

**ANONYMOUS GIFTS
AND THEIR DONORS**

MILLIONS THUS GIVEN

**Interesting Revelations From
Records of Near East Relief
Regarding Some
Instances**

An invalid American business man has given more than \$500,000 to the Near East Relief during the past three years, on condition that his name must never be divulged. No solicitor or representative of the charitable organization has ever seen this man. A physician and a trained nurse are with him, and when efforts have been made to see him for the purpose of expressing appreciation of his help, it has always been the physician who spoke for him. As a rule the contributions have been made on his own initiative, in the shape of a check for \$50,000 or \$75,000, without any special occasion or special appeal.

One of Many

This anonymous philanthropist is one of many Americans who give large sums secretly, to avoid the clamor of thanks or the glare of public applause. This man's sufferings have made him peculiarly susceptible to the sufferings of others. The occasion for his anonymity is clear

enough. His physical disability and suffering are the reason for avoiding publicity which his generosity might bring. Other men sometimes wish to remain in the background because they fear they will become targets for charitable solicitors, and others because of genuine modesty.

One man, who sent a diamond ring to the Near East Relief a few weeks ago, had another reason. The ring had cost him \$600, and he stipulated that it must be sold for at least \$400, the money to go to relief work. He explained that it was to have been an engagement ring, that the young woman had jilted him, and he would never have any other occasion to use it.

Another Instance

Another man, who gave \$100,000 not long since, stipulated that should his name become known in connection with the campaign he would withdraw his pledge. For some time those in charge were perplexed as to the cause of this. All the reasons which make for publicity in such cases seemed to be operative: the desire for community approbation, the expansive glow which comes of well doing, the public evidence that the donor is prospering. But it was found that this man was in business partnership with a "hard boiled" cynic who had no patience with charitable impulses. The giver did not want his partner to

know of his action. That was why he hid his light under a bushel.

Enjoy Acclaim

Most public benefactors enjoy the acclaim which publicity brings, and some of them are ably press-agented. It is even said that one well known fund is handicapped by the pressure brought to bear on it by the founder for constant public notice of his good deeds. But when prominent men and women wish, because of shyness or for some other reason, to remain unknown to the newspapers, the leaders in the movement usually argue that the use of the name will have weight with other prospective donors and thus win acquiescence. It is easier to get additional contributions when it is known that prominent persons are interested in the cause.

This sort of pressure was used again and again in the case of the late Cleveland H. Dodge, who gave largely to the Near East Relief and other causes. Yet most of his benefactions never became known. He gave away large sums during the World war because he regarded this money, to use his own expression, as "blood money" and wished not to talk about it. At other times he withheld his name through a real modesty.

The worst that could be said of a man was that he'd steal candy from a baby. But the girls are stealing styles from 'em.—Arkansas Gazette.

**COTTON LOAN ONLY
PART OF PROGRAM**

Plan of Administration to Sustain Prices of Agricultural Products

The thirty million dollar loan for the stabilization of the cotton market, it is understood, is only the first step in a program for sustaining the prices of other agricultural products. The cotton market developed an immediate emergency, and that is how it happened that the first public demonstration was made with regard to that commodity. It is expected that the problems of the producers of other agricultural commodities will be similarly aided within a short time. This cotton blow-out and the situation which is found in regard to other commodities, emphasizes the forethought of the President in pressing for full-bodied, full-grown co-operative marketing legislation. It is only a guess perhaps but it is yet more substantial than most guesses to say that had the President secured the legislation he desired, this demonstration in the aid of cotton growers would not have been necessary as the need would have been met under the provisions of the legislation which was rejected.

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