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OTHER LIST.

Mr. T. F. Cousins,
Bluepoint, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

American Consuls and Missionaries are cabling for immediate help to save two million destitute and starving refugees in Western Asia. Two cablegrams just received are typical of many:

"RELIEF FUNDS FINISHED. NEED UNPRECEDENTED.
REQUIRE \$100,000 THIS MONTH."

"REQUEST COMMITTEE TO ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY
FOR TEN THOUSAND FATHERLESS CHILDREN AT
RATE OF THREE DOLLARS PER MONTH PER CHILD."

The Committee needs funds to meet the above requests. Six million dollars monthly will provide only ten cents per day for food and all life's necessities for each of these helpless dependents, chiefly women and children.

Every dollar contributed goes to relief. All expenses are met privately. All aid is effectively distributed. The entrance of this country into the war has not stopped relief work in Turkey.

Ever increasing multitudes, aggregating hundreds of thousands, within the advancing lines of our allies the Russians and British, are wholly dependent upon us for the necessities of life.

With Belgium provided for by the Government, private benevolence thus released should contribute the simplest necessities of life for the starving women and children of Bible Lands. Quick, generous and sustained action alone can save the survivors.

The Red Cross while assisting our work cannot possibly undertake it. After conference with their leaders our independent work continues with their full approval.

Yours very truly,

Henry Morgenthau
Charles C. Hughes
Cleveland H. Dodge

CABLEGRAM



HAVE HAD CONFERENCES WITH MEMBERS RUSSIAN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT HERE REGARDING RELIEF. THEY APPRECIATE COMMITTEE'S WORK AND PROMISE ALL FACILITIES. CONDITIONS OUTLINED IN COMMITTEE'S TRINIDAD OF THE FIFTEENTH JULY CONFERENCE. NEED PARTICULARLY GREAT CARE OUTRAGE. ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IMMEDIATELY. COMMITTEE ESTIMATES ABOUT 40,000 ORPHANS HERE. EVERY POSSIBLE EFFORT SHOULD BE MADE FOR US TO CARE FOR AT LEAST 10,000. - WILCOXNEY SMITH, AMERICAN CONSUL, TIFLIS, RUSSIAN CAUCASUS.



CABLEGRAM



GENERAL CONDITIONS OF REFUGEES HAS REACHED CRITICAL STAGE. NEARLY TWO YEARS EXILED FROM THEIR HOMES. WHAT LITTLE MONEY OR POSSESSIONS THEY WERE ABLE TO BRING WITH THEM NOW EXHAUSTED. GREAT DISTRESS FROM HUNGER. APPALLING NUMBER OF WIDOWS WITH INDIGENT CHILDREN.. NEED YOUR AID AT THIS TIME GREATER THAN EVER BEFORE. UNUS AND EMPLOY THAT NEW YORK COMMITTEE CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS WITH HUNDRED THOUSAND IF THE NEXT THOUSANDS IT HAS HELPED ARE TO BE SAVED. - CHESBON, AMERICAN CONSUL, KRIYAS.

WESTERN ASIA—AS IT WAS—AS IT IS

HERE is a country blessed with every gift of nature; a fertile soil, mines of iron, copper, silver and coal; a land of exquisite beauty, once studded with flourishing cities and filled with a thriving population. The people were unoffending and industrious, the wealth-producers of the land.

"A once happy and prosperous people, possessed of homes, of business property, farms and gardens, living in comfort and in many cases in affluence, have suddenly been stripped of all their possessions, driven from their homes and left to wander in the interior, or to find such livelihood as they can obtain in places already overcrowded, among people to whom they are strangers and where their coming seriously complicates an already well-nigh insoluble food problem."

"The American Consular Agent at Damascus estimates that 500,000 people have been pushed into the provinces of Aleppo and Damascus. The majority are women and children, and they are slowly dying of starvation."

"In every tent there are sick and dying. Anyone who cannot get a piece of bread by begging, eats grass, raw and without salt. The people gather locusts and eat them uncooked. They catch stray dogs, and like savages pounce upon dead animals whose flesh they eat eagerly and without cooking."

"One responsibility of the women workers is to find mothers of new born babes. There are many little ones who have only a manger to lie in and the mother sometimes tears up her own clothing for swaddling clothes. To these mothers the young women give \$5.00 and a blanket for the little one. Another work for which they are responsible is that of listing fatherless children to whom we make a monthly grant of \$2.00."

"The poor people are unable to buy the smallest amount of food necessary to keep body and soul together and in consequence are dying off at an alarming rate."

"General condition of refugees has reached critical stage. Nearly two years exiled from their homes. Need for aid at this time greater than ever."

DID A PEOPLE EVER IN ALL TIME SO CALL FOR SYMPATHY?





THE PEOPLE ARE IN RAGS

WAR DOES NOT STOP RELIEF

The usual channels are still open.

Neutral agencies are giving all necessary assistance.

Our devoted American representatives still remain at their posts in a score of centers.

Turkish officials are friendly despite diplomatic break.

Hundreds of thousands of refugees are within the advancing Russian and British military lines. These alone require relief funds far in excess of the resources of the Committee.



THOUSANDS ARE NOW HOMELESS

A STUPENDOUS TRAGEDY—AN EXCEPTIONAL OPPORTUNITY

THE refugees are in a critical condition, naked and bodily exhausted.

Awful havoc has been wrought among the Armenian artisans.

There are ten thousand orphans in one district, forty thousand in another, and so on throughout the entire territory. Very few people have work.

FAMILIES in America are assuming the support of families in Armenia on the basis of ten cents per day for each person. Wage earners are giving a day's wages monthly; capitalists choice investments; business men special profits. What will you do in this crisis? Five fatherless children can be supported one month for \$10.00.

A REGULAR FLOW OF MONEY WILL SAVE THOUSANDS FOR FUTURE USEFULNESS



GIVE NOW—GIVE LIBERALLY

Check Amount Here

\$
5.00
10.00
25.00
50.00
100.00
250.00
500.00
750.00

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN and SYRIAN RELIEF ONE MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK

To provide food for the starving and relief for the suffering in Western Asia, I will give _____ dollars per month, so long as the need continues or until this subscription is cancelled by me.

Name _____ Date _____ 1917

Street _____ City _____ State _____

Checks should be drawn to the order of Charles R. Crane, Treasurer, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York. Unless otherwise indicated, monthly subscriptions will be regarded as payable on the first day of each month; reminders will be sent on the 15th of each month. This Committee EMPLOYS NO COLLECTORS and pays NO COMMISSIONS. All money goes for relief. Expenses are met privately.

Check Amount Here

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1,500.00
2,000.00
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WAITING FOR FOOD AND CLOTHING

THE VOICES OF TWO MILLION DRIVEN, STARVING PEOPLE

THE call comes from over 2,000,000 destitute and suffering people in bleeding, poverty-stricken Armenia, Caucasus, Persia, Syria, Palestine, Egypt and Mesopotamia. From the Bosphorus to the Euphrates all is poverty, hunger and despair.

The call comes to the people of the United States, the most prosperous nation in the world. Surely, Christian America will recognize her debt to these Bible Lands and from her abundance pour out her treasures.

There is no better way to show gratitude for our liberties and for our social and religious privileges than by accepting responsibilities laid upon us to provide the actual necessities of life for those who now reside in these ancient cities and among these sacred hills.

Shall we make it possible for these people to live or shall we allow them to perish from the earth? This is the burning question. Over a million have already perished. Their blood cries from the ground.

PROMPT ACTION WILL PREVENT A REPETITION OF THESE TERRIBLE SCENES



CO-OPERATION BLANK

I will co-operate with the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, in the following ways:

By arranging a meeting in the class indicated by check (✓)

}	Church or Mass Meeting	}	at which time a representative of the
	Club Conference		
	Parlor Conference		

Committee may present the need, and if advisable illustrate the same with stereopticon slides. I will also endeavor to solicit subscriptions from at least two persons *this week*, by individual calls in person or over the phone.

Signed _____

Street Address _____

Telephone _____

City _____

Information regarding the above should be forwarded to H. F. Laflamme, Secretary, One Madison Ave., New York City
 Phone Gramercy 2077