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NEAR EAST RELIEF HEROINES RISK LIVES

A thrilling tale of the dangers encountered and the sufferings endured by Near East Relief workers in their valiant efforts to save the lives of the thousands of Armenian orphans under their care is told by Miss Alice M. Clark, of Evanston, Ill., who has just returned to her home after nearly two years of service in the Near East.

Miss Clark was under siege of the Turkish Nationalists from March 8 to June 13 and for four days during a terrific battle between Turks and Armenians five other American girls hid in a store room and subsisted on raisins and bread while the Near East Relief orphanage was under constant fire. The Armenians drove off the Turks, but later the Turks recaptured Hadjin and the Near East Relief workers were given three days to leave the city. Two women left via Cesarea and Sam-soun and repeatedly were held up and their lives imperiled during the course of their journey through the very heart of the Mustapha Kemal's country.

When the Turks advanced upon Hadjin they found an American flag flying from the flagstaff of the Near East Relief compound, where Miss Clark and a number of other American girls were guarding the destinies of more than three hundred little Armenian orphans. Beside it was a white flag, showing the American compound was neutral. But the Turks fired upon the orphanage and Miss Clark and the other American girls did their best to assure the little hungry orphans that they were under the protection of the American flag and were safe.

"After a day of constant firing," said Miss Clark, "two burly Turks entered the orphanage and then we women began a little game of diplomacy that lasted ten weeks. They asked us if we had fire arms. We brought out one rusty gun, ammunitionless. They were about to search the orphanage, but we assured them we had no other firearms and they went away, saying that as long as we kept our promise of neutrality, we would not be harmed. The pledge was kept on both sides, but it was a terrible ten weeks we women spent as 'hostesses' to these swaggering Turks, who varied in their protestations of friendship with such diversions as leveling their guns at us as we crossed the compound or by twirling daggers suggestively as they followed us about the building. During this fierce battle we took refuge in an old store room and for four days subsisted on raisins and bread. On June 13 the Turks recaptured the compound. We were given three days in which to leave. We reached Tebas after a three days' march and finally arrived at Constantinople.

"The need for American assistance to save the lives of these poor, hungry, homeless people in the Near East is greater than ever. Unless Americans come to the rescue at once there is little hope for these hopeless races."

MORE POWER

If this democratic nation of ours is to be made safe for cold weather, more power, and more economical power, will need to become a reality instead of mere conversation. Once or twice each year a group of coal miners go into cahoots with Jack Frost, with the result that half of the people in cities cannot get their proper coal supply, and the other half are lucky if the landlord doesn't take advantage of the excuse that the situation offers him to economize on stoking his furnaces.

What's the answer? Water power development, that will raise the present development of less than ten billion horsepower to several times that amount. Every pound of steam eats into a coal pile, and when the pile goes down it will never run itself. On the other hand every tub of water that shoots thru a water wheel is thereby rejuvenated by the process, and after having furnished its renewable power, it dashed off down the stream singing merrily: "Men may come and men may go, but I go on forever." The next day this same tub of water may be seen forming a little black cloud on the upper skies, and the following day it will renew the youth of a be-drouthed daisy field. Third day the tub of water is still traveling, and when it gets back again to the water wheel it has more pep than lightning gas running thru an old fashioned Johnson carburetor. It churns out on the underneath side of the wheel still gay with the triumphs of "habbling brooks."

With the revival of the normal business activity and the passage of the water power legislation at the recent session of Congress, the only little remaining thing to be done, is to tweedle a few millions of American capital into water power development. Water power development no longer deals with the affairs of the

"jolly old miller" who has his plant at the side of the dam, but it concerns the fortunes of industry over a vast area of adjoining country, for poles and wires and dynamos enter into the great distributing scheme of hydroelectric plants, and fire by wire is doubly efficient over the old method of carrying coal back and forth over the country in order that it may be consumed in a fire box in some identical spot. Conservative estimates figure that a billion dollars a year can be saved the American people if they will only use their renewal water power and leave more of their non-renewable fuel in the mines and in the forests.

WORST STRETCH OF ROAD IN ILLINOIS

Editorial in Waukegan Daily Sun Tells Where to Find It

If anybody wants to know where the worst piece of road between Chicago and Milwaukee is here's the place to find it:

It is just south of 22nd street and in front of Great Lakes station. It is the strip of road that the naval station claims comes under the city of North Chicago and North Chicago officials claim should be maintained by Great Lakes. In our opinion the North Chicago officials are right. It should be maintained by Great Lakes because Great Lakes uses it and Great Lakes has enough money to spend in this, that, or the other thing so that it could maintain a little stretch of road like the one in question. Zion City, or Sheridan road, Waukegan, are "not in it" in comparison with that piece of road. You couldn't find a duplicate of it any place in the United States, not even in the mountains of the west. It is a disgrace to the county, it's a disgrace to North Chicago and it's a worse disgrace to Great Lakes station because everybody passing the station feels that Uncle Sam's big navy department is morally and legally responsible for the condition of that road.

If a dozen autos break their springs in Waukegan in a week on North Sheridan road, then ten times that number have broken springs in the same time upon this stretch in North Chicago. If you HAVEN'T driven over it you have no idea what it is like. If you HAVE driven over it you will agree with us absolutely. How those in charge of the naval station could tolerate a road in this condition is hard to conceive. The damage it does to their own personal property such as trucks that operate in and out of the station so far over-balances the cost of filling it up with crushed stone that it certainly shows a lack of judgment in failing to take care of it.

It has been that way for a long time and the question is how much longer will it be permitted to continue?

Bearing on the above stretch of road, a Chicago paper prints this timely communication under the heading: "Ahoj Great Lakes."

Mr. Auto Editor: If any shreds of credit still cling to the coat-tails of Mr. Daniels and his navy administration, the disaster nicknamed a road running past the Great Lakes Naval station is sufficient to dispel them. That road is a blot on Uncle Sam's coat of arms. It is so rotten that it prevents the least serious thought of our navy development in this section. And it is growing steadily worse without the slightest recognition and with seeming indifference on the part of Great Lakes authorities. Next to Zion City's nightmare road, it is by far the worst stretch in the otherwise pleasant drive north. It simply spoils Sheridan road, and Sheridan road is too fine and too vital to Chicago's needs to be spoiled.

Is there no hope of action? If the navy can't or won't co-operate, let's start a little fund and see what charity can do to save our self-respect as a city and district of good roads boosters.

SALVATION ARMY HOLDS ADVISORY BOARD MEET

Judge C. C. Edwards, Waukegan, and Damon T. Alshuler, Waukegan, represented this county in the convention of Illinois Advisory boards of the Salvation Army that met Friday, Sept. 10, in the Senate Chamber at Springfield. The members of the Advisory board in this county are:

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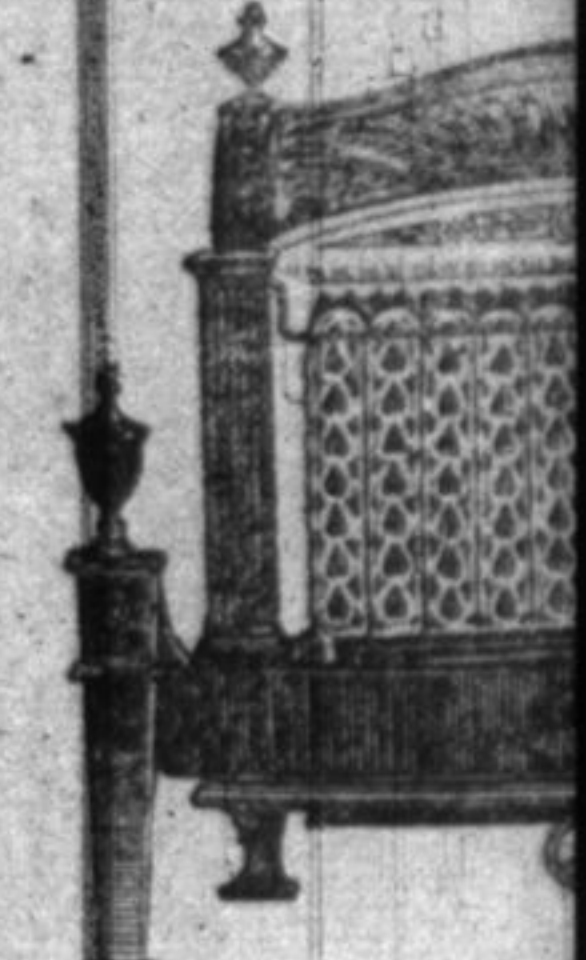
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