SERVIANS TORTURED CRIES ARCHBISHOP

Metropolitan of Kingdom Appeals for Speedy Aid to Save Nation.

GERMAN WARFARE CALLED BARBAROUS

Sing Sing Knitters Present Breakfast Jacket to Mme. Sembrich.

Speedy aid for Servia, "the David of nations," is besought in an appeal bristling with horrors, signed by Demetrius, Archbishop of Belgrade and Metropolitan of the King of Servia. The appeal of the Archbishop was received yesterday from the Servian Legation in London. It is addressed to "You generous men of America" in the name of Christian charity.

"The barbarous methods of warfare of the German allies, the object of which is to annihilate other nations and their culture," writes the Archbishop, "have inflicted on us, as well as on the Belgians, bloody and incurable wounds. Whole crowds of our best and noblest Serbs, who as non-combatants peacefully received the Austrian army, have been killed with a cruelty of which even savages would be ashamed.

"Men and women, old men and innocent children have been murdered by terrible tortures, by arms and by fire. Many have been locked up in school buildings and other houses and burnt alive. All the churches to which the Austrians got access have been desecrated, robbed and destroyed. The schools and best houses have fared in the same way. Belgrade, the beautiful capital of Servia, its churches, its educational and humanitarian institutions have been destroyed. The university, the national library, the museum and scientific collections, have been ruined."

Speedy Help Is Necessary.

Lacking even necessities, the Servians are fighting for existence, the Archbishop declares. Its fight he considers to be in the interests of civilization. Still further sacrifices are foreseen by the churchman, and he says succor must be had or the nation will perish.

"For those who have escaped," he concludes, "and for the orphans of the fallen speedy help is most necessary. That is why I am addressing this letter to you, and I appeal to all the Archbishops, Bishops and clergy of God's churches and to all noble minded men and women to hasten with their charity to the aid of the Servian nation in its present great distress."

Sing Sing prisoners have presented to Mme. Sembrich, president of the American Polish Relief Committee of New York, a breakfast jacket. The garment is red and white, the national colors of Poland. It was made by prisoners whom Mrs. Ernest Schelling, of the relief committee, instructed in knitting. The gift was accompanied by a card with this inscription:

"To Madame Sembrich from Tom Brown's Knitting Class."

One of the Sing Sing knitters recently sent a complete outfit of infant's apparel to the headquarters of the committee, asking that, if it could not be shipped at once to a Polish baby, to have it raffled and the money spent in relief work. The committee received, with numerous other gifts, yesterday a plain gold ring. Its fund amounts to $26,690.09.

Dispatches from Paris yesterday announced that Otto H. Kahn, some of whose pictures will be included in the loan exhibition for the benefit of the Secours-National, had given 10,000 francs for the relief of French war sufferers. Half will go to the wives and children of combatants and half toward the relief of artists. Mr. Kahn made the gift to Prefect Laurent through a friend in Paris.

$21,500,000 in Belgian Relief.

To give some idea of the vastness of relief work in Belgium, the Commission for Relief in Belgium yesterday made public its latest official report. It shows that up to February 22 more than $21,500,000 had been received, and most of it spent.

Through banks and mercantile institutions in Belgium $13,000,000 was received. From the sale of provisions to those able to pay for them $6,489,545 was received and again expended for provisions. Expenditures for the wholly destitute amounted to $3,543,-261.

Up to the middle of march more than sixty ships had carried relief cargoes worth more than $20,000,000 to Rotterdam. Now in transit to the seaboard are 110,000 tons of provisions, which will require twenty ships to carry. Up to March 13 thirty-four states had organized for Belgian relief work. State gifts aggregated 28,-692 tons. Hungry Belgians require 90,-000 tons of food a month, and the commission expects no diminution in these figures so long as industries are paralyzed.

Bazaar for Russian Relief.

Folk dances will be a feature of the bazaar for the relief of Russian war sufferers which the Russian-American War Relief Society, Inc., will give at the 71st Regiment Armory, beginning April 12. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt and Mme. Bakhmeteff, wife of the Russian Ambassador, are actively interested in the fete. The committee in charge of the dances has sent to the Northwest United States and to Canadian provinces to find Russians skilled in their native dances. There will be Russian musicians and Russian singers.

Plans for the subscription campaign to be conducted under the auspices of the Belgian-American Relief and Unemployment Fund are well under way. Frederick T. Frelinghuysen, secretary, is in charge. Lawyers and other professional men, society and club women and churches are responding to his appeal for workers.

Alva D. Pratt and G. D. Brooks, of the War Clearing House for France, will furnish teams. All who will serve as soliciting committees are asked to send their names before the end of the week. Co-operating with Mr. Frelinghuysen are Colonel Alfred Wagstaff, chairman of the fund; Richard Welling, treasurer; Thomas W. Churchill and C. Ward Crampton.

Funds collected in the campaign will be divided among the committees engaged in relief work among the unemployed in New York, the Belgian Relief Fund and the Committee of Mercy. Urgent requests for hospital supplies and clothing have been received from France and Belgium. The general committee includes:

John C. Agar, Mrs. John Jacob Astor, George Grey Barnard, William Henry Barnum, Mrs. William Hanford Beers, Gordon Knox Bell, Mrs. Charles S. Brown, J. Leslie Cotton, Mrs. A. Walpole Craigie, Mrs. John R. Drexel, Mrs. James B. Duke, Cardinal Farley, Mortimer L. Schiff, Mrs. Sidney Fellows, Harry Harkness Flagler, the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, Gerald Hull Gray, Norman Hapgood, Mrs. Philip Hiss, Dr. Charles Hitchcock, Harry B. Hollins, Jr., Otto H. Kahn, Mrs. R. Van Rensselaer Kennedy, Miss Felix Le Fort, Monsignor M. J. Lavelle, Mrs. Frances G. Lord, Pierre Mali, Mrs. H. Pereira Mendes, Miss Elizabeth Marbury, the Rev. Dr. Ernest Stires, Percy MacKaye, John Emery McLean, the Rev. H. Pereira Mendes, George Middleton, W. Barclay Parsons, Dr. Edward L. Partridge, Mrs. A. Moore Richard, Mrs. Douglas Robinson, the Rev. Samuel Schulman, Mrs. R. Van Vorst Sewell, Dr. Alfred Stillman, Mrs. William Cummings Story, Mrs. Lindsay Tappin, Mrs. M. Orme Wilson, Mrs. G. O. Whitney and the Right Rev. Dr. John W. Hamilton.

Many Clubs Represented.

Among the clubs represented on the clubwomen's committee are the following:

Mrs. William Cummings Story, president National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. M. Dryden Breese, president College Women's Club; Mrs. Jessie Harrop Shields, Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage; Mrs. Mabel M. Irwin, Garrison Equal Rights Association; Mme. Clarence de Laux-Rover, president Camera Club; Miss Amy Grant, Collegiate Equal Suffrage; Mrs. Austin Flint, American Criterion; Miss Ada Finch, Long Island Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. Van Henry Cartmell, Daughters of Osiris; Mrs. A. S. Tuthill and Mrs. W. S. Harkins, New York Theatre.

Mrs. Francis Marion, City Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. J. Theodore Odell, National Arts Club; Mrs. N. Pitcher Moore, Political Equality; Miss Flora Belle Knapp, Washington Heights Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution; Mrs. A. Arthur Alfred Brooks, Gotham Club; Mrs. E. A. Foote, Bushwick Political Equality; Mrs. Lord Bergen and Mrs. Royal W. Gage, Chairwoman of Brooklyn; Mrs. Adele Baldwin and Miss Charlotte M. Mawson, Musicians' Club; Miss Josephine Jessup, of Rowayton, Conn., Women Painters and Sculptors; Miss Lois A. Bangs and Mrs. Stewart Hartshorn, Barnard.

Mrs. Anna F. Halen, Mrs. E. M. Saunders, Unity Child Welfare; Mrs. Frank H. Dean, West End Women's Republican; Mrs. F. M. Hamilton, Columbia Dames; Miss Helen M. Porter, Equal Franchise; Mrs. Susan H. Borglum, of Norwalk, Conn., and Mrs. Jessica J. Hill, Gotham; Mrs. W. R. Tiebout, Forthnight Library; Mrs. Etta F. Hoffman and Mrs. Hallie Milburn Kunklin, Daughters of Confederacy; Mrs. Harold Godwin, Colony Club; Dr. Jane E. Robbins, head worker of the Jacob A. Riis Neighborhood Settlement; Mrs. Edward McPhee Peters and Mrs. I. Munson Torrance, New York Peace.

Miss Bertha Louise Soule, Congress State Society; Mrs. Victor Arthur Robertson, Post Parliament, N. Y.; Mrs. Charles Appleton Terry and Mrs. Paul Wilmot, Sorosis, N. Y.; Miss Anna J. Young, Hunter Scorpion, Chicago Women's Club; Mrs. Henry Miller, Twelfth Night; Mrs. Cortlandt Godwin, of Englewood, and Mrs. John A. Chambers, of East Orange, N. J.; Century Theatre; Mrs. George H. Loverbige, Rainy Day; Mrs. Bleecker Bange, Long Island Chapter, Daughters of the Revolution; Mrs. Edwin A. Jones and Mrs. F. Kirby Parrish, Manhattan Chapter, D. A. R.

Miss D. T. Potter, Little Mothers', N. Y.; Mrs. Alfred H. Washington, president National Society of Daughters of America; Miss Fannie W. Clark, N. Y. City Chapter, D. A. R.; Miss Clara Bell Walling, Fort Greene Chapter, D. A. R., Brooklyn; Mrs. Darlecie M. Johnson-Wood, Woman Lawyers; Miss Louise Chamberlain, Women's Philoversity Club; Mrs. L. B. Bennett, Mrs. Frank Fillmore Davis, of Northport Forum; Miss Grace C. Balch, Park Avenue Hotel, New England Women's; Mrs. C. H. Dixon, Mrs. Thomas Salmon, of City Club; Miss Louise Lawrence, Dr. Frances W. Minott, Daughters of the Union; Mrs. J. D. Rockefeller, Health Protective Association; Dr. Lillian Craig Randell, Browning Society, and Miss Marguerite A. Gaff, Knickerbocker Chapter, D. A. R.

TRAMP TERROR SEIZES RAILROADS

Along Both Sides of Hudson Hold-ups by Hobo Gangs Keep Police Busy.

The tramp terror is once more upon the railroad detectives along both banks of the Hudson. Moving west and north, track walkers and train riders are committing a variety of offences which are keeping busy the police who are trying to run down the slayers of Omar Hotaling, night agent at the Highland Falls station of the West Shore.

Highland Falls again proved a centre of trouble yesterday. When a freight train pulled into the station, shortly after midnight, the conductor and crew reported that at J. P. Morgan's landing, two miles below, they had been driven from their duties by twenty hoboes. The hoboes fled as the freight stopped, but three were captured later around a fire near Fort Montgomery.

At Cornwall several tramps released the brakes on cars lying on a siding and ran them off the end of the track.

Across the river, the agent at Manitou was held up and robbed of a watch and $7 in cash. The tramps pulled his shoes from his feet and threw them away, so that he would be hampered in pursuing them.

Orange County has offered a reward of $1,000 for the arrest of the men who killed Hotaling. The New York Central has added $500. A collie owned by the slain agent disappeared after the murder. It is believed the killers took the dog with them.

All tramps found along the line are being detained. At Tappan southbound tramps leave the railroad and make wide detours. Two men who neglected to take the precaution will spend the next fifteen days in a cell.

COMMISSIONERS WORK ON DEFENCE

Public Service Officials Won't Indicate Replies to Whitman —Go to Albany Tuesday.

Edward E. McCall, chairman of the Public Service Commission, and Commissioners Williams and Wood were at the offices of the Commission yesterday afternoon, working on their answers to the charges of inefficiency and neglect of duty brought against them by Governor Whitman. Commissioner Cram, who does not seem to take the matter so seriously as the others, was not present.

None of the commissioners would indicate what the nature of his defence would be, nor when he intended to file it. Governor Whitman, it was learned, has received no word from any of the commissioners since copies of the charges were served on them, a week ago.

It is believed the commissioners will take all the time granted to them and will not file the answers until they appear in person to answer on Wednesday at noon.

Charles Buckner, one of the investigators of the legislativec ommittee, was at the offices of thec ommission. He refused to discuss his business, but it was learned, however, that he was engaged in checking up some of the statements appearing in the report. For instance, it is there stated that Travis H. Whitney, secretary of the commission, wrote sixty-five letters to the Interborough Rapid Transit Company calling attention to 363 violations of the commission's orders.

The present intention of the commissioners is to go Albany on Tuesday morning.

PRICELESS PICTURES TO AID RELIEF WORK

Famous works of art never before exhibited publicly will be lent by their owners in the cause of destitute women and children in France. The loan exhibition of fifty masterpieces will be held at the home of the late Benjamin Altman, Fifth Avenue and Fiftieth Street, beginning Wednesday. It will close April 4.

Priceless collections of many of New York's most prominent connoisseurs will be represented. In the Altman home the famous gallery stands as it did on the day of his death. It will be the first time the house and collection have been thrown open to the public. The courtesy was extended on personal grounds to the executive committee of the Secours National, the fund which is applied to the relief of destitute non-combatants in France —children, women and the aged.

Among those lending pictures are Henry C. Frick, Stanley Mortimer, H. P. Whitney, Mrs. Archer M. Huntington, E. J. Berwind, John Woodruff Simpson, Charles B. Alexander, Samuel R. Bertron, E. R. Bacon, George F. Baker, Otto H. Kahn, Mortimer L. Schiff, Mrs. Vanderbilt and George Gould.

Makes Shipments Fireproof.

Because of the recent fire on the French Line steamship La Touraine the Lafayette Fund began yesterday to fireproof all its shipments. The bales themselves will be sheathed in asbestos. Of the 5,000 comfort kits on La Touraine 3,500 were delivered unhurt. One thousand were shipped yesterday on the Rochambeau.

The Servian Agricultural Relief Committee acknowledged yesterday contributions amounting to $2,207. Mrs. E. F. Shepard gave $1,000; C. H. Ludington, $100; the Ault & Wiborg Company, Cincinnati, $100; Barbour & Co., $250; Henry Sloane, $100. The Belgian Relief Fund received $1,699.24, making the total $984,788.19. From the Peniel Church, of Hamadan, Persia, came $39.64, and from Bretton Inn, Ormond Beach, Fla., $350.

More than eleven thousand articles of wearing apparel and hospital supplies have been assembled by the British American War Relief Fund, and are ready for shipment.

Marjorie Cecily Ingilly, of the Combatants' Aid Committee, Rose Terrace, Perth, Scotland, appeals to the Scotch in the United States for gifts of clothing and supplies. Socks and flannel shirts are particularly needed. The American Committee for Relief of Babies of Belgium acknowledged gifts amounting to $194. Gifts to the Secours-National brought the fund up to $62,600.42.

TO AID RUSSIAN WOUNDED

Red Cross Sending Surgeon and Nurses from Here To-day.

Washington, March 20.—To take command of the American Red Cross work behind the Russian battle lines, Dr. Harry W. Snively, of Columbus, Ohio, sails from New York to-morrow with eleven American nurses on the steamer Bergensfjord for Kiev. Dr. Snively is a surgeon in the Ohio National Guard.

The nurses who are to take the places of other American nurses are Cora V. Johnson, Aurel Baker, Sara Hibert, Katherine Bartlett, Eleanor Soukup, of Chicago; Marion Echterrach, Anna Roumaine Smith, Clara Barndollar, of Philadelphia; Sara A. Lee, of Lakewood, N. J.; Mabel Burnham Rich, of Providence, R. I., and Hettie Reinhardt, of Stanley, N. C.

In the last few days the American Red Cross has made a number of heavy shipments of medical and surgical relief supplies to the foreign Red Cross organizations, including 286 cases to the Servian Red Cross and forty-two cases to the American Red Cross at Gevgelia; 380 cases to the Austro-Hungarian Red Cross at Vienna, and to-morrow will send 236 cases to the British Red Cross in London, and twenty-seven cases to the American Red Cross at Paignton, England.

SEND WOUNDED ABROAD

Dr. Carrel Proposes Remedy for Crowded War Hospitals.

Chicago, March 20.—Removal of all wounded soldiers of the warring European nations to neutral countries for treatment is planned by Dr. Alexander Carrel, formerly of the Rockefeller Institute, now in the employ of the French government research laboratory, and Dr. Carl Beck, of the North Chicago Hospital.

"I have been in correspondence with Dr. Carrel, who proposed the plan of taking the wounded to neutral countries where they can be adequately treated," said Dr. Beck to-day. "He has asked that I work in conjunction with a committee of physicians in this country in the hope that the governments involved will subscribe to the plan. Switzerland has been suggested by Dr. Carrel as the neutral country most advantageously located with reference to our plan."

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in four new and quite different models, developed in the smart materials, will be offered at the special prices of

$24.00 & $29.00

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2,000 Pairs of Hemstitched Scrim Curtains

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on the Fourth Floor, a number of useful articles, ornamented in good taste and in timely season for gifts, prizes and boudoir decoration, will be attractively priced as follows:

White Enamel or Gilt Baskets (in limited quantity) with floral designs:

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(sizes 2 to 5 years)

in several attractive styles and materials suitable for practical every-day wear, some silk-lined and all finished with washable collar and cuffs, will be placed on sale

$5.00, 5.75, 7.50 & 9.50

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A Special Sale of Women's Crepe de Chine Underwear

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embracing a variety of new designs in the popular light-weight Embroidered Net Laces, ranging in width from 10 inches to 36 inches (the latter especially desirable for flounces for the full skirts now in vogue), will be offered at

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