

PLAN FARM SCHOOLS IN THE NEAR EAST

WILL ESTABLISH THREE

Senator Capper's Committee on Agriculture Development in That Region Approves The Movement

The national agricultural committee of the Near East Relief, under the chairmanship of U. S. Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, has approved plans for the development of three agricultural schools in connection with the Near East Relief's orphanage program in Greece, Palestine and Russian Armenia, at an annual expenditure of about \$250,000 a year.

The report of Senator Capper's committee includes statements by leading educators and farm experts, emphasizing the importance of agricultural education in the Near East. Bayard Dodge, president of the American University at Beirut, Syria, says: "These farm schools were started about a year ago, and have a present enrollment of 2500 boys and girls."

Greatest Need

"The greatest educational need in Bible Lands today is for the training of practical farmers. The prejudice which once existed against honest labor is rapidly passing in these countries, thanks largely to American influence. Agriculture is coming into its own. The man with the hoe is economically more important than ever before. But he must be taught the science of production. His crops can be increased two-fold or even three-fold by modern methods. Many of the age-old problems of these backward peoples will be solved if we can teach them to bring production up to consumption."

Gov. Allen Comments

Henry J. Allen, former governor of Kansas, who visited the farm school

in Russia a few months ago, says: "America has done nothing finer in all her history than this constructive work which is going on in Armenia. Not only is the American farm school creating new intelligence which will add to the productivity of these lands, but it is also creating intelligent farmers out of the orphanage children. The boys and girls who graduate from this school will strike a new note in human effort over there."

Dr. Frank W. Ober of Stamford, Conn., secretary of the committee, says: "Armenia is an agricultural country. Fully 70 per cent of the children in the Near East Relief orphanages must naturally locate on the soil. The farm school is located on a 16,000 acre ranch, formerly the property of the Grand Duke Nicholas, which has been given to us by the government. It faces Mount Ararat, from which Noah sallied forth with two of a kind to replenish the earth. The faculty includes seven Americans, graduates of our best agricultural schools, and 20 Armenians, mostly graduates of European technical schools. The students are doing a pretty good piece of work with American tractors, tools, seeds, sense and experience. During the past year they raised 235 tons of vegetables, 335 tons of grain and 4000 tons of fodder on their experimental farm, together with 60,000 pounds of meat and 1500 raw hides."

High Praise

F. P. MacLennan, editor of the *Tepka* (Kas.) State Journal, who returned a few days ago from Greece and Palestine, gives high praise to the "American spirit" which he found permeating the program of these farm schools. He adds: "The greatest contribution which has ever been made to peace and friendship and understanding in the Near East is that which America is making through her great educational and relief projects, of which this agricultural program under Senator Capper is a most practical and useful example."

FAMOUS PLAY FOR HOSPITAL BENEFIT

IS "SCHOOL FOR SCANDAL"

To Be Given in Illinois Theater For St. Luke's and Mrs. Sam Insull Will Take Part of Lady Teazle

"School for Scandal," famous comedy originally produced 150 years ago will be revived here for the building fund of St. Luke's hospital, the oldest institution of its kind in Chicago.

The play will be presented at the Illinois theater from June 1 to June 13 inclusive. A cast of exceptional talent, including many well known actors, will participate. Mrs. Samuel Insull, who, before her marriage, was Gladys Wallis, an actress of real ability, takes the leading role as "Lady Teazle." Proceeds of all of the performances will go to the hospital's building fund.

Notable Revival

Revival of the famous old play by Richard Brinsley Butler Sheridan offers the present generation an opportunity to see a performance that delighted its great-great grandparents. In its modern production, the play will lose none of its attributes that made it so popular a century and a half ago, when it was first produced by Sheridan in Drury Lane theater, London.

The popularity of such famous old plays was evidenced here recently when Mrs. Fisk appeared in "The Rivals," another of Sheridan's masterpieces. Mrs. Fisk played to capacity houses and hundreds were turned away.

Much Charity Work

St. Luke's hospital, which will receive the benefits of the performances has been called "the place where the sick poor are cared for" because of the immense amount of charity work it does.

When all the rooms are filled and the management is obliged to choose between pay patients and free patients, those without funds receive the preference.

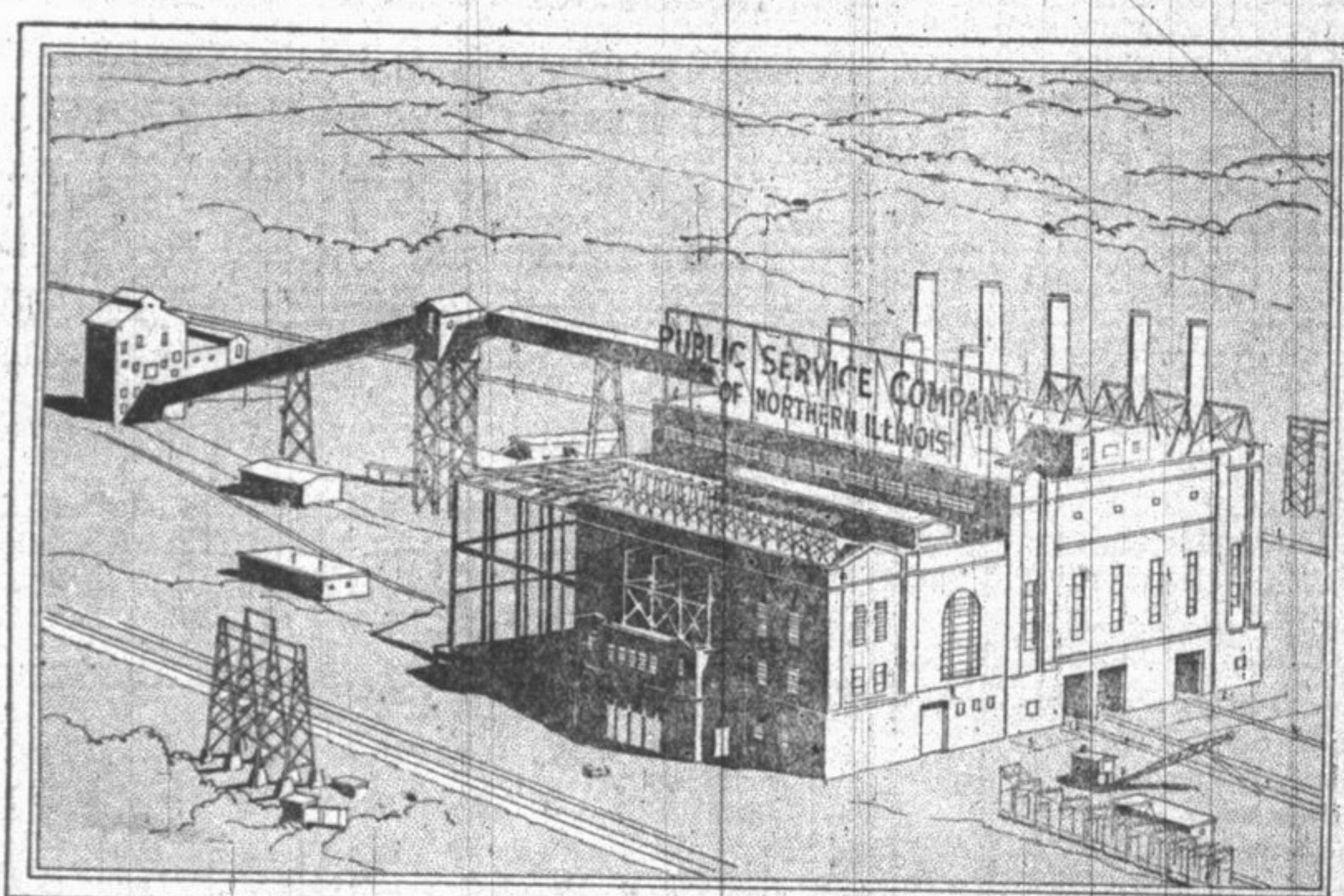
Few hospitals, maintained by funds privately contributed, compare with this institution in the amount of charitable work done. About one third of all patients are treated free. Many maternity cases are handled each year and most of these are free patients. Ninety per cent of all children's cases are cared for without charge.

To keep pace with this growing demand for hospital service, it becomes imperative that more space and facilities should be acquired. Hence the present need for funds.

SAYS REDS ARE BUSY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Socialist Efforts Centered in Capital, Declares Major General Fries

Major Gen. Amos A. Fries, chief of the chemical warfare section of the United States army, says in an article published in the *May* number of the *National Republic*: "Socialists are centralizing in Washington and working into all kinds of beneficent organizations. They use the names of prominent men and women on their committees, or as is now more frequently being done, succeed in getting one of their own workers placed as an active worker on committees of all sorts including even those opposed to socialism. They hope to bend ever so little all of these organizations toward their way of thought. Whatever they do, the end in view is sovietism. If this country ever goes into communism, it must go through the same bloody experience of disorder and destruction that Russia is going through, that France went through and that every other nation must go through if it falls into communism."



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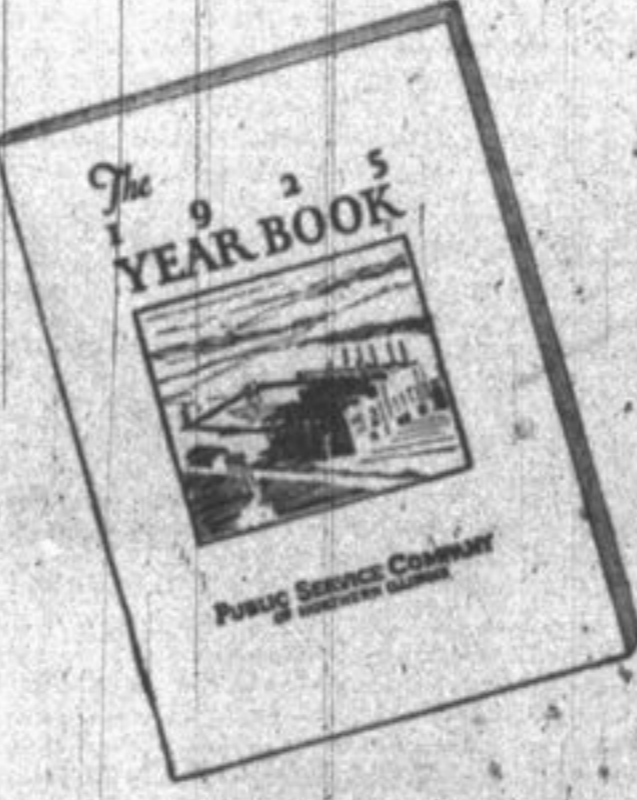
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