

NOVELIST REQUESTS HELP FOR ARMENIA

Personal Appeal for Women and Children of Tortured Nation.

Seconding Gen. Leonard Wood's Lenten sacrifice appeal for Armenia, Mrs. Mary Roberts Rinehart, America's popular woman novelist, is making the following personal appeal to the women of this country come to the rescue of this oppressed people of the near east:

"In behalf of the women and little children of the most persecuted and tortured nation in the history of the world, I appeal to the people of America to respond to the Lenten sacrifice appeal made by the Near East Relief for the saving of Armenia. The Armenians are without food, without clothing and without shelter. Pressed in by enemies on all sides, they stand deserted of all the world, save America.

"At this Lenten season, when the thoughts of all the world turn to the great sacrifice made 2,000 years ago on Calvary, the appeal of these people, who have faced exile and massacre, starvation and cold only because of their persistent and undying loyalty to the Christian faith, is too poignant to go unheeded. There, in the very land where Christ gave his life for mankind, these men and women and little children are giving theirs for Him. Can we, in our turn, fail to make the very slight sacrifice required of us to save them from perishing?"

Mrs. Mary Garden also wired her check and indorsement of the Easter offering.

Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, national president of the Federation of Women's Clubs, says: "It would be irony for the General Federation of Women's Clubs to continue its program for 'the womanhood of the world' while our sisters of the orient are left to perish because there is no one to extend a helping hand. Will America awake to her privilege and duty?"

Col. Theodore Roosevelt, Coleman du Pont, Henry Van Dyke, Samuel Gompers and David Belasco are others uniting in this appeal.

Gifts, large or small, may be sent to John B. Lerner, treasurer, 308 Bond Building.

PRESIDENT IN APPEAL FOR ARMENIAN RELIEF

"Tenfold Dividends in Doing Humane Thing for Deserving People," He Says.

President Harding yesterday issued the following appeal for the Near East Relief:

"No matter what the political situation may be, there ought to be no cessation of our sympathetic efforts to be of service to the stricken Armenian people. It has seemed to me that all we have done has borne dividends tenfold in the consciousness that we have done a humane thing for a people well deserving our generous gifts. The great relief movement must be pushed!"

Mrs. Cabot Stevens has received 500 coupon books, representing 500 Armenian, Syrian, Greek and Jewish orphans apportioned to Washington. These children must be turned out of the Near East Relief orphanages to starve April 15th, unless Washington buys these 500 books at \$20 each—50 coupons at \$1 a coupon, are in each book. Mrs. Stevens stated:

"This fund is an 'emergency fund' and does not represent what Washington should do to assist in maintaining the six-story hospital, thousands of soup kitchens, industrial plants and the general reconstruction work assigned to the Near East Relief by special act of Congress," she said.

Washington's committee requests gifts, large or small, be sent to John B. Lerner, treasurer, 308 Bond Building.

TEACHERS URGED TO HELP FIRE AND HEALTH BOARDS

Conference Told of Dangers to Children From Disregarding Regulations.

Calling attention to dangers ensuing from disregard of fire and sanitation regulations by public school children, the Eastern Conference of Teachers at its closing session yesterday recommended the organization in this city and elsewhere of teachers' committees to supplement the work of the public health service and fire inspectors.

It was pointed out that proper enforcement of fire regulations is overlooked in many instances, subjecting hundreds of children to serious fire hazards. The need for proper health regulations also was emphasized.

Participation of teachers in the determination of school policies was urged in another resolution. This privilege should be afforded through teachers' councils, faculty representation on the boards of education or through personnel committees composed of teachers and members of the school administrative group, it was declared.

A campaign to promote trade union colleges supported by teaching groups was outlined. Special research will be made to find text books adapted to adults, it was said.

The Smith-Towner bill, providing for federal control of education, was endorsed.

FORMER U. S. TREASURER PLAINTIFF IN LIBEL SUIT

CHICAGO, March 26.—Damages of \$500,000 were sought in a libel suit begun today in circuit court by John Burke, formerly treasurer of the United States and at one time Governor of North Dakota, and Louis M. Kardos against R. H. McMaster, a local broker.

The charges were not specified in the praecipe, but Philip R. Davis, attorney for Burke and Kardos, who have a partnership brokerage concern here, said they had been given McMaster's business some time ago when the latter went out of business. McMaster, Davis said, had reopened his office and in trying to regain the business given Burke and Kardos had called their concern "a bucket shop."

COUNTRY CLUB ORGANIZES

W. Gilbert Dent Chairman of Southern Maryland Body.

Organization of the Southern Maryland Country Club was effected last week at a meeting held at Clinton, Prince Georges county.

Temporary officers are: W. Gilbert Dent, chairman; Eugene S. Burroughs, secretary, and J. Frank Dent, treasurer. A meeting will be held shortly for the purpose of electing permanent officers and directors.

A large tract of land has been purchased and work has already begun in preparing an athletic field. A clubhouse with every convenience will be built probably during the summer. In addition to clubrooms, there will be a gymnasium large enough for indoor sports. The club will be located at the corner of the Washington, Leonardtown, Clinton and Picaatway state roads.

Membership will embrace the three southern Maryland counties, Prince Georges, Charles and St. Marys, and the District of Columbia. The membership is not confined to men but includes women and children.

General Wood's Easter Appeal



WHAT

CHRIST

Gave HIMSELF to Mankind

MILLIONS of ARMENIANS

Gave THEMSELVES for HIM

HE GAVE HIMSELF

WILL YOU GIVE

What will **YOU** give for **THEM!**

"There are today three million Armenians, homeless, half naked, starving, scattered throughout the Near East, remnants of the oldest Christian nation in the world. THEY APPEAL TO US TO SAVE THEM. We have food. We have money. WE CAN DO THE JOB. It is our DUTY to save them!"

"We have felt little of the war. But with THESE PEOPLE, LOYALTY to the IDEAL they fought for in COMMON WITH US has meant the ANNIHILATION of TWO MILLION people. We found peace. But with them WAR HAS NEVER CEASED, and today is more cruel THAN EVER! If WE fought for the SECURITY of the WORLD, we have NOT WON until security has been assured THESE FAITHFUL PEOPLE who were our ALLIES!"

"THERE IS NO NEED IN THE WORLD ANYWHERE LIKE THIS NEED OF THE ARMENIANS!"

"There is no escape save through OUR help! Thousands of little children have been the wards of the American people, through the Near East Relief. If our aid is withdrawn THESE CHILDREN STARVE! We cannot desert them! TODAY for every child taken in seven must be pushed outside Near East Relief gates! Dare we make PUBLIC EXECUTIONERS of our relief workers, as they hear the knocking of skeleton hands and hear 'Ajam, Ajam'—I am hungry! There are 200,000 Christian and Jewish girls in harems we can rescue if we supply the funds to Near East Relief. There are countless thousands of SYRIANS, GREEKS and JEWS, now REFUGEES, whose only succor is Near East Relief.

"Its appeal at this Lenten season is for a sacrifice to save these martyred peoples. Let each man, woman and child in the United States GIVE that these needy ones may LIVE. WHAT we WASTE WOULD DO IT. In the spirit of EASTER, SACRIFICE something so that a WHOLE NATION may BE REBORN THROUGH US with HOPE OF NEW LIFE."
"LEONARD WOOD."

"There ought to be NO CESSATION of AMERICAN EFFORTS to serve these stricken people. What we HAVE done has borne DIVIDENDS TEN-FOLD!"

PRESIDENT HARDING."

"The sufferings of Armenians touch the heart of all mankind. The principle of the 'Brotherhood of Man' is not limited by the seas or lands of the earth. In this time of STRESS we must respond quickly."
SAMUEL GOMPERS."

NEAR EAST RELIEF

JOHN B. LARNER, Treasurer
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