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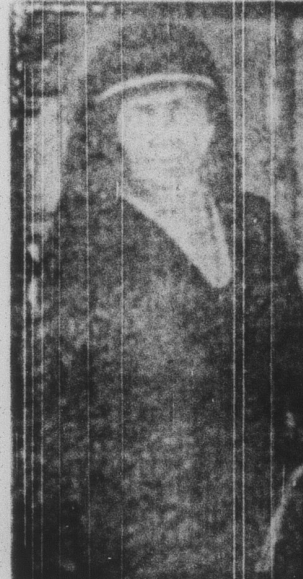
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GREEK SOVEREIGN LAUDS WORK OF NEAR EAST RELIEF

Cables Thanks for Christian Lives Saved in "Beautiful Work" of Mercy

Athens, Greece.—The wonderful work done by the Near East Relief organization in saving the lives of tens of thousands of Christians throughout Asia Minor and Transcaucasia has received signal recognition in praise bestowed by Queen Sophia of Greece in a cablegram dispatched by the Greek sovereign to Dr. Barton, chairman, and Charles V. Vickrey, Secretary, of the



KING AND QUEEN OF GREECE

Near East Relief organization, 1 Madison Ave., New York City. Her message reads:

"Deeply touched your great kindness towards Greek war sufferers in Straits Area and Asia Minor. Thank you all most sincerely."

At the same time, the Greek queen sent her check to Dr. Barton, Chairman of the Near East Relief Committee, for 1,000 francs as a contribution to what she termed the "beautiful work" of feeding, clothing and housing the more than 110,000 little children who have come under the care of the Near East Relief during the past year.

Besides Queen Sophia, Admiral P. Condouriotis, of the Royal Hellenic Navy, who was regent of Greece following the death of the late King Alexander on October 25, last, has also cabled to express the gratitude of the Greek people for the aid furnished the Christian populations of Turkey by the Near East Relief. More than \$120,000.00 was raised among the Greeks of the United States in two weeks, and sent to the Near East by the Near East Relief, to be used in helping the widows and orphans rendered destitute by the continuation of disturbed conditions in the former Ottoman Empire. The funds of the Near East Relief are gathered by private subscription not only among Americans, but among the Armenians and Greeks in the United States, whose countrymen in Turkey and Transcaucasia have been through indescribable suffering.

In an official report to Charles V. Vickrey, General Secretary of the Near East Relief, Miss Glee Hastings, of Spencer, Iowa, describes the pitiable condition of tens of thousands of homeless, starving, half-naked refugees, driven from their homes in the war area, and huddled in stables and out-houses, or on the bare ground, for lack of shelter.

"Most of the refugees are country people with almost nothing except the clothes on their backs, stunted and staked by their misfortune. Bread is given only to women and children at the rate of one-half loaf for a person, each day. The milk is reserved for the babies and sick. The refugees sit around huddled up against the walls—women with dull, sad faces, little children that are blue and pinched with the cold, and too of live sleep at night on a bare stone floor, under one thin, ragged half-cotton blanket. In one room several women are waiting away with tuberculosis in another are some severe eye cases, including ten young blind girls, who have no one in the world to care for them. The overflow from these buildings live in a wooden shed with the walls and floors raging with holes where the wood has rotted away and in tents improvised from rags and pieces of carpet."

A nation-wide appeal is being made to carry on this work, checks to be sent to Cleveland H. Dodge, Treasurer, 2 Madison Avenue, New York City.

U. S. ARMY HEAD ASKS ARMENIAN AID

Washington.—Major General James G. Harbord, recently appointed General Pershing's assistant Chief of Staff, has gone on record in support of the work of the Near East Relief in Armenia. He says, in a letter to the Near East Relief:

"Of all the heart-breaking distress that exists in other countries, I believe that the Near East situation should most appeal to our charitable people. There are many thousands of helpless orphans, children of Christian parents in a Moslem land, who must be helped by our people if they are to survive. The Armenians have preserved their race, their religion and their language under conditions of distress for over a thousand years. They are worthy of a better fate than to perish, and I believe that will be their fate without substantial financial and moral support from the good people of our country."

Major General Harbord, U. S. Army, is one of the trustees of the Near East Relief organization, now making a general appeal for funds to continue its work.

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