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MUCH WORK AHEAD OF THE RED CROSS

Three Conferences to Be Held in Southwest During Month of June

The physical condition and health of the public, in times of misfortune and disaster, child welfare and sanitation are among the important factors in the program of the American Red Cross, according to an announcement to be made at a series of three conferences of Red Cross workers in the southwestern division to be held in St. Louis on June 10, Dallas, Texas, June 13 and Wichita, Kan., June 20.

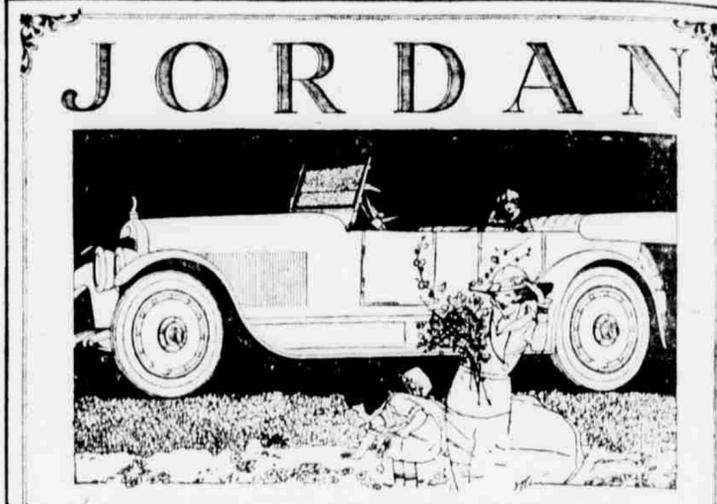
of the world is the assertion of Lord Balfour, who on his return to the United States, declared that the situation in eastern and southeastern Europe already is serious. Typhus fever is spreading at an alarming rate, he expressed.

The work of the American Red Cross will not slacken until all the

Much Work Ahead. Simmons, who is expected to return to the United States in time to address the conference, is now en route from Russia, where he headed a Red Cross mission to Siberia. In his talk he will tell of the work of the American Red Cross in Siberia and of conditions in Russia.

Lord Balfour recently returned from abroad where he assisted in the formation of the League of Red Cross societies, the object of which is to unify the Red Cross societies of the world in a systematic effort to anticipate, diminish and relieve misery and suffering caused by disaster and disease.

That there is much to be accomplished by the Red Cross societies



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of the Turkish people will never become domestic, the present situation is sufficiently alarming.

Only what those who follow and understand the complete picture of Turkey have not months ago expected.

It is not bolshevism as the German bolsheviks would like us to believe. But the natural outcome of a people betrayed by Entente and undermined by the plotting of German agents. The result is a domestic and anti-government affair which, if not quickly checked, will no doubt spread to Asiatic Turkey.

In the summer of 1913, after one of my visits to Constantinople, I reported to Whitehall the existence of a crowd of German propagandists in Istanbul and Ankara who were then busy sowing seeds of antagonism towards Great Britain and expressed in my report the opinion that if it was in order to alienate Turkey against us in case of war.

Today the Turkish people, slow to action as are all sons of Islam, have at last awakened to the fact that they have been tricked by their "friends" and that their leaders, in whom they were taught to believe, have been living their pockets with German money and have sold the Ottoman empire.

As Talant Pasha declared to me one evening on my last visit to Con-

ing agents in Berlin. Long ago, however, the great bulk of the material and the means of production were able to produce a few hundred more than the real article. The next trouble they experienced was getting the notes into circulation, for it is not easy to send large parcels of forged notes from Moscow to this country.

The difficulty has been solved to some extent by transferring the process to this country.

London has at least 20,000 agents in the German capital, where they maintain all sorts of dangerous activities, without any serious check from the British German government.

They are all paid and furnished with extravagant funds from the forgers of German currency.

It is estimated that quite one-fourth of the notes now current in Germany are business forgeries, as actively have they been engaged in printing and circulating this bogus money.

As a result, the German banks, not knowing the amount of paper money is out against them, have no notion whether they are solvent or not.

The result, of course, is that wages continue to stagnate in Germany as they did in Russia a year before, while the purchasing power of money declines even more rapidly.

This is the state of affairs London is seeking to bring about in France, Great Britain and America, and the importance of so many excellent imitations of bank of England "fivers" at the present moment is a warning of the real gravity of the danger.

Experts declare that the Bank of England note is the hardest paper currency in the world to forge, but no better imitation of the genuine article has ever been seen than those which are now being scattered broadcast in this country.



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Tried to Have Course.

A great many of the notes which have come under notice during the past week have been traced back to Epsom races, a circumstance which throws some light upon the methods employed by the bolsheviks in circulating their forgeries.

No many persons were victimized that a new bank note is regarded with suspicion on the race course and every note is examined for some stamp which may serve to establish its previous respectable history.

The forged notes are being offered for sale in London with some degree of success, if the stories current about them are true.

One story is told on the authority of a New Zealand soldier, who encountered a friendly stranger in a cosmopolitan cafe in the west end of London. The man, well dressed and polished in manner, insisted upon inviting the New Zealander to a dinner, and was lavish with wine, liquor and expensive cigars.

The real object of his kindness became apparent when the soldier had been introduced to his party's hospitality. He was invited to a theater, and in the interval in which the pair drank to the place of amusement the host explained the secret of his affluence and generosity. He was the representative of a firm which "made money" in the literal sense of the word.

He produced a packet of fivers, the face value of which was £500, and in token of his great friendship offered them to his guest for £100 in genuine currency. When they alighted at the theater the New Zealander went to look for a policeman, and guessing his intention, the money merchant made off.

The husband forged notes must not be confused with the "bank of engraving" variety—a clumsy device designed to defeat the law which makes the possession of counterfeit money a criminal offense.

The swindler caught with "bank of engraving" used to plead that they were merely amusing parodies, designed to hoax his friends, though that they will be found to hold water. An attentive observer can detect a bank of engraving note, but the bolshevik forgeries, made in Germany, can only be detected from the real article by an expert.

How completely such clever forgeries are capable of imitating the intricate pattern of a currency is illustrated by the fact that the New Zealander, who had been invited to a dinner, had a his possession he produced £500 marks (which he had just won) and offered in exchange for English notes £200, a well known money-changing house.

The banker pointed out that the mark notes, of £50 of the money, were forgeries from the Latin republic.

Wife Destroys Rail Lines.

EL PASO, Texas, June 4. It became known from an authoritative source today that there is no hope of the early restoration of rail and wire communication between Chihuahua City and the border. Bands of Vols have been working a short distance north of Chihuahua, systematically destroying the rail and telegraph lines, it is said. They are being torn up and used as fuel for huge fires, into which are thrown the steel rails. The telegraph poles are being chopped down, and the wires coiled up and carried off by the rebels.