

THE MISSIONARY WORK IN TURKEY

Remarkable Facts of Life of Mission Workers in Ottoman Empire

(By The Religious Rambler.)

Now that the ban is off and Americans interested in missions in Turkey are permitted to speak freely, all sorts of interesting stories are being told about conditions there.

Two reasons exist for this. One is that the missionaries are willing to take all chances in order to be able to extend relief work to the suffering Armenians, Syrians, Greeks and Turks.

Those missionaries who have been forced to leave are able to carry a confirmation and explanation of hidden messages that got past the censor in the days when communication of sorts was permitted.

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"A blow has fallen and the first feeling is one of relief. At least the uncertainty is over. We know that technically we are belligerents and not friends in the eyes of the German, Austrian, Bulgarian and Turkish officials."

"The second feeling is one of satisfaction to find that our missionaries under these flags are not regarded with disfavor by the officials. We do not fear for their personal safety or particularly as to their freedom."

"When Dr. Cyril Haas, of our international hospital at Adana, was ill of typhus, the imam (Mohammedan priest) and several Turkish notables went to the doctor's house and offered prayers for the recovery of 'the Doctor' and, who cannot be spared from the country."

"Liberty of withdrawal was given by way of Constantinople, Bulgaria, Austria and Switzerland, and quite a large party, mostly women and children have taken advantage of the offer."

"At the interior stations where relief work is possible, the missionaries prefer to remain, and in spite of the upheaval not a few of our schools are running. It is most significant that the Moslems are coming to our institutions as never before. There are still ways of getting money into the country, and relief work has not stopped."

"Four stations are already under the Russian flag—Erzincan, Erzurum, Bitlis, Van, and these may form the nucleus of a Russian Mission. The proclamation of complete religious freedom on the part of Russia, is of the utmost importance to our work; it opens the way for large developments in the Caucasus region and beyond."

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These missionaries never counted more for the kingdom than now. The board has not less than 100 workers ready to push into Turkey the moment conditions make it possible.

"At Philippopolis, Sophia, Monastir and Salonica in the Balkans, all the missionaries are reported safe and busy at their several tasks. The Bulgarian officials are friendly and are now for the first time during the war allowing the missionaries to tour."

"The missionaries in Bohemia were obliged to withdraw when Austria broke with the United States, and are now safe in Switzerland."

While the American Board missionaries in Turkey proper and the American Presbyterians in Syria are principally affected by the breaking of relations, yet the Dutch Reformed mission in Arabia has also had its work made over by the war. This mission maintains an extensive hospital at Bosrah, on the Persian Gulf, and here the missionaries were called upon to work tirelessly under the red crescent when the Turks were in control, ministering to great numbers of sick and wounded. After the British had driven out the Turks the hospital went under the red cross, but there was no diminution of activities. So strenuous was the life of Dr. and Mrs. Bennett, the physician in charge, that both were stricken with typhus and Mrs. Bennett died. Already the death toll of missionaries in Turkey since the beginning of the war is more than a dozen, chiefly from typhus.

Two members of this Dutch Reformed mission are now following the British expedition up to Bagdad, for the service of Armenian refugees. The British government is co-operating with them in this.

Undaunted by war's alarms and hindrances, the American missionary authorities are planning for an extensive advance in all lines of their activity as soon as it is possible to re-enter Turkey.

WHEELLOCK. (Mrs. G. L. Gerry, Correspondent.)

Miss Emma Dana of Lyndon has been visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Dana, for two weeks. Mrs. S. W. Drake and niece, Miss Frances Currier, and Mrs. W. P. Dean went last Saturday to Burlington to visit Harold Currier and Lyle Dean at Fort Ethan Allen.

Miss Mildred Drown went last Sunday to St. Johnsbury, where she will spend her vacation with relatives. Mrs. Warner Willey and daughter, Marion, who have been visiting relatives in New York state the past four weeks, returned last Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Porter visited at Mr. Percy's in Sutton last Sunday. Stevie Cree came last week from Worcester, Mass., to spend his vacation with his father, L. N. Cree. Lang and Welch finished sending their lumber at the steam mill last Saturday, and are this week moving the mill to Lyndon at Folsom's Crossing, where they have a stock of logs to saw. Riverside Grange held a well attended meeting last Saturday evening. Nearly 60 people attended. The lecturer's program was a fine one. Little Virginia Ferguson, who is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Fletcher, gave several selections which showed much talent in one so young, and Prof. O. D. Mathewson favored us with an excellent address. Wheellock people are always pleased to listen to Mr. Mathewson. Mrs. Charles Mason of Dublin, N. H., who was called here to attend her uncle, Augustus Wright's, funeral Sunday at Lyndonville, called on Wheellock friends. Miss Thelma Mathewson of Lyndonville is spending her vacation with her uncle, H. J. Mathewson, and family. Clifford Colby of Lyndon is doing carpenter work on George Bickford & Son's house, putting on a veranda. H. O. Miles of Danville is spending a few days at W. A. Smith's. Roy Bickford and family motored to Charleston last Sunday. Their daughter, Esthara, who has been stopping with her grandmother the past three weeks, returned to her home with them. Mr. and Mrs. Merrill Lapoint were called to Lyndonville last Sunday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law, Augustus Wright. Eleven ladies of the Red Cross from this village attended the Wednesday meeting of the Red Cross with the South Wheellock ladies. There were 11 ladies from Sheffield branch who met with them. The meeting was held at the Old Red Schoolhouse. A picnic dinner was enjoyed by over 30 ladies and a good amount of work done. Miss Edith Snelling, who went to Barton has returned to her home, and Monday began work in the store of G. A. Roberts in this village. Mrs. Louella Niles Blodgett and sister, Mrs. May Niles Sizer, both of Danville, visited their uncle, W. A. Smith, and wife last Friday.

SHEFFIELD. (Mrs. D. S. Roberts, Correspondent.)

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton E. Jones have a son which arrived Sunday, July 15. Eleven of the ladies of the Red Cross went to South Wheellock to the Old Red School House last Wednesday. They carried a picnic dinner and all enjoyed a fine time. Grace Roberts is visiting at Frank Pearl's. John Fontaine has gone to Kirby to work. Mrs. George Gray is sick. A. J. Roberts and family and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Libbey visited at F. E. Bickford's Sunday. Mrs. A. O. Gray and Mrs. H. A. Sheldon visited in Newport last week. The Ladies' Aid of the Free Baptist church will hold an ice cream supper on the lawn at the Town hall next Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Barber visited at Greensboro Bend Sunday.

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ORLEANS.

(Doris Spafford, Correspondent.)

Dr. E. M. Cleasby and daughters, the Misses Doris and Virginia, Dr. and Mrs. R. M. Wells, Charles R. Taplin, Miss Hazel Harris, Miss Mae Darling and Guy Harris were at the New Willoughby hotel for Sunday dinner. Mr. and Mrs. C. D. French and son, Paul, and George Rowell went to Camp Abnaki on Monday bringing Lindol French home with them. Mrs. L. J. Findley of Newport was a guest of her sister, Miss Magoon, the last of the week. Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Londy and two children, Miss Edith and Master Frank, of Chatham, N. Y., who have been at the Valley House for nearly a month, left Monday for Norway, Me., where they will continue their vacation. Mrs. Chester Tripp and little son came from Somerville, Mass., Sunday morning and will live for the present with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wilkie. Mr. Tripp recently sailed for France with the hospital unit from the Massachusetts General hospital. Mrs. Lena Gallup was a business visitor in Orleans Monday. Hiram Allen, carried Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Guild, Mr. and Mrs. Harrington, Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. Magoon to Fort Ethan Allen on Saturday. Among those who visited Fort Ethan Allen on Sunday were the Wilkie family, the Clapper family, Bert Scott and family, the Hardy family and Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Hunt. W. F. Scott also carried over a party of young people. Miss Mary Hall from Brightlock hospital spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Eccles. Dr. and Mrs. G. B. Rowell and son, George, were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. F. L. Lanphere at the New Willoughby hotel on Sunday. John Bushey died at 6 o'clock Monday morning of valvular heart trouble at his home on Maple street, after a lingering illness of over a year. He was born in Canada and came to this town 33 years ago and has worked for E. L. Chandler Co. during the entire time. He married Calista, daughter of O. P. Dunham, Nov. 5, 1878, and they have two children, Mrs. Lucy Gallup and Clarence Bushey, two boys having died in infancy. The funeral will be at the home on Wednesday at 1.30.

SOUTH RYEGATE. (M. C. Hall, Correspondent.)

Miss Mildred Hatt spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLam returning Monday to Manchester, N. H., where she has employment in a bank. Rev. S. T. Simpson started Monday afternoon on his four weeks' vacation, part of which he will spend in Cambridge at other Massachusetts cities. Rev. E. C. Landford of Littleton, N. H., came Thursday to spend some time with his daughter, Mrs. Tellis Cole. A largely attended and enjoyable reception was given to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Smith Friday evening in the vestry of the United Presbyterian church. Mrs. F. J. Doe went Saturday morning to Hanover hospital. Her mother, Mrs. T. S. Cree, accompanied her. Mrs. Grace Wheeler is keeping house for Dick Welch in his wife's absence. Mrs. Welch's many friends are glad to hear that she is making a rapid recovery from her recent operation at Brightlock hospital, St. Johnsbury. Miss Margaret Stevens is assisting in Terry's store. Mr. and Mrs. Adna Terry returned Sunday to Hartford, Conn., after vacation, part of which they spent here. They were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Blake, Mrs. Paul Gibson and their own little son, Everett, who has been spending a number of weeks with his grandparents here.

LOWER WATERFORD. (Mrs. G. A. Ballou, Correspondent.)

Mrs. Emma Montgomery and grandson of St. Johnsbury were recent guests at S. W. Bonnett's. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Drennan, Mr. and Mrs. John Drennan of Colchester, P. Q., and Mrs. E. J. Parker of Saveryville, P. Q., are guests of Mrs. Henry Morrison. Mrs. Reith and stepson of Brooklyn are spending some time at the hotel. Mrs. Katherine Morrison returned home from Barre Sunday after spending two weeks with her son, W. G. Morrison. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Morrison and two daughters spent Sunday at G. A. Ballou's. Miss Ruth Bullock spent last week with her aunt, Mrs. Thomas Albee, at Littleton.

COWS AT COLLEGE. They Paid the Cost of a Texas Boy's Education.

There are ways and ways of making one's own expense through college. It remained, however, for resourceful Texas boy to hit upon a method of expense-making entirely new in records of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, where he is enrolled as a student.

P. S. Goen of Harvey, a rural community near College Station, the home of the college, "showed up" at that school last fall with typical baggage and equipment of a young collegian and, in addition, two good grade Jersey cows.

"We had an extra supply of cows and a shortage of currency at home," Goen explained to President Bizzell. "I want a college education, and I am not going to let the lack of money defeat me. I have decided that I can sell enough milk to the residents of the campus to enable me to meet at least my incidental expenses. All I ask is the use of a barn and a small pasture."

Through the influence of the president, Goen was given the use of a barn and small pasture, and thus entered upon the dairy business. From the beginning he experienced no trouble in disposing of the product of the two cows at the satisfactory figure of nine cents a quart for whole milk. The two cows brought him an average return of \$4 per month. Feed cost approximately \$7 per head per month, leaving the enterprising young Texan a profit of \$49 per month. Expenses at the college are very low, and with this income Goen finished the year with a little change in his pockets. American Magazine.

ETHAN ALLEN LETTER DATED SEPT. 20, 1775, IS BROUGHT TO LIGHT

New York, July 17.—A Revolutionary War letter of Colonel Ethan Allen commanding the "Green Mountain Boys" has come to the possession of P. F. Madigan of 561 Fifth avenue who believes that it is unpublished. It is dated September 20, 1775, and is addressed to General Richard Montgometry, at St. Johns, Canada. It reads as follows, the spelling, etc., being Allen's: "Excellent Sir: I am now in the parish of Saint Thereses four leagues to the south; have two hundred and fifty Canadians under arms; as I marvel they gather fast; these are the object of taking the vessels in Sorel and General Carlton. These objects I pass by to assist the army besieging Saint Johns; if the place be taken, the country is ours; if we miscarry in this, all our other achievements will profit but little. I am fearful our army will be sickly and that the siege may be hard therefore chose to assist in conquering Saint John, which, of consequence concerns the whole. You may rest on it that I shall join you in about three days with five hundred or more Canadian volunteers. I could raise one or two thousand in a week's time but will first visit the army with a less number, and if necessary will go again recruiting—those that used to be enemies to our cause come cap in hand to me and I swear by the Lord I can raise the whole. The glory of our army in Canada, provided you continue the siege. All depends on that it is with the advice of the officers with me that I speedily repair to the army. God grant you wisdom, fortitude and every accomplishment of a victorious general. The eyes of all America, nay of Europe, are or will be on the economy of this army and the consequences attending it. I am your most obedient and humble servant. "ETHAN ALLEN."

"P. S.—I have purchased four hogheads of rum and sent a sergeant with a small party to deliver it at headquarters and Mr. Livingston and others under him will provide what fresh beef you need; as to bread and flour I am forwarding what I can. You may rely on my utmost attention to this object, as well as raising auxiliaries. I know the ground is swampy and bad raising batteries, but pray let me object of destruction be insurmountable. The glory of a victory which will be attended with such our fatigues, risks, and labors; to fall of victory will be our eternal disgrace, but to obtain it will elevate us on the wings of fame, Yours, etc. "ETHAN ALLEN."

General Montgomery was killed while leading an attack on Quebec a few months after receiving this letter

PINNED AGAINST WALL

Arthur A. Nelson Rescued After Part of Stone Wall Was Torn Down.

Montpelier, July 17.—Arthur A. Nelson of the "Horn of the Moon" road suffered painful injuries Sunday morning when his automobile got out of his control and tipped over against a stone wall, pinning him underneath. His face and one arm were bruised and his ribs injured, but it is not thought that he is seriously hurt. While only a few rods from his house the steering gear got out of order and the machine turned turtle against a stone wall. His cries brought help and he was removed from beneath the car, but only after part of the stone wall had been torn down.

VERMONT'S TRADE REPORT.

Bradstreet's Burlington, Vt., office reports garment manufacturers are very busy and business being taken on a selective basis; on the other hand there is less activity in demand for white goods. Condition of trade in this latter line is below normal. Woolen manufacturers are operating full force on old orders but report not as much activity in new business. This however, is expected at this, between seasons, with them; they speak enthusiastically regarding outlook for fall business and anticipate a large volume. With knit goods lines there is a light falling off in demand but mills have a large volume of business ahead with every effort being made to comply with shipping instructions. Hosiery mills have a large volume of business but collections in this line are much below what they generally are at this period. The heavy demand for needles has not let up. Mills in this line are sold ahead for the year. There is a good demand for ochre and outcrop is above normal and has been for year. Retail trade reports vary according to locality but general conditions indicate a reasonably good demand, heavier trade being noted in larger sections. The past week has shown a large movement in strawberries, one of the largest crops the state has ever seen, is reported. Crops are growing well and are in fine condition, not only are larger areas being well taken care of but smaller ones witness a larger number of people in fields, both male and female, than has ever been witnessed in this state. In connection with crop harvesting movement there is a tendency on the part of certain manufacturers to assist as far as possible in a co-operative movement to allow certain quota of men to take part in the work of harvesting. This movement is new in this state and its development will be watched with interest. Collections as a whole are below the average. Reports from customs district of Vermont show heavy importations, there having been an increase of better than 63 per cent during the month of June this year as compared with that month in 1916.

TRADING DENIED BY SWISS

"Bund" Asserts No Cotton Has Been Sent to Germany.

Berne, July 17.—Regarding American allegations with respect to Swiss exportation of American cotton and Italian fruits to Germany the Bund publishes a precise statement with the object of showing that Switzerland has exported no cotton since autumn, 1915. Control of Switzerland's trade and commerce, then arranged with the Entente, says the paper, always has been strict, rendering such exportation impossible. As to the exportation of southern fruits to Germany this traffic was continued, the Bund declares, to a certain extent with the knowledge and consent of the Italian government.

\$5,000,000,000 More May Be Asked For Our Allies

Washington, July 17.—Unless the unforeseen develops, Congress probably will be asked before adjournment of the present session to authorize another gigantic loan to the Allies. The present authorization of \$3,000,000,000 will be exhausted within from three to four months, at the rate at which the government is lending money to Entente governments.

Indications are that the amount of the second authorization will be no less than the first, and may go as high as \$5,000,000,000.

There is every reason to believe the administration's policy of financing the Allied governments for purchases they make in this country will be continued during the period of the war and that the vast sums to be loaned them in the future will be at the same rate of interest the American government will have to pay for the money in the security of Entente government bonds to be deposited in the treasury. The amount of credits placed to foreign governments already is \$1,103,000,000, or approximately 43 per cent of the total, and this covers the financing of only two months and twenty days.

Should the loans during the next three months be at the same rate as during the past three months, the entire \$3,000,000,000 will be exhausted by October 25.

Pratt, Commerce Department Head, Resigns His Position

Washington, July 17.—Dr. Edward E. Pratt, chief of the Commerce Department, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, resigned tonight at the request of Secretary Redfield. No reason was announced, but it is known wide differences have existed between Mr. Redfield and his assistant over the administration of the export control clause of the Espionage act.

ORGANIZATION INCOMPLETE, DRAFT PROBABLY POSTPONED FOR WEEK

According to Statement of Provost Marshal General's Office Pleas for Exemption May Be Made By Employer or Dependents of Drafted Men

Washington, July 11.—Postponement until next week of the drawing of numbers of men who will be called for examination for the National Army seemed probable today when it became evident that States are not completing organization of their district exemption boards as rapidly as War Department officials had hoped. Only 21 States have reported their organization complete, although in most others only a few districts are missing. The drawing will not be made until the lists for the country are complete.

TO DRAFT TWO-THIRDS OF ONE PER CENT

A so-called revised census estimate for the entire country compiled on the basis of the draft registration will be made for determining apportionments. Each city, county or State must furnish two-thirds of one per cent of its population, according to the new estimates which were made for the purpose of equalizing the draft rather than to represent accurate population totals. A city with twenty-five thousand population would be required to give 166 men. These apportionments would be subject to slight allowances for alien enemies, for men who have volunteered and for other causes. The population estimates, far from attempting to show actual population, simply are improvised figures reached by considering the number of registrants in each subdivision as 9.32 per cent of the population of the total number registered. Six hundred and fifty-nine thousand and three hundred and eighty-two was 9.32 per cent of the total estimated population, 103,835,300. The process resulted in large dummy population showings for cities with war industries where there has been a recent inflow of workmen without their families. Since the figures are based on the number of men available for military service, however, officials consider the estimates fair as a basis for apportionment.

EXEMPTION PLEAS BY THIRD PERSON.

Pleas for exemption of any man need not be made by him, but may be entered by a wife, other dependents, employer or any other third person, the Provost Marshal General's office explained in a statement. It is also explained that any registered man absent from his home district need not return for physical examination, but may be ordered by his home board to be examined elsewhere. The dummy population estimates, by States, include Connecticut, 1,719,623; Massachusetts, 3,339,561; Maine, 646,588; New Hampshire, 403,884; New York, 11,187,798; Rhode Island, 673,582; Vermont, 296,426.

FOUR U-BOATS REPORTED SUNK

Yankee Ships Guarding Transport Are Credited With Action.

London, July 17.—Four of the largest and most modern German submarines were destroyed by American warships which were convoying the first instalment of American troops to France, according to a report from German sources as contained in a Berne despatch to a Rome news agency and forwarded from Rome by the Central News. The free merchandise imported last month amounted to \$3,815,316, as compared with \$2,819,024 for the corresponding month last year. Last month the dutiable merchandise amounted to \$297,694 compared with \$194,596 in June, 1916.

COLDEST IN 45 YEARS

Boston Shivers as Temperature Hits Record Summer Low Point

Boston, July 11.—Tonight was the coldest summer night in 45 years according to the records of the Boston Weather Bureau with the temperature at 57 degrees at eight p. m. The Bureau officials said that this city was the coldest spot in the country. Rain and a cold were predicted for tomorrow.

IMPORTS \$4,113,010

Duties Collected \$52,375.50—Twice Amount in June, 1916.

St. Albans, July 11.—The report of the Vermont customs district for the month of June, issued yesterday by Collector H. C. Comings, shows total imports of \$4,113,010; duties collected

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