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FAMINE FUND WORK AT HALF-WAY MARK

Thomas W. Lamont, Chairman, Tells of Relief Administered and Task to Be Completed.

The American Committee for China Famine Fund, according to a statement issued by Thomas W. Lamont, chairman, has reached the second stage of its mission of mercy of sending funds from America to feed the millions of starving famine victims in the far eastern republic. At the lowest estimate, the statement says, just as much more is needed to carry "the last 5,000,000" through to the June harvest as has already been sent.

Mr. Lamont points out that quick response by America to appeals made by President Harding and his predecessor, President Wilson, has resulted in such prompt distribution of relief that the threatened magnitude of the famine has been checked to a marked extent. A continuation of the efforts so far made, it is declared, will place the famine relief for China among America's most effective philanthropies.

The Waiting Millions

There remain, however, the statement shows, a "last 5,000,000" to be saved, and these people can be saved only by continuous and voluminous relief resulting from American subscriptions.

The statement, in part, follows:

"Quick response to the appeal of the American Committee for China Famine Fund gives us at the half-way point in our work the cheering assurance that the subscriptions from generous America already have served a great humanitarian purpose, inasmuch as relief already administered has held the famine in bounds and made it possible for America to save a multitude of human beings.

"Whereas early estimates made it seem that millions must perish, we now are advised that instead of the 15,000,000 who, it was originally feared, were doomed to death from hunger, relief at present in sight from all sources, American, Chinese and foreign, is sufficient to provide scanty rations until the June harvest for all except 5,000,000 people. These 'last 5,000,000' are destitute, according to our latest reports from the American Advisory Committee in Peking and are dependent for existence upon new help coming from outside sources, and this means America.

From All the People

"It is the earnest hope of the Committee that 'the number of contributions made as well as the aggregate will be such as to make our humanitarian gift, in a real sense, a gift of the American people as a whole.

"One way to make individual effort and generosity contribute toward saving China's starving population is for every one responsive to China's need, in effect, to 'pick a pal in China for a day.' The thought behind this special appeal in connection with the latter part of our effort will be for American men, women and children to choose, figuratively, a Chinese famine victim as a friend for a day and to send what they spend one day on themselves or an American friend to the China Famine Fund either through local committees, banks or churches or direct to Vernon Munroe, treasurer, Bible House, New York City.

"No American is so poor that he cannot save a life at the lowest rate ever quoted, one dollar a month. Life's quotations fluctuate, sometimes in one nation, sometimes in another, but the lower the quotation the greater the opportunity of humanity, the opportunity of human beings to save human life. China is far away—6,000 miles—but hunger is hunger, whether around the corner or beyond the Pacific.

"We appeal to America to make effective the work already done in checking the China famine disaster by saving until harvest those already saved from death."

"CHINA WEEK" IS SUPREME EFFORT OF FUND WORKERS

As a practical and popular demonstration of the sympathy of the nation for a sister republic, a "China Famine Week," to be observed throughout the United States, has been set for the eight days from Sunday, May 1, to Sunday, May 8, inclusive.

In this week it is hoped that the churches and civic, commercial and professional bodies will take an active part. The success of this week will determine largely the amount of relief which can be sent through personal sacrifice to 5,000,000 starving people still dependent on outside aid.

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PICK A PAL IN CHINA FOR A DAY

To hasten the work of relief, this newspaper will forward contributions to the local Treasurer, or to the National Treasurer, China Famine Fund, Bible House, New York City.

Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

BY MARY GRAHAM BONNER

HELEN LIONESS.

"I'm Helen, the lioness, and I have cubs that are two years old and I have cubs that are only a year old.

"I have three cubs that are two years old and two cubs that are a year old.

"Isn't that an interesting fact? You see I have one more cub than the number of years old the cubs are. I have two one year old cubs and three two year old cubs."

"That would be all right," said Akbar, the lion, "if they wouldn't get any older. You see they will get older as time goes on. It's a habit creatures have, and they never have seemed to have lost the habit.

"They will be three years old and there will be three of them who are that old and then the two who are a year old now will soon grow to be two years old.

"Such will be the way it will go.

"Then the two cubs who are now a year old will grow to be not only two years old but three years old. Do you see?"

"Ah, yes," said Helen, the lioness, "only I was thinking that for the time being it is nice to think of the two cubs who are only a year old and of the three cubs who are two years old."

"That is all right," said Akbar, "if you only talk of their being these ages for the time being."

"How old are you, Akbar?" asked Helen, the lioness. "I've forgotten your age.

"And how old is Timur, your brother?"

"I," said Akbar, "am eight years old, and my brother Timur is six years old. He has his mane now. His mane was full sized last year when he had reached his fifth birthday.

"Timur is getting to be a big fellow. He is going to beat me in size I do believe.

"Yes, he is getting to be enormous. He is going to be as big a lion as there is in the zoo. I've always been considered a great big fellow. But Timur is going to beat me in size as I said before. Aren't you Timur?"

Timur turned his beautiful head with its perfect mane, and gave a low roar. "Yes, I shall grow to be bigger than you. I am catching up with you quickly in my size. And I feel very proud to think that I am growing to be so big. I thought no one could be as large as Akbar. But

"How Old Are You?"

though I shall be larger in size I will never be so famous."

"And there is one more thing," said Akbar, "though you may grow and grow and though you may get bigger you will never be able to catch up with me in one thing."

"What is that?" asked Timur.

"You can never catch up to my age. You will always be two years younger than I am. That is one thing you cannot beat me on!"

Just then the keeper passed by. He was talking of Timur and Akbar.

"They are brothers," he said, "and Timur is two years younger. But he is very much larger. We thought Akbar was the largest lion we would ever see here, but Timur began to beat him in size when he was four years old and when he had his growth and his beautiful mane at the age of five he was a good deal larger. But I don't believe the animals quite realize yet that Akbar isn't the largest lion still in the zoo. He has been for so long. He is a fine fellow though even if he has been beaten in size."

"There," said Akbar, "he is already bigger you see. I thought he was, but as he was some distance away from me we could never properly measure.

"But now we know and we know too that he can never beat me in age!"

But Helen Lioness was talking to the three little cubs who were two years old and the two little cubs who were one year old. There were three little boy cubs among them.

"My lovely little sons," she said, "grow up to be bigger than either Akbar or Timur. Grow to be the biggest lions in the zoo and the wildest looking ones, for that will do Mother Helen Lioness a great deal of good—it will make her so very happy."

And the little cubs looked at Mother Helen Lioness and smiled sleepily for they were still quite young.

RIDDLES.

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MAKING BAD MEN GOOD

Effective Revolutionary Method Use by the Salvation Army in Prison Work.

During the last year The Salvation Army has found employment and given financial aid to 2,800 discharged prisoners. The old story of the man who cannot find a job because he has "done time" is a thing of the past, for The Salvation Army is always willing to find him employment. The old tale of the convict who is driven back to crime through poverty and friendlessness is out of date, for The Salvation Army is daily applying its theories of practical Christianity to the prison problem.

In 383 prisons and reformatories during the last year, 8,000 religious meetings were held under the auspices of the Salvation Army. They were attended by more than 260,000 prisoners and more than 9,500 men and women declared their intention of becoming self-respecting and useful members of society.

Nor does The Salvation Army confine its prison activities to convicts and ex-convicts. The entire family is frequently cared for and protected by The Salvation Army. Food is provided where there is want, shelter is given to the homeless, and a spirit of forgiveness is instilled in order that the family may be ready to welcome the transgressor on the day of his release.

In connection with the work of The Salvation Army, both inside and outside of the prison gates, some of the most remarkable stories might be told. Among the conversions made during the last year are some of the most notorious criminals in the United States—men who were old-timers hardened offenders who had spent the major portion of their adult years behind bars. And in almost every instance the conversion has been sincere. Out of the scores placed on parole to The Salvation Army from every State and every county during the last year, only eight per cent. of the entire number failed to make good, the remaining ninety-two per cent. report regularly to The Salvation Army once each month and are quickly becoming hard-working, self-respecting men and women.

Among the recent activities of the Prison Department of The Salvation Army is the Lifer's Club, an organization composed exclusively of the 152 men who are serving life terms in the penal institutions of this country. The purpose of the club is to give the lifer something to occupy his mind—something to keep him in contact with fellow prisoners in other institutions and with the outside world. The officers of the organization are lifers, the members are lifers, and it will not be long before a magazine, edited by lifers, will be circulated by The Salvation Army through every prison in the United States, as a message of cheer for the present and hope for the future.

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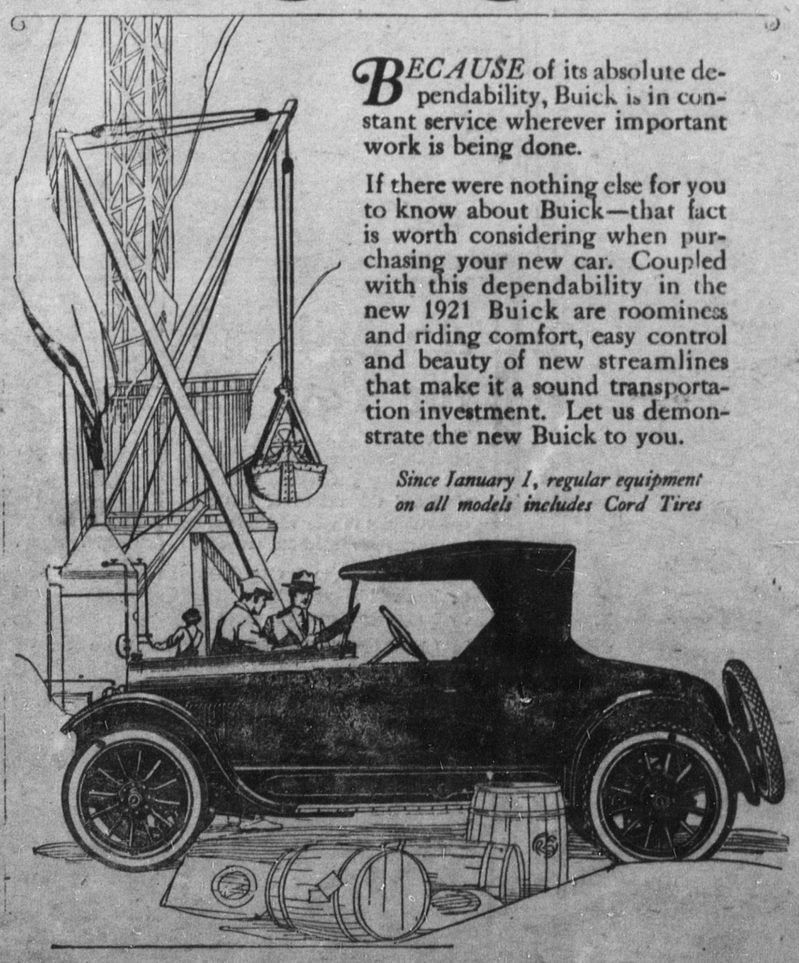

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