

America Means Salvation to These Little Ones



The European Relief Council, which seeks to raise \$33,000,000 at the Christmas season, has been formed for the purpose of throwing the entire charitable energy of the United States into the vital task of providing food and medical assistance to 3,500,000 children in eastern and central Europe this winter. Representatives of eight great relief organizations, working independently, gathered overwhelming evidence that the plight of these unfortunates should take precedence in world charity until they are saved. The co-operating agencies which form the Council are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.



WAGON LOADS OF NEED LIKE THIS IN POLAND are a commonplace sight on hundreds of roads in Europe. More than 1,308,000 Polish children received free American meals every day during the height of last winter. This winter the situation will undoubtedly be worse, as it will be in Austria and other portions left economically dazed by war. To prevent the greatest tragedy to children that the world has ever known eight great American organizations, under the name of the European Relief Council, are seeking \$33,000,000 for food and medical assistance.

An Appeal to the American People

THREE and one-half million children in Eastern and Central Europe have no alternative to disaster between now and next harvest except American aid. For months these most helpless sufferers in the track of war have been admitted to American feeding-stations only if tragically undernourished, and have received American medical aid only if desperately threatened by death from disease.

One five cent hot American meal today has saved a thousand lives.

Winter is closing down. The money of many nations is valueless outside their own boundaries. Economic and crop conditions make famine, with its terrible train of diseases, a certain visitor until next harvest. Inevitably the helpless children will suffer most. No child can grow to health and sanity on the pitiful makeshifts for food with which millions of European adults must content themselves this winter. It is obvious that the remedy can come only from outside.

America saved 6,000,000 European children winter before last. Normal recuperation cut the need nearly in half last year, but unusual conditions have resulted in scant shrinkage of child destitution during the twelvemonth just past. The response of America must now decide whether 3,500,000 of these charges, in acute distress, shall begin to be turned away in January from more than 17,000 asylums, hospitals, clinics and feeding-stations dependent on American support. There would be no tragedy in history so sweeping or so destructive of those who can deserve no evil.

The undersigned organizations, working among every race and creed, many engaged also in other forms of relief, agree unanimously that the plight of these helpless children should have complete priority in overseas charity until the situation is met. This is an issue without politics and without religious lines. There can be no danger of pauperization, for the \$23,000,000 for child food, and the \$10,000,000 for medical service that we seek, will relieve only the critical cases. The medical supplies, of course, must be an unqualified gift, but for every American dollar used in child-feeding, the governments and communities aided furnish two dollars in the form of transportation, rent, labor, clerical help, cash contributions and such food supplies as are locally obtainable.

America has not failed in the past in great heartedness. She has never had a more poignant call than this. Contributions should be turned over to the local committees which are now being formed for this national collection, or sent to Franklin K. Lane, Treasurer, Guaranty Trust Co., New York City.

EUROPEAN RELIEF COUNCIL

Herbert Hoover, Chairman Franklin K. Lane, Treasurer

Comprising:

- American Relief Administration, by Edgar Rickard, Director
- American Red Cross, by Livingston
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Social Happenings

The Winnetka Woman's club takes pleasure in announcing that Prof. William E. Dodd of the University of Chicago will give his popular lecture on Thomas Jefferson, on the evening of March 4, at the clubhouse.

Through the generosity of Prof. Dodd this lecture is open to all club members and their friends, without charge.

Mr. E. C. Weissenberg of the Weissenberg Coal company and Frank W. Sheahan of the Highland Park Mutual Coal company, were called from Miami, Fla., owing to the illness of Earl Sheahan who underwent a very serious operation last Tuesday at the Highlask Park hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. James G. Weart returned this week from Magnolia Springs, Ala., and after spending the week-end with their daughter, Mrs. Bertrand Doyle in Oconomowoc, Wis., they will return on Monday to their home at 278 Linden avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene D. Sax entertained at dinner on Tuesday at their home, 838 Lincoln avenue, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Adler, the occasion being their ninth wedding anniversary.

Mr. F. W. Copeland, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Copeland, 665 Prospect avenue, arrived on the Aquitania Tuesday night from a four month's stay in Europe.

Mrs. Charles N. Strotz, of Sheridan road, arrived in Chicago this week for a week's stay. Mr. and Mrs. Strotz are spending the winter in New York City.

An announcement of interest is the engagement of Miss Martha E. Pape, daughter of Mr. John Pape of Evanston, to Mr. Charles J. Bleidt of Chicago.

One of the Friday Luncheon and Bridge clubs is meeting today with Mrs. C. Barmore Cook, 460 Elder lane, Winnetka.

Mr. Arnold Horlick of Milwaukee was the week-end guest of friends in Winnetka last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. M. Miller left Saturday last for San Bruno, Cal., where they will remain until July.

Scores of letters have been received by the editor of the American Legion Weekly urging that the American Legion request the state department to obtain the release of the two Americans, who were captured in Germany during an attempt to arrest Grover Cleveland Bergdoll, America's most notorious draft dodger.

As a result of unusually mild weather throughout the country this winter, especially in the northern states, approximately 3,000,000 more passenger cars and trucks are in service than there were a year ago.

In Georgia, there are under construction or just completed, more than 1,100 miles of good roads and twelve miles of bridges, involving a total cost of \$17,512,954.

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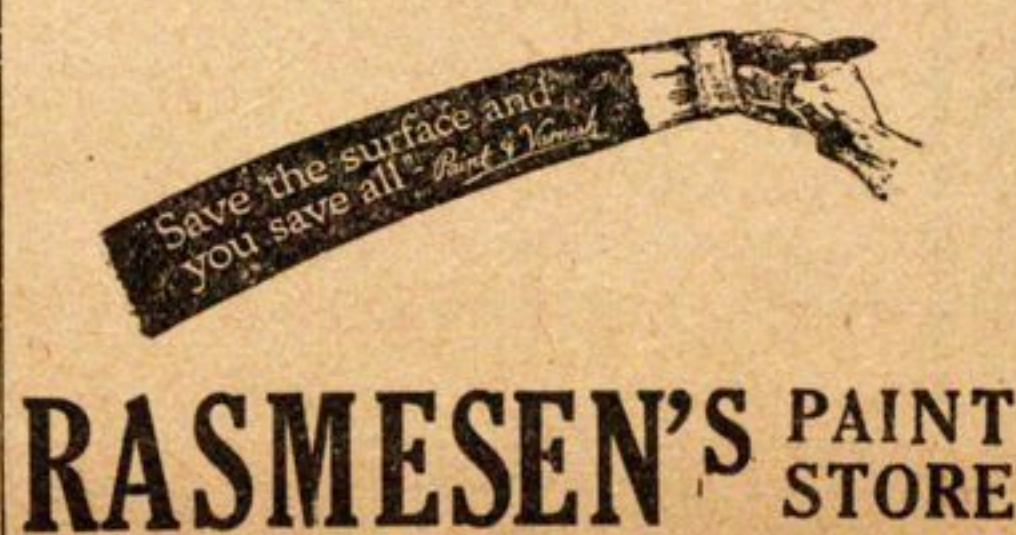
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