

# FEED AND CLOTHE THE CHILDREN IS DR. BARLOW-BROWN'S PLEA

Noted Winnetka Relief Worker Pens Letter to Friend Telling of Serbia's Dire Distress and Need of Immediate Relief

"To save the children (of Serbia)—that is the greatest task we have before us today. They must be fed and clothed".  
Those words are the keynote of the letter from Dr. Alice Barlow-Brown directed to Mrs. Douglas Smith of Hubbard Woods. Every Winnetka should feel duty bound to read this letter written by a Winnetka woman physician who is doing a notable work among the starving and destitute Serbian war refugees. The letter follows:  
Pristina, Serbia,  
June 30, 1920

Mrs. Douglas Smith,  
Hubbard Woods, Ill.  
My dear Mrs. Smith:

Your good letter with generous check of Five Hundred Dollars was given me last night and I hasten to thank you for the Serbian people. Never have I seen a country so poor or could I have imagined that such poverty existed. While food is becoming more abundant only bread is within the reach of all. Sugar is 50 cents a pound, rice 40 cents, meat is \$1 a pound. All fresh vegetables are very high. One can readily understand why these people have so little energy when they consider how their food was reduced during the seven years of war. Many of them sold all that they possessed and then the wood from their houses to buy bread to keep them from starving.

### Hit By White Plague

The English and Americans came just in time to stem the starvation but the result of it all is still in evidence, in that the young men who were interned are succumbing to tuberculosis. Young girls show the same lack of development as those of Lille, France. To save the children, that is the greatest task we have before us today. They must be fed and clothed.

While living in this section of Serbia, one is constantly reminded of how much civilization has advanced. Here where there are no factories, everything is made by hand and in the most primitive manner. All the clothes worn, except by a few who are fortunate enough to possess the modern conventional dress, are homespun. The peasants wear their national dress and look very picturesque. It consists of a white princess under-garment with broad sleeves. The back of the skirt near the hem is heavily embroidered also the back of sleeves, the amount of embroidery indicating their financial condition. Over this is worn a short bolera, around the waist is wound a girdle. This is a broad knitted band of bright color. Then over all the famous red awa, the result portraying a brilliant picture; the hair is drawn forward on both sides of the face, braided and wound up with a black string which keeps it in place, from one ear to the other is worn the silver coins, the head is draped with a scarf, giving in all a very unique appearance. The Turkish women and girls wear their style of trousers which many of the Serbian women adopted, to save themselves from being killed. It is interesting to see small children dressed in the same manner as their parents. When on the street the Turkish woman wears a black costume, some of them entirely veiling the face, others showing the eyes only. To see these silent, black moving figures on the street gives one rather an uncanny sensation.

### Forced To Rest

You will be interested to learn that I have given up my work with the American Women's hospital. I worked too hard and it has seemed best for me not to continue that work. After organizing the dispensary work, which had to be done in small quarters and with our living quarters also very small, I began to feel the strain of the increased daily demand made upon me. From February 20 to May 20, 6,000 people were taken care of in the dispensaries, the daily clinics averaged from 100 to 150. It was nothing unusual for me to treat 40 or 50 diseases of the eye daily and to have as many surgical dressings, which the nurses took care of. We were training or attempting to, young Serbian girls. This work being done with one interpreter during the coldest season made it very difficult, indeed. I never missed a day until after suffering with my nose for two weeks when not wishing to hamper the work of the American Women's hospital, I withdrew, rented a couple of rooms, where I have a young Serbian girl do the necessary things for me to make me comfortable and where I am resting. Have also retained the interpreter to help me. In the month of March I was placed on the Com-

mittee of the Orphanage whose former and first president, Col. Radivychitch founded, by taking in the homeless children to be cared for and clothed. He interested the Red Cross when they were here to assist him which they did and now the home cares for 34 children, 20 boys and 14 girls. Some of them have seen their parents killed and each one has experienced some terrible ordeal of the war. For two weeks I have been having entire charge of the children, relieving Esther, the young woman, who has been in charge here since the beginning. Her teeth were in a bad condition so she went to the American Mission at Skoplye, where there is a good dentist. This young woman received her education at Robert college in Constantinople, is a protestant and speaks English very well. She is greatly interested in the welfare of her people. She said they all feel the uncertainty of life. In 1912 this country was won from the Turks, Austrians and Bulgars, many still only later to be taken by the feel that perhaps all is a dream, and that one day they will again find themselves under a foreign power. This idea is not held so extensively by the men, many of them believe that Serbia is free forever. For this they have fought valiantly for 500 years showing a remarkable fortitude and persistence. We cannot fail to admire them when we consider how they have held to their one purpose under all conditions. It has been the purpose of the ruling powers to keep back all way of showing his gratitude.

### Patching Pants

I have been several days writing this letter, because of my occupation with the children. I have been patching pants and making suspenders. Hardly the kind of work for a physician. I am taking it as my recreation. The children call me their mother. We have truly a heterogeneous family. I am hoping to bring a little order out of all of this chaos. My interpreter is giving them physical exercises every day and also lessons in English. Col. Radivychitch is very anxious that they should speak English.

As this house is only a temporary abode I urged the committee to get a piece of land on the outskirts of the town.

The municipality of Pristina has given them a hektar which is well situated, drained and commands a fine view. Here in time a home can be built, a vegetable garden made giving them a occupation. In the construction of this I would like to interest Winnetka. Before I definitely decide, I am going to see the Minister of Health. I feel from every viewpoint that this is the most needy section of the country and the one in which it is most difficult to secure workers.

Some of my letters home must have been lost. We have lived so long here without communication from the outside world, now the mail is coming more regularly. All strikes seem to be over.

Again thanking you for your generous donations for which I will render you an accounting and with kindest remembrances to all Winnetka friends and good wishes for the Gift Shop, I am

Sincerely yours,  
Alice Barlow-Brown.

### OPERATION FATAL

Funeral services for Fred Charles Turvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuben Turvey of 1115 Merrill avenue, Hubbard Woods, were held Monday, August 16. Burial was at Calvary. The young man passed away on Friday, August 13, at the Evanston hospital following a very serious operation. He was a veteran of the World War, wounded in service in France and operated upon in an army hospital in France. A second operation was found necessary, resulting in his death.

### HIGH SCHOOL OPENS ON SEPTEMBER 13

The first semester of the school year 1920-21 of New Trier High school opens Monday, September 13.  
Those who have not already registered should do so on the following dates:  
Seniors—Monday, September 6.  
Juniors—Tuesday, September 7.  
Sophomores — Wednesday, September 8.  
Freshmen—Thursday and Friday, September 9 and 10.  
Students must register on those dates.

# LEADING MEN PROMISE REVIVAL OF BUILDING

Railroad Heads, Builders and Material Men Tell Senate Committee They Will Co-operate

Relief is in sight for those whose buildings and homes are being delayed because lumber, cement and other materials are held up by the railroads. Daniel Willard, president of the Baltimore and Ohio, and also chairman of the advisory council of railway executives, stated at a hearing of the senate committee on reconstruction, of which Senator William M. Calder is chairman, that the railroads would co-operate with the builders and necessary building material would be shipped without delay.

### Priority of Orders

The hearing, which was held in New York, took up the matter of priority orders issued by the Interstate Commerce commission. In effect, these orders give shipments of coal the preference of railway service and they have seriously hindered shipments of building material.

While defending the priority orders, Mr. Willard declared that he realized the importance of building homes and other necessary buildings. It was his opinion that the completion or repair of apartments, houses, roads and streets and other similar examples should be classed as an emergency and, so far as the railroads were concerned, treated as such.

### Proposed Plan

The practical workings of the plan proposed are as follows: Committees representing the construction industry have been appointed in various districts. In cases brought to their attention, where building material is being delayed, the construction committee will pass upon the necessity for the building and, upon the construction committee's recommendation, a committee of railroad officials will see that the material arrives. W. H. Truesdale, president of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, will be in charge of all the railroad committees.

The construction interests will be represented in Chicago by: G. F. Perkins, chairman, secretary-treasurer of Illinois Brick company; L. L. Barth (lumber) vice president Edward Hines Lumber company; W. L. Hodgkins (stone), Brownell Improvement company; F. T. Bentley (cement), traffic manager of Universal Portland Cement company; W. A. Rogers (contractor).

### ROBERT ISHAM RANDOLPH DESERVES VOTE SUPPORT

Robert Isham Randolph, son of the late Isham Randolph, is a candidate for republican nomination for trustee of the sanitary district of Chicago. His qualifications are unquestionable and his attitude in the matter is one which should be far more common than it is among those seeking opportunities for public usefulness. "Sanitation is an engineering task," he says, "not a political job. I am an engineer, not a politician". The instinct and the education of an engineer are in the blood of the Randolphs and one may expect a career on the part of the young man similar to that of his father if he has an equal chance. He has been in the profession for years and is thoroughly familiar with the problems of the sanitary district. As a soldier he has an admirable record, from the Mexican border to the St. Mihiel sector, and he won the insignia of a colonel on the field.

### "THE SUNSHINE LADY" PLEASURES THEATERGOERS

Several residents of Wilmette, Winnetka and Glencoe enjoyed the initial appearance for the season last Friday of the Musical comedy production, "The Sunshine Lady" at the Majestic theater, Waukegan.

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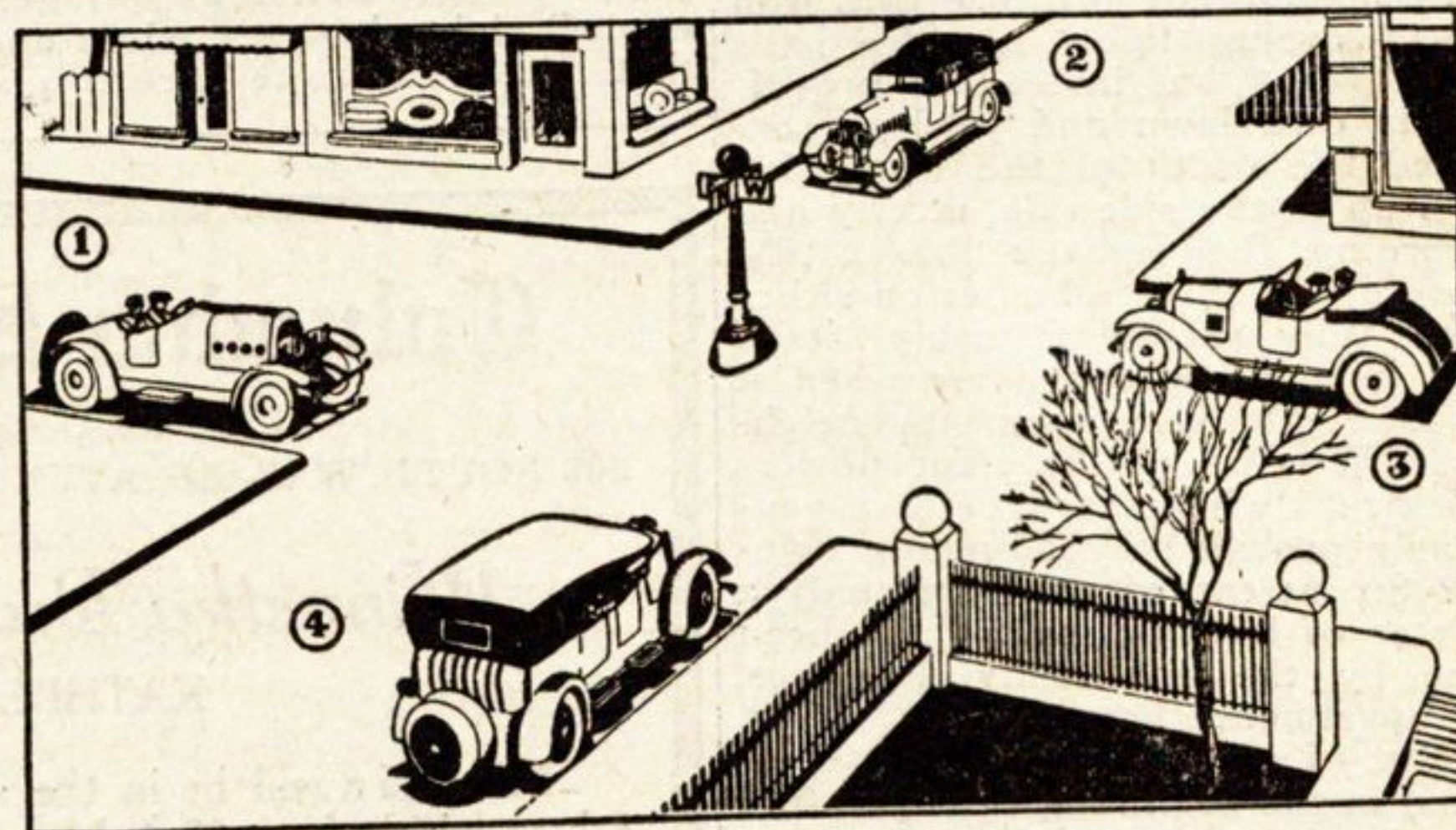
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The production, offered with great success for several seasons, has the support of an unusually excellent cast for the current season and the year's premiere played to a crowded house of discriminating theatergoers. "The Sunshine Lady" is a Le Comte and Fletcher production.

A capacity house at the Majestic theater last Sunday enjoyed the celebrated O'Hanhan San's Japanese Review, characterized as the "highest paid act in vaudeville." The review employs, in addition to six actors, a corps of eight electricians and stage hands.

## ILLUSTRATING THE RIGHT-OF-WAY LAW



In the diagram No. 1 has the right-of-way over No. 2; No. 2 has the right-of-way over No. 3; No. 3 has the right-of-way over No. 4; No. 4 has the right-of-way over No. 1.

Although it is generally supposed that every driver of an automobile knows that the car approaching from the right has the right-of-way, investigation proves that actually a great many drivers do not know it at all.

Automobile investigators for Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson, whose duty it is to administer the automobile laws, have found surprising ignorance in this regard. Even among those who know the rule, there are many who are not aware that there is a law on the subject. These believe the rule is established by custom, but that there is no way to compel them to obey it unless they are so inclined.

This fact has been noted in damage suits where the defendant was absolutely astonished when his attorney informed him that in failing to give the car approaching from the right, the right-of-way he had violated a state law.

A prominent place has been given to this law in the little safety-first folder issued by Secretary Emmerson. For the same reason, he calls attention to the law providing that in passing another car approaching from the opposite direction, the driver must keep to the right, and in passing a car proceeding in the same direction, he must pass on the left.

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