came to Bellefonte and entered the store of Joseph Bros. & Co. as a clerk. When the store was purchased by Hazel & Co. he remained as one of the sales force and was always courteous and obliging to the patrons of the store as well as the general public. He was a member of St. John's Lutheran church, and only recently had secured a transfer of membership from the Centre Hall to the Bellefonte Lodge I. O. O. F.

He was united in marriage to Miss Ruth McCool, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David McCool, of Spring Mills, who survives with three small children: Walter, Harry and John. He also leaves his parents, living at Potters Mills and five sisters, namely: Mrs. Harry Spangler, of Park Ridge, Ill.; Mrs. Frank A. Carson, Potters Mills; Mrs. A. L. Bubb, Reedsville; Mrs. J. J. Cameron, Chicago, and Mrs. Philip P. Henshall, State College.

The remains were taken to his old home at Potters Mills on Saturday, the funeral being set for 9:30 o'clock on Monday morning but owing to the deeply drifted roads it was impossible for the undertaker and Bellefonte delegation of Odd Fellows to get through to Potters Mills until after twelve o'clock, consequently the funeral was not held until 2:30. Rev. Wilson P. Ard, of Bellefonte, officiated and burial was made in the Spruce-creek cemetery, six members of the Bellefonte Lodge I. O. O. F. acting as pall-bearers.

JAMISON.—Rev. Dr. M. I. Jamison, of Williamsport, presiding elder of the Centre district of the United Evangelical church, passed peacefully away while sitting at his desk in the study of his home at six o'clock on Tuesday evening. Heart failure was assigned as the cause.

Rev. Jamison was a native of Centre county, having been born at Millheim sixty years ago. Following his ordination to the ministry, while yet a young man, he filled appointments at Logan, Hughesville, Williamsport, Nescopeck, Altoona, York and Hagerstown, Md. He also served six years as presiding elder of the Williamsport district and two years on the Centre district, of which the Bellefonte church is a part. Prior to being appointed presiding elder he served two years as financial secretary of Albright college. He is survived by his wife, who prior to her marriage was a Miss King, of Millheim, and one daughter, Mrs. R. H. Morris, of Williamsport. Funeral services will be held in Williamsport this afternoon and tomorrow morning the remains will be taken to Millheim where interment will be made.

CRAWFORD.—H. Victor Crawford, a brother of Frank M. Crawford, of Bellefonte, died at his home in Philadelphia on Sunday night of heart failure, following a siege of influenza. He was born at Laurelton, Union county, about forty-three years ago. When seventeen years of age he went to Philadelphia and learned the drug business, being engaged in that business ever since. He married a young lady from Delanco, New Jersey, who survives with three daughters, Estelle, Margerie and Patricia. He also leaves five brothers, O. B. Crawford, of Altoona; A. W., of Philadelphia; G. R. of Bucknell University, Lewisburg; Carl, in the west, and Frank M., of Bellefonte. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Crawford went to Philadelphia on Tuesday afternoon to attend the funeral which was held at three o'clock on Wednesday, burial being made at Delanco, N. J.

WELCH.—Orviston friends of Joseph Welch, known among his many friends as "Jake," were saddened to learn of the death of his estimable young wife, formerly Miss Maude Shields. Mrs. Welch was a splendid woman and had endeared herself to her friends and neighbors by her pleasant ways. She will be sadly missed, not only in the grief-stricken home she has gone from, but by all who knew her. She leaves besides her husband and parents and other relatives an infant, who will never know its mother's loving care.

HOUTZ.—Ira Houtz, eighteen year old son of Jeffrey and Sarah Lyle Houtz, died on Sunday at the family home at Millbrook, near Lemont, following one week's illness with influenza. He was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Houtz and his death is a natural severe blow to the parents. He was a member of the United Brethren church and Sunday school and an industrious, upright young man. Private funeral services were held on Wednesday morning, burial being made at Houserville.

HEIM.—Mrs. Philip Heim, a widow lady who lived alone in her home at Spring Mills, died on Saturday night of pneumonia following an attack of influenza. She was a native of Mifflin county and was about forty-two years old. She has no survivors so far as could be learned. Burial was made in the Cross Roads church cemetery on Tuesday afternoon.

MOTHERSBAUGH.—Harris township lost one of its well known and most respected citizens on Saturday in the death that afternoon of William G. Mothersbaugh. He contracted the influenza some ten days previous and pneumonia developing caused his death.

He was a son of Leonidas and Elizabeth Mothersbaugh and was born near Boalsburg on April 19th, 1880, hence was not quite forty years old. His boyhood days were spent on the farm and when he grew to manhood he followed in the footsteps of his father and also engaged in farming, in which he was eminently successful. He was a lifelong member of the Reformed church and a member of the Boalsburg I. O. O. F.

He was united in marriage to Miss Catharine Meyer, of Boalsburg, who survives with one son, John. He also leaves his parents, three brothers and one sister, namely: D. K. Mothersbaugh, of Hepburnville; Charles and George, of Boalsburg, and Mrs. R. Stuart, of Crafton. Funeral services were held at his late home at ten o'clock on Tuesday morning by his pastor, Rev. S. C. Stover, after which burial was made in the Boalsburg cemetery.

GRENOBLE.—Charles I. Grenoble, a jeweler, died at his home in Lewisburg on February 6th after a few days' illness with pneumonia. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Grenoble and was born at Spring Mills on April 20th, 1884, hence was only 35 years, 9 months and 16 days old. His boyhood life was spent at Spring Mills but as a young man he located in Mifflin county, where he lived until 1913 when he moved to Lewisburg and engaged in the jewelry and optical business. He was a member of the Reformed church, the Masonic fraternity and the I. O. O. F.

Surviving him are his wife and a little daughter; his parents, now living at Aaronsburg, this county, and the following brothers and sisters: Robert Grenoble, of Lewisburg; Fred C., of Lewisburg; William J., Catharine, Mary and Anna, at home. The remains were taken to Spring Mills last Wednesday morning for burial.

HOUTZ.—Mrs. Annetta Houtz, wife of William Houtz, died at her home at Graysville on Monday afternoon after an illness of only a few days. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Gates and was born at Gatesburg, this county, sixty years ago. All her married life, however, was spent at Graysville. She was a member of the Lutheran church and a good, christian woman. She had no children but is survived by her husband, three brothers, Simon, George and William, of Altoona, and one sister, Martha, in Massachusetts. She also leaves one half-brother, Richard, of Pennsylvania Furnace. Funeral services were held at her late home at ten o'clock yesterday morning by Rev. R. M. Campbell, after which the remains were taken to Gatesburg where final services were held by Rev. A. M. Lutton and burial made in the Gatesburg cemetery.

GILL.—Mrs. Mary Gill, wife of Lawrence Gill, died at her home in Tyrone on Wednesday of last week of pneumonia, following an attack of influenza. She was a daughter of Abraham and Nancy Frantz, and was born in Taylor township, Centre county, forty-nine years ago. She was married to Lawrence Gill in 1894 and they lived in upper Bald Eagle valley until about a year ago when they moved to Tyrone. Surviving the deceased are her husband and five children, Linus, Edwin, George, Rose and Nedda. She also leaves her aged mother and the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. H. Woodring, of Dilltown; Mrs. Jennie Davis, of Altoona; E. C. Frantz, of VanScocoy; Harry, of Spruce Creek; Mrs. Charles Igou and Mrs. Henry Brumbaugh, of Tyrone. Burial was made in the Eastlawn cemetery, Tyrone, on Saturday afternoon.

BLOOM.—George Miles Bloom died on Friday evening at eight o'clock at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bloom, about a half mile west of Centre Hall, following a week's illness with influenza. He was nineteen years and one day old and his death just at the dawn of young manhood is a severe blow to his parents and friends. In addition to his parents he leaves to mourn his death the following brothers and sisters: Daniel, Mamie, Luella and Donald, all at home. He was a member of the Reformed church and Sunday school and Rev. R. Raymond Jones had charge of the funeral services which were held at his late home at three o'clock on Monday afternoon, burial being made in the Centre Hall cemetery.

MALLALIEU.—Rev. Richard Mallalieu, a well known retired minister of the Methodist church, died at his home in Williamsport on Saturday evening, aged 81 years. He was the father of Charles T. Mallalieu, for a number of years manager of the Bell Telephone exchange in Bellefonte, and during the latter's residence here frequently visited in Bellefonte. His wife, one daughter and two sons survive. Burial was made in Williamsport on Tuesday.

WILSON.—Harriet Eleanor Wilson, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. I. D. Wilson, died at the family home in State College last Thursday of complications, following an attack of the measles. She was aged three years and ten months and was an exceptionally bright child whose death is deeply mourned by the stricken parents. Burial was made in the Pine Hall cemetery last Saturday afternoon.

YARNELL.—Jacob Yarnell died at his home on Marsh Creek last Thursday of general debility, aged 81 years, 10 months and 5 days. He followed farming most of his life, was a member of the Bald Eagle Grange and a splendid citizen. He was twice married and is survived by his second wife and the following children by his first marriage: Mrs. Corianna Witherite, of Chestnut Grove; Mrs. Adaline Poorman and Mrs. Elizabeth Confer, of Yarnell; Mrs. Clara Harnish, of Clarence; Mrs. Cora Baney, of Howard; Mrs. Sarah Lucas, of Altoona; E. Clayton Yarnell, of Jacksonville, and George C., of Chicago. He also leaves one brother and a sister, James Yarnell, of Snow Shoe, and Mrs. Ruth Malone, of Williamsport. Burial was made in the Advent cemetery last Saturday.

WINKLEBLECK.—Miss Minnie Winklebleck died at her home at Nittany on Monday night after a long illness with tuberculosis. She is survived by two brothers, Horace, of Nittany, and Elwood, of Renovo, and one sister. Burial was made on Wednesday.

An Appreciation and a Resolution.

Inasmuch as God, in His wisdom, has called His own servant and our faithful friend, Rev. James Potter Hughes, to his eternal reward; we, the members of the session of the Presbyterian church of Bellefonte, desire to put on record our appreciation of his life and worth. Truly he was a man of God, and the memory of his fellowship will ever inspire us in humble service. As a minister of the Gospel he served the church for over seventy years, and was directly associated with the activities of this church for sixty years. It was his delight to attend and take part in the services of worship. He joyed in going up to the house of God, he maintained her doctrines and her precepts. Broad-minded and large-hearted, he found inspiration in, and loved, all churches. His help and counsel were ever at her disposal and on many an occasion he expounded the truth to our members with great force and earnestness. He was an implicit believer in the bible—its teachings and its promises—as all who sat at his feet can testify. Even until the closing days of his life it was his delight to attend the sessions of the Bible school and join with real sympathy and expectation in the discussions of the lesson. He was ever aflame with a missionary zeal, and when the cause of the poor or distressed was being pleaded he was present with his gifts as well as his prayers. In the latter days of his life, when the silver cords were lengthening, his very presence brought with it a benediction. Where he was no one could be unkind or irreverent or unholy. We count it a rare privilege to have been associated with him for so many years in the work of our common Master. The mellowness of character revealed in the closing days of his life will ever inspire us to follow the One Whom he confessed and to Whom he gave all honor. He has gone; but he still lives and his influence for good will be immortal.

Sunset and evening star, And one clear call for me? And may there be no moaning of the bar When I put out to sea. For, though from out our bourne of time and space, The flood may bear me far, I hope to see my Pilot face to face, When I have crossed the bar. Resolved, That this statement of the worth of Rev. James Potter Hughes be incorporated in the minutes of our sessional record, and that a copy of the same, as well as our sincere sympathy, be sent to the sorrowing members of his family.

Signed: W. K. McKinney, minister; W. B. Rankin, clerk; Charles E. Gilmore, William P. Humes, James H. Potter, M. L. Altenderfer, Henry S. Linn, Harry Yeager.

Bellefonte Academy Minstrels.

The Bellefonte Academy minstrels have organized for the season of 1920 with a membership of over sixty students. They have selected Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 20th, 21st and 22nd, as the dates for the three performances they expect to give this year. The Academy minstrels have become established as an interesting feature in Bellefonte's annual entertainment program, not only because of the professional-like shows they give but because they are always contributing to some worthy cause. Two years ago they gave several hundred dollars to the Red Cross and last year the Bellefonte hospital was the beneficiary.

This year the net proceeds will split in two, one-half going to Troop L, of Bellefonte, to help them in purchasing suitable furniture for their new social club room in the armory, and the other half to be used by Mr. James R. Hughes toward the expense involved in building a fine skating pond in the shape of an "L" between the tennis court and the new quarter mile track on Hughes field. This should be a popular undertaking and meet a great public requirement. The young people of Bellefonte have for years had no real skating facilities, which in winter is a very enjoyable and popular pastime. Mr. Hughes will build the pond in honor of his late lamented father, who was an expert skater and thoroughly enjoyed the sport even at the age of eighty years.

As to the minstrels there is an abundance of excellent talent among the Academy students this year and that means splendid minstrel performances which the public will doubtless look forward to with pleasurable anticipation. Remember the dates. Other organizations are requested not to conflict.

Brief Session of Borough Council.

Borough council didn't do anything on Monday evening in regard to the purchase of combination pumbers or any other fire fighting apparatus, owing to the illness of J. M. Cunningham, the minority member of the Fire and Police committee.

All the other members of council were present at the meeting. The secretary read a letter sent by the McCoy & Linn Iron Co. to the State Water Commission protesting against the practice of the general public in dumping refuse along the banks of Spring creek; such refuse being washed down stream in times of high water to their dam, and not only filling up the dam but clogging the water wheel and machinery. The Water Commission disclaimed any jurisdiction in the matter and referred the letter of protest to the borough council. Inasmuch as practically all of the dumping complained of is being done on private grounds council was undecided as to its authority and referred the matter to the Sanitary committee and borough solicitor for investigation and report.

The secretary also read a letter from George T. Bush protesting against the purchase of two expensive combination pumbers on the grounds of involving the borough in a needless heavy expense and for various other reasons set forth.

The secretary stated that the contracts for the state road on Bishop, Spring and Pine streets had been duly executed and forwarded to the State Highway Department. He further reported that the contract for building the same had been awarded and the contractor was here last week looking over the ground, stating at the time that he would begin work just as soon as the weather would permit, as he wanted to have the job completed by the first of July. Inasmuch as there will be some changes to be made in the water pipes and sewage system on Bishop and Spring streets the matter was referred to the Street and Water committees to ascertain just what will have to be done and get the necessary material on hand so that there will be no delay when it comes time to do the work.

The question of a proper charge for work done by the street laborers on private property was taken up but as there is no ordinance covering the same the matter was referred to the Street committee and borough solicitor for consideration and report at an early date.

For the information of members of council president Walker stated that the borough solicitor, J. Thomas Mitchell, is expected in Bellefonte on or about the first of March and all matters needing his attention can then be taken up.

Bills to the amount of \$1022.36 were approved and council adjourned.

Looked Like Old Times.

On Wednesday of last week the guests in the dining room of one of the prominent hotels in Lock Haven were considerably annoyed by the actions of three or four traveling men who had evidently unearthed a quantity of that stuff that men used to drink and having imbibed pretty liberally had reached that point where hilarity and broken dishes looked alike to them. Finally one of the guests called the head waiter and asked if they permitted such doings in the dining room.

"Well, I'll tell you how it is, Mr.," said the waiter. "You see they really aren't hurtin' anybody, and it's so seldom now that anything like that happens that we just kind of like to see it, as it reminds us so much of old times."

In the meantime the story of the traveling men and their hilarity had spread outside of the hotel and when they left the place they were followed all around town by a gang of old-timers anxious to know where they had gotten their drunk.

Prevention and Treatment for Influenza.

As to the prevention and treatment of the influenza, the Red Cross advises as follows:

As for precautionary steps applying to the individual, there seems nothing better than the maintenance of the general health at its highest point, the avoidance of crowded, overheated, ill-ventilated places, and the shunning of him or her who coughs without using a handkerchief as one would a sufferer from smallpox. There is enough evidence of the value of masks properly constructed, properly worn and supplemented by clean hands, to make this measure advisable, particularly in the case of those who do cough. This is a protection to others.

The underlying cause of influenza has not been discovered, unless it be a filtrated virus, nor is there any therapeutics for it other than shelter, good nursing, proper nourishment and symptomatic treatment.

Threshermen's Association.

The annual meeting of the Centre County Threshermen's association advertised for February 7th was called off because of the blizzard, and will now be held in the grand jury room in the court house on Saturday, February 21st, at 10 a. m.

This is an important meeting and a full attendance is desired. Officers for the year will be elected, delegates to the State convention in Harrisburg February 25th, 26th and 27th, will be chosen, and a final drive will be made to put the threshermen's casualty insurance company over. An expert insurance man will be present to explain this matter.

Beloved Woman Passes Away Sunday. Mrs. H. T. Kurtz Succumbs to Operation.

A tribute to the late Mrs. John L. Kurtz, from the Daily Eustis Lake Region, of February 6th.

It is always pleasing to hear that our friends are appreciated by others as the following clipping from the Eustis Lake Region, Eustis, Florida, attests:

Many friends here were saddened to learn of the death of Mrs. H. T. Kurtz, which occurred Sunday morning at five o'clock, at the Orange County hospital, where she had been since January 21st, her death following a serious surgical operation. Her remains were shipped Monday to her old home in Lewistown, Pa., for interment beside her husband, who died many years ago. Mrs. Kurtz had made her home in Eustis for several years and had won the high esteem and respect of all with whom she came in contact. She was a most gifted and talented woman and was noted for her great hospitality, and taming her friends and giving them a pleasant time. Many recall with deep pleasure the lovely cruising party of which she was hostess last winter. She was a reader of ability and was ever ready to assist in any program for the church or for the special enjoyment of her friends. She was noted for her charitable work, and did, in her quiet modest way, much good wherever needed. Once in a while, in life's journey, one meets up with one of these well rounded, beautiful characters such as Mrs. Kurtz was, and all who claimed her friendship were indeed fortunate. She will be greatly missed by her hosts of friends here. Mrs. Kurtz leaves no relatives, except a niece in Pittsburgh, Pa.

—Yesterday was the birthday anniversary of Miss Sara Longwell and today is that of Miss Mary Kline and a few of the young lady friends of both tendered them a surprise at the Longwell home on Spring street last night. Obviously we omitted to mention just what anniversary it is of either of the young ladies but inasmuch as a fortune teller was present as one of the attractions we'll wager that it was an open secret before the evening was half over.

—The Gaylord International Engineering and Construction company are planning to begin work on the completion of the state road between Bellefonte and Pleasant Gap at the earliest possible date, and in order to secure an ample force of workmen their local representative, Jerome G. Harper, will be in his office, No. 11 Crider's Exchange, every day from 3 to 5 o'clock to receive applications from men desiring work on the job.

—J. C. Sweppenheiser, of Bloomsburg, has been assigned as income tax man for this part of Centre county and will be at the court house, Bellefonte, March 2nd to 6th, and at Nittany Inn, State College, February 25th to 27th.

—Two representatives of the J. H. and C. K. Eagle Co., silk manufacturers, are expected in Bellefonte today to continue negotiations for the erection of a branch silk mill in Bellefonte.

—Mrs. Charles Moersbacher and family take this means of thanking their many friends for their kindness during their recent bereavement.

W. T. Creasy Grangeman, is Dead.

Catawissa, Feb. 18.—Rheumatism following an illness that kept him bedfast for fifteen weeks caused the death late Saturday of William T. Creasy, of Catawissa township, a prominent figure in state and national politics for years and a leader in the State and national granges. He was 64 years old. He was a member of the Legislature from 1894 until 1910, for years was a Democratic leader in the House and party nominee for State Treasurer in 1899 and in 1906 for Auditor General.

In 1909 he was defeated for State Senator and later was the Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor. For forty years he was a power in the State Grange and from 1908 to 1914 was its Master. For several years he was secretary of the National Dairy Union and chairman of the executive committee of the National Board of Farm organizations, with headquarters at Washington, D. C. Funeral services were held in St. John's Lutheran church, Catawissa, at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Finds Deed Dated 1716 in Drawers He Bought.

Dating back to the time of William Penn, an old deed well preserved was found several days ago by Frank X. Hinden, second-hand furniture dealer, of Lancaster, in a chest of drawers he purchased at public sale. The deed, written on parchment, bears the date of October 20, 1716, and was made out to Richard Carter. It was for a grant of land along the Conestoga creek, formerly in Chester county. The deed is made out by John Thomas and Richard Penn. Also among the old documents found were three permits to Lancaster citizens to manufacture and sell whiskey. They are dated November 2, 1779.

Decrease in Number of Horses.

Horses on Pennsylvania farms have declined more than eight per cent. in number in five years, according to the statistical bureau of the Department of Agriculture. It is estimated that on January 1, 1920, there were 554,019 horses in the State, the majority of them being on farms. They were worth \$61,480,000. On January 1, 1916, there were close to 600,000 horses reported but the increase of motor trucks and extension of motor vehicles to farm work, including tractors for ploughing, caused a decline in horse breeding, and the demands of the world war further decreased the number of animals, especially in the eastern counties.