American Women Stirred by Armenian Horrors

Eleanor Franklin Egan in Saturday Evening Post Describes Conditions Among People of Western Asia.

"MERCIFUL GOD, it's all true! Nobody has ever told the whole truth! Nobody could!"

Thus Eleanor Franklin Egan, in the Saturday Evening Post, quotes Howard Heinz of Pittsburgh, Herbert Hoover's representative in the Near East, on the real conditions in Armenia as he saw them with his own eyes.

Mr. Heinz had been one of those who had believed the stories of starvation and death in Armenia had been exaggerated. Not until he went himself to the Caucasus did his views change. Then he was shaken to the foundations of his soul by what he saw.

Mrs. Egan, herself, admits she went to Armenia in a doubtful frame of mind. She had been told by Mr. Heinz after his return:

"'You will be sorry all your life that you did go. What you will see will make scars on you that you will never get rid of. But, nevertheless, you must go. It is a duty.'"

"Fearful! Awful! Horrible! Unbelievable!" are some of the adjectives Mrs. Egan says must be used in speaking of conditions in the Near East, where Near East Relief, 1 Madison Avenue, New York, supported by contributions from the American people, is conducting the only organized effort to save the lives of these utterly destitute millions. Everything she saw and heard justified the necessity for quick and generous aid from America. Her story of what she witnessed reinforces the call of the Near East Relief for aid for stricken Armenia.

"'The Hunger grin' is everywhere evident," Mrs. Egan writes. "The pitiful hundreds seemed to me to be weeping constantly. Not profoundly as in grief, but whimperingly, appealingly as in unbearable physical distress. A terrible population. Unspeakably filthy and tatterdemalion throngs; shelterless, death stricken throngs milling from place to place, children crying aloud, women sobbing in broken inarticulate lamentation; men utterly hopeless and reduced to staggering weakness, heedless of the tears rolling down their dirt-streaked faces."

That is her picture of the Armenians most in evidence in Armenia. These are the throngs. Then she turns to the mobs. "Large numbers here and there, wide-eyed, eager, hands outstretched in wolfish supplication; teeth bared in a ghastly grin that had long since ceased to smile—an emaciated skin-stretched grin, fixed and uncontrollable."

"Is it any wonder," she asks, "that I could not swallow my food? I threw it to the children in the ravening hordes and started small riots. The children fought together, snarled and clawed at one another for small bits of army biscuit or morsels of bully beef.

"And then I was told that many of them were so starved that solid food was likely to kill them instantly. This was too terribly true. Yet in the whole length and breadth of the land there was not an ounce of food of the kind necessary for such cases. At Kars I saw one man die with bread in his teeth. And if you will consent to look with me upon a too awful thing, I will add that he showed evidence of having eaten too much grass.

"I went hungry in Armenia and I associate remembered pangs of my own with all my recollections of the terrible land. I had plenty of food with me but for days on end I could not eat. It was a physical impossibility.

Collecting grass to be eaten as food in Armenia. Thousands die after terrible suffering from eating grass

"The starvation grin," so common in Armenia, as described by Mrs. Egan in her article.

ELEANOR FRANKLIN EGAN, Whose vivid story of conditions in the Near East is arousing sympathy for the suffering people there.

"And I came to a point, too, when to look upon things that had to be looked upon set my heart to quaking in a horror difficult to describe."

Of her first sight in Armenia of the terrible condition of the people, Mrs. Egan writes of the scenes on her way to Kars:

"Everywhere in the fields there were people down on their knees searching for grasses to eat. Those near the railroad lifted their heads and gazed at our train as it rushed past, and I caught glimpses of terrible faces. An old man sitting at the top of an embankment waved a handful of grass at me where I stood at the car window, then threw his head back and laughed a maniacal laugh. I began then to feel the cold chills with which I was to shiver for days on end."

Of Kars she writes:

"It had been raining for days and wherever one looked one saw nothing but misery and mud. Between the railroad tracks were unsightly pools and puddles through which many human scare-crows trudged back and forth heedless of all else save the fact that a train had come in.

"They were a multiple Lazarus and the train was the rich man's table. They were begging for crumbs. Whenever a face appeared at a car window they would rush in groups—eager, their hands outstretched, their teeth bared, their eyes alight with feverish hope. And I began to hear for the first time the whining indescribable phrase that sounded to me like 'O-na-ne,' 'O-na-ne.' It was so feebly, so plaintively murmured, 'O-na-ne.' They were all saying 'O-na-ne.'"

Mrs. Egan asked what it meant and was told the nearest equivalent was "Oh, my soul!" "But," she says, "it was more than that—it was a prayer for mercy.

"I wish I could describe the throng. I can write down words and they may convey something, but there was a something not conveyable in words; a degradation too deep; a hopelessness too utter; a hovering whimper that seemed to rise mostly from the hunger-stretched lips of childhood.

"And that starvation grin! It is the most awful thing. Most of the children were hideous little skeletons with puffed out purple bellies and there were many women swollen with starvation dropsy, who, not being able to walk alone, had to lean on the shoulders of emaciated men—husbands, fathers, brothers."

Further on Mrs. Egan writes she began to feel a great resentment and ask unanswerable questions. Why did the authorities permit the movement of the people into the districts where there was no food. Why was relief so slow in arriving. Where were the workers?

"I had to see worse places than Kars before I began to realize such resentful questioning was not justified. The truth was the American relief organization was doing a gigantic work but the further truth was there were not enough workers. There was a refugee population of nearly half a million."

Describing a makeshift hospital before the arrival of the Near East Relief workers, Mrs. Egan writes:

"The sick in their unbelievable rags were lying around on the floors—bundles of unimaginable wretchedness. The doctor was not doing anything at all for them. What could he do? He had not so much as a single ounce of medicine of any kind. The little people were more pitiable than the adults. The ward, if I may call it that, had in it not one stick of furniture of any kind and the children were all lying on the dusty and rubbish-strewn floor with nothing under them and no covering save the rags they wore.

"A little dying person in a corner seemed not to bother anyone much. He was breathing his last. The doctor was very sorry but what could he do? There was nobody in attendance—not anybody at all.

"But, oh, the Americans were coming. That was what they said. Look at it."

MASS MIGRATION JEWS PLANNED

New York, March 12.—London and Copenhagen will be the centers through which the mass-migration of Jews to Palestine will de directed, according to plans made public through the Zionist Organization of America yesterday.

The system which has been devised for the scientific regulation of the vast movement, which Zionist officials emphasize will not begin, however, until Great Britain has assumed the mandate over Palestine and the country made ready to receive it, covers every step from the point of departure until arrival at the Nation Homeland. It includes:

Central emigration bureaus at Copenhagen, and London, the former to register and organize emigration from Eastern and Central Europe and Scandinavia, the latter from Great Britain, British colonies, France, Italy, Spain Switzerland, Holland, the Balkan Peninsula, North Africa and Asia.

District emigration bureaus in every country from which emigration will take place, local emigration bureaus in all important Jewish centers and emigration bureaus in the chief ports of departure, such as Odessa, Trieste, Salonica and Constantinople.

A central immigration office at either Jaffa or Haifa, whichever is made the chief port of arrival, with branches at all other places of entry, to act as a vast receiving station for all immigrants to regulate and assist their movements to the parts of Palestine there they are to settle, and to keep international headquarters in London informed as to the proper movement of emigration hospitals, quarantine stations and buildings to accommodate immigrants are to be erected at all ports of entry.

To insure the highest personnel comprising the first detachments to Palestine, every emigrant is to be subjected to a rigid physical examination and classified as to occupation and financial means, so that each group of emigrants will contain the proper proportions of all trades, professions and commercial interests.

Zionist officials point out that the difficulty of restraining wholesale immigration to Palestine from all parts of the world is becoming an acute problem. This elaborate system of handling and checking immigration has been devised, it was explained, to guarantee that only persons perfectly fit, physically and otherwise, to live in Palestine, will comprise the pioneers whose duty it will be to reclaim the country and that they will be evenly balanced as to professions and occupations so that there will be no dearth or over abundance of any kind.

The situation in Constantinople has become so acute owing to the large number of refugees from all parts of the world stranded there on their way to Palestine, the Zionist headquarters in Constantinople report, that an information bureau has been established to inform Zionists all over the world of conditions in Palestine and to serve as a check on the premature mass-migration.

Orders will be issued from London, much the same as from an army's general headquarters, authorizing the movement of groups from certain countries, fixing the number and the classes of persons to leave and supervising and directing all negotiations with governments and transportation companies necessary for all stages of the journey of the emigrant.

To carry out this scientific emigration on as detailed a scale as possible, it is planned to organize separate groups of agriculturists, laborers, and artisans, each group to receive special training relating to its work as it will be in Palestine and instruction in Hebrew, with a view to its becoming the national language of Palestine.

Every prospective emigrant will be required to fill out personnel card, himself. Through these cards, which giving every bit of information about are similar to the army personnell cards the immigration will be regulated at headquarters.

An emigration bureau will also be established in New York according to the plans proposed, to handle emigrants from North, South and Central America. There are thousands of Jews in Canada and South America, particularly in Argentine, it was said, and the earliest possible moment. Five are anxious to start for Palestine at thousand applications from American technicians, engineers, executives, teachers and other professionals willing to render service for limited periods in the task of building Jewish Palestine are on file at the New York headquarters of the Zionist organization.

TYPESETTING SCHOOL TO FORM NEW CLASS

Macon, March 15.—The typesetting school established on January 1, in connection with the Georgia-Alabama business college at Macon, Ga., under the auspices of the Southern Newspaper Publishers' association, is now under full swing, and students are on the waiting list. The first class was formed on January 1, and all who could be accommodated enrolled at once. Others were held back until more machines could be installed. These were put in this week and a new class is now being formed, with several reservations made in advance. More machines are expected soon, and at that time another class will be formed.

World News for the Busy Reader

Washington, Mar. 10.—Recommendations have been made by the Mexican foreign office to local authorities the state department was advised today, that action be taken in the case of Peter W. Summers, who was kidnapped recently by rebels at Salina Cruz and in regard to the apprehension of persons who killed Alexander F. Fraser and fatally wounded his brother, February 27, at Ruby, Ariz.

London, Mar. 10.—Fifty-two members of the Egyptian legislative assembly recently met at the house of Said Zagloul Pasha who headed the Egyptian mission to the peace conference and adopted a resolution proclaiming the independence of Egypt and the Sudan, according to a dispatch from Cairo.

Elkhart, Ind., Mar. 10.—A government airplane mail carrier, identified by marks on his clothing as Lieutenant Clayton Stoner of Ohio, was burned to death in his airplane when it fell near Paris, Ind., today.

Springfield, O., Mar. 10.—An explosion in the charging room of the Aetna Explosive Company at Goes station, ten miles south of here this morning resulted in the death of John Bowser and Thomas Mehaffy, employes. So far as known they were the only persons in the building which was completely wrecked.

New Castle, Pa., Mar. 10.—Emil Hadassy of Girard, O., was murdered and robbed of $3,000 in a taxicab while enroute here last night to buy moonshine whiskey. Alexander Ross, driver of the taxicab, also was robbed of $300 according to the story told to the police by Ross.

Hadassy according to the police, met two men in Youngstown, O., and arranged with them for the purchase of the liquor. They engaged Ross to drive them to this place, but when five miles away, one of the men, according to Ross shot Hadassy, took the money from his pockets and threw the body into a snow drift.

The men then robbed Ross and forced him to drive them to Bessemer. Ross was detained by the police pending an investigation.

Miami, Fla., March 10.—Maywell Blanchard of Chicago, pilot and Charles "Tod" Sims of New York, and Kenneth Earle of Montclair, N. J. mechanicians, were killed at 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon when a three seat aeroplane crashed to earth near the Hillsborough Light, 35 miles north of Miami.

The accident was witnessed by farmers, who hurrying to the scene found the machine a wreck and the occupants dead. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

Albany, N. Y., Mar. 10.—A bill defining intoxicating beverages as those containing more than three and a half per cent. of alcohol by weight, was introduced in the legislature today by Assemblyman Maurice Bloch, democrat of New York. The measure, according to the introducer is "Governor Edwards' New Jersey bill adapted to this state."

Nantucket, Mass., Mar. 10.—The shipping board steamer Guilford which was abandoned off Nantucket shoals on Sunday, was towed here by the coast guard cutter Acushnet today. Although carrying a cargo of coal from Norfolk for Boston and leaking the steamer was well out of the water and on an even keel.

Washington, Mar. 10.—President Wilson today took his third automobile ride since he was ordered to bed last October. An open car was used and Mrs. Wilson, Miss Margaret Wilson and Rear Admiral Grayson, his physician, accompanied him.

London, Mar. 10.—John W. Davis, the American ambassador, declined to comment today on the action of the West Virginia Democratic State Committee in endorsing him for the democratic nomination for president. The ambassador said he had not yet received the message which Parkersburg, W. Va. dispatches announced had been sent to him by the committee to ascertain his attitude relative to entering the race.

"The answer to such a message would take some consideration" Mr. Davis added.

Paris, Mar. 10.—In spite of opposition on the part of the prefecture of police, members of the graded force and the judiciary police have formed a union which has taken steps toward cooperating with the federation of labor, although it will not be affiliated with that organization.

Philadelphia, Mar. 10.—Jack Adams, catcher for the Philadelphia National League team, has been purchased by Seattle of the Pacific coast league.

Adams came to Philadelphia in 1915 from the New York Giants. He was involved in the deal which brought Demaree, Stock and Adams here in exchange for Lobert.

Berlin, Mar. 10.—The imperial government has issued a proclamation signed by Premier Bauer condemning attacks on members of entente missions. It declares that the minister of defense will act with the greatest severity in pushing excesses.

Indianapolis, Mar. 10.—Eight members of the Indianapolis club of the American Association left here this morning accompanied by Manager Jack Hendricks and owner Smith for St. Petersburg, Fla., where the team will train this season. Other members of the team will join the party at Cincinnati and others will report direct to the training camp. Ollie Mara, third baseman is the only member of the team who has not signed his contract.

Fiume, Mar. 9.—General Caviglia, former Italian minister of war, who is making a tour of inspection along the armistice line, said today he had arranged for many children of Fiume to be taken to Italy for humane reasons. Several weeks ago more than two hundred were sent to Milan.

Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio has received a letter from Said Zagloul Pasha the Egyptian nationalist leader, expressing "common aims for emancipated humanity."

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