

TELLS OF SCENES DURING EARTHQUAKE

LETTER FROM NEAR EAST

Burlington Woman Director In Orphanage In Armenia Describes Recent Disaster There

The first letter describing scenes of the Armenian earthquake, as they appeared to the American relief workers whose great orphanage buildings were in the heart of the stricken area, has just been received in New York. It is from Moss Mattie B. Johnson of Burlington, Iowa, who is the Near East Relief's orphanage director at Leninakan, Armenia. She writes:

"I was just having coffee at the end of a late dinner when without warning there came a terrible roar. The house trembled and shook, the chandelier waved back and forth, and the roof made a noise as of a thousand cracking timbers. Within three minutes the second shock came, but I was already out of the house and shouting orders for the evacuation of twenty orphanage buildings up and down the long street in front. So I did not get the full force of the second shock, which came with a terrible noise like a train whistle. The children were already streaming out of dormitories, hundreds and thousands of them, suddenly aroused from sleep and clad in the U. S. army blankets which they wrapped shawl-like around their heads and bodies.

Were Panicky
"They were panicky, of course, but just to see an American calm them, for to them an American is a guarantee of protection from any and all evil.

It seemed likely that more shocks would come, so we marshalled all our 6,000 children in the fields, bringing out mattresses and bedding for them. Meanwhile all the Americans

went through the broken buildings, extinguishing the kerosene and taking every possible precaution against fire. I was in the No. 8 dormitory at 11 o'clock when the next shock came, much worse than the earlier ones. The floor was like an ocean wave under my feet and the walls were staying in on both sides of me. There was a fearful crash as five tall chimneys fell through the roof. The front door was open and I lurched and swayed through it.

"Again we went through the long lines of children, calming them. Our efforts were considerably handicapped by the fact that almost every sentence would be punctuated by a slight tremor. It was not easy to be calm and cool, as I realized that I was responsible for the lives of 6,000 children.

Moonlight Night
"It was a bright moonlight night, the first night after the full moon. As the earth began to quiet down, I made another round of all the buildings with a lantern. On the upper floor of the kindergarten orphanage, I found one little tot still in bed. She had slept through everything, even the collapse of the orphanage roof over her head. Beds on both sides of her were filled with debris and fallen stones, but she was unharmed.

"As morning came, we took a roll call, and found that not a child was missing or even injured beyond a few scratches or bruises. All the twenty Americans were safe, although the two houses in which they live were demolished beyond repair.

Camped in Alfalfa
For the first night, the Americans camped in the alfalfa patch, with regular patrols going the rounds of several acres of children in the wheat fields alongside. At daybreak we dug alour available tents out of the warehouses, and erected them where they could be used by the doctors and nurses. Within an hour after the big shock, casualties began to flow into the hospital from the towns and villages. Doctors and nurses worked continuously for 24 hours without rest or sleep, there being many amputations and operations. The city hospital at Leninakan was

completely demolished and all its patients were brought to the American camp, where we are putting them in tents as rapidly as possible.

"Daybreak brought government inspectors with news of 12 villages destroyed and 15 others partly in ruins. Our staff of doctors and nurses was subdivided in order to send mobile units out to establish casualty clearing stations in the villages. Our kitchens were reorganized to provide for feeding the children out of doors. Two of our dining halls are just twisted masses of iron and timbers. In several of the dormitories all the beds are covered with stones and debris. The hospital and nurses training school are safe, and can be reoccupied as soon as minor repairs have been made.

Held Thanksgiving
"During the morning of the next day we assembled all the children for chapel on the parade ground, and held a Thanksgiving service. We have a great deal to be thankful for, even though the great campus looks like a battle ground."

Miss Johnson's letter was mailed on the evening of October 24. After that date, according to the cabled reports received by the Near East Relief, the shocks continued for two weeks, with an average of five tremors a day, although only two of the later shocks were of major violence. The tremors were gradually decreasing in severity when the latest advices were received this week.

The Near East Relief has issued an appeal for special gifts of \$300,000 to meet the earthquake emergency. This amount is the estimated sum needed for repair of the American buildings and other immediate necessities, and is in addition to the regular budget of \$700,000 now being raised for the orphanage work in Armenia.

The wise guy who always tells you afterward that he knew all along how the election was going to go, never seems to cash in on his inside information.

Mussolini has sent a note of apology to France which indicates that he may not always be as rough as he seems.

CELEBRATE FIFTIETH YEAR OF RAIL LINK

Los Angeles Observes Event In Special Manner; History of Connection

The fiftieth anniversary of Los Angeles' rail connection with the outside world was celebrated recently at Lang, forty miles to the northward of Los Angeles, where the rails first met in '76. A golden spike was driven in memory of the union by William H. Crockier, son of the railroad builder.

Half a century ago, all communication to and from Los Angeles was through San Francisco. With the completion of the more direct connecting link, the development of the former city went ahead at a much greater pace to become a healthy rival of San Francisco.

The first train to go out of Los Angeles over the then new route was met at Lang by a modern de luxe train of the Southern Pacific system.

Notables from San Francisco, including Mayor Rolph, rode to Lang on the modern train, while Mayor

Ciyer and the official party from Los Angeles traveled on the original train that was used a half century ago.

To lend a touch of verisimilitude, original costumes of the period were worn by the members of both of the official parties.

Iowa has more telephones per one hundred of inhabitants than any other state, the ratio being one for every 4.5 persons. The state boasts twice as many telephones as any foreign country.

Europe is still trying to place the blame for the World war instead of trying to avoid another one.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

WINNETKA MAN IS KILLED IN EAST

Edward M. Cummins, 40, residing at 286 Ridge avenue, Winnetka, was instantly killed November 21, when the car in which he was riding with two companions suddenly left the road, crashed through a fence and turned over twice near Thompsonville, Conn. Douglas Thompson of Farmington, Conn., with whom he had been visiting was also killed, while a third member of the party, Lewis Troxel, was seriously injured; but will recover.



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