

NEAR EAST NEED AGAIN INCREASED

5,000 Orphans in Need of Immediate Help, Report

Prior to the shelling of Corfu the Near East Relief was caring for 1,600 children in Corfu, three hundred of them in an orphanage and industrial training school in the ancient unarmed fortress that suffered from Italian gun fire, according to the latest statistics received at National headquarters from overseas.

Eight hundred children were being cared for in warehouses, turned over by the Greek government to relief workers to meet the housing emergency when the children landed on Corfu from Turkey, whence they had been evacuated, by Near East Relief following the Smyrna disaster. The remaining five hundred were at the Near East Relief orphanage in the former palace of the ex-Kaiser, at Achilleion, about twelve miles outside the city of Corfu. The relief organization was also maintaining a hospital in the King George Palace, the residence of the Governor General in the days of British occupation.

16 Children Killed

Cables to the National office at New York report that all Americans are safe. All killed and wounded were refugees or orphans. Of the 20 killed, 16 were children. 32 wounded persons are in hospitals. Strict Italian censorship was established upon the occupation of the island July 31. Colonel Lowe, in charge of Near East Relief work in Corfu, reached Athens on the first Greek steamer allowed to leave and dispatched a report to the State Department.

Charles V. Vickrey, general secretary Near East Relief, cables: "Have just completed inspection Greek Armenian refugee camps Mediterranean Black Sea ports where tens of thousands of lives have been saved by Near East Relief emergency feeding but this life-saving service has completely exhausted storehouse supplies required for fall and winter orphanage support. Forty-five thousand orphan children Palestine, Syria, Greece, Near East now without adequate provision for fall and winter requirements immediate contributions necessary to maintain orphans through fall and winter."

WORK PUSHED ON NATION'S CHURCH

Cathedral at Washington Is Unique Institution

Preparations have been made at Washington, D. C. for the completion of the National Cathedral of the Protestant Episcopal church. Although \$4,000,000 has already been contributed only the apse of the great edifice on Mount St. Alban has been completed. It stands today higher than the Washington monument and overlooks the whole city. Recently, however, the Washington chapter of the church decided to push the work on the whole Cathedral so that it may be completed within five years.

The National Cathedral, although started during the administration of President McKinley, is really a fulfillment of President Washington's dream of a "church for national purposes" which was provided for in the original plans of L'Enfant for the national capital. From the time that President McKinley attended the first open air services at the Cathedral every President, scores of cabinet officers and foreign diplomats and thousands of members of the Senate and House have been present on historic occasions at the Cathedral from the ceremonies following the conclusion of the Spanish-American war to the religious services in connection with the Conference on the Limitation of Armaments.

Huge Amphitheater

When the last stone has been placed and the Cathedral opened it will be one of the largest and finest church buildings in the world. Surrounding the foundation and apse which are now complete, are the National Cathedral School for Girls and a similar school for boys, a bishop's house, a library which is to be the most complete religious library in America and an amphitheater which today accommodates 25,000 persons.

The next mammoth ceremony to be held at the Cathedral will be a public service on September 29 in connection with the consecration of the bishop-elect of Washington, the Rev. Dr. James E. Freeman. The amphitheater is being prepared for a great outdoor service in connection with the consecration services.

BUILDING ACTIVITY IN GAIN, STRAUS REPORT

Building activities throughout the United States continue to show increased tendencies, according to official reports of August building permits made to S. W. Straus and company, international financiers. In 183 leading cities and towns there was a gain of 10.4 per cent over August, 1922, and a gain of 4.2 per cent over July this year, although during the last decade August building permits in the principal cities revealed a loss from July each year excepting three.

Approximate stabilization in the building material market prevailed during the month, the Straus survey states.

In the Eastern states there was a gain of 7.25 per cent over last August and a loss of 1.87 per cent from July. In the Central states there was substantially no change in the amount of permits issued during August this year as compared with the same month a year ago, but there was a loss of 2.5 per cent from July. The South revealed a gain of 17.6 per cent over August, 1922, and a gain of 32 per cent over July. The Far West gained 41 per cent over last August and 27.7 per cent over July.

The rank of the ten leading cities in permits issued in August were: New York, \$51,715,000; Los Angeles, \$22,249,262; Chicago, \$20,134,150; Philadelphia, \$8,246,280; Baltimore, \$4,945,320; Cleveland, \$4,746,725; Washington, D. C., \$4,286,358; San Francisco, \$3,915,300; Newark, \$3,685,900; Milwaukee, \$3,009,975.

SANITATION AND FOOD

The simple and inexpensive process of carefully washing the hands before eating or handling food would prevent an incalculable amount of contagion if practiced by everybody, say health officers. Several hundred cases of typhoid fever have been traced to food handling individuals who failed to thoroughly cleanse their hands.

APPROPRIATE \$3,000 FOR COUNTY SKI JUMP

Appropriations have been made and approved by the finance committee of the forest preserve board for the expenditure of \$3,000 to build a ski jump and toboggan slide on Palos hills. This is the first big step taken by Cook county to indicate that the plans of the commissioners would be carried out, whereby Chicago begins an effort to become known as a sport center, rivalling the reputation already made by Banff and Saranac Lake.

The \$3,000 appropriated is a part of the plan of Anthony Cermak, president of the board of commissioners, and Charles S. Peterson, who have also suggested the appointment of a non-salaried athletic commission to direct and supervise the winter sports.

A call for bids to build the slide at Palos for the ski jumpers has been authorized by the board, and H. S. Wetherell, builder of the slides at Cary and Grand Beach, Ill., placed his bid to build a steel slide for about \$3,000. Unless better bids are received, the board states that Wetherell will be awarded the contract with instruction to proceed building at once.

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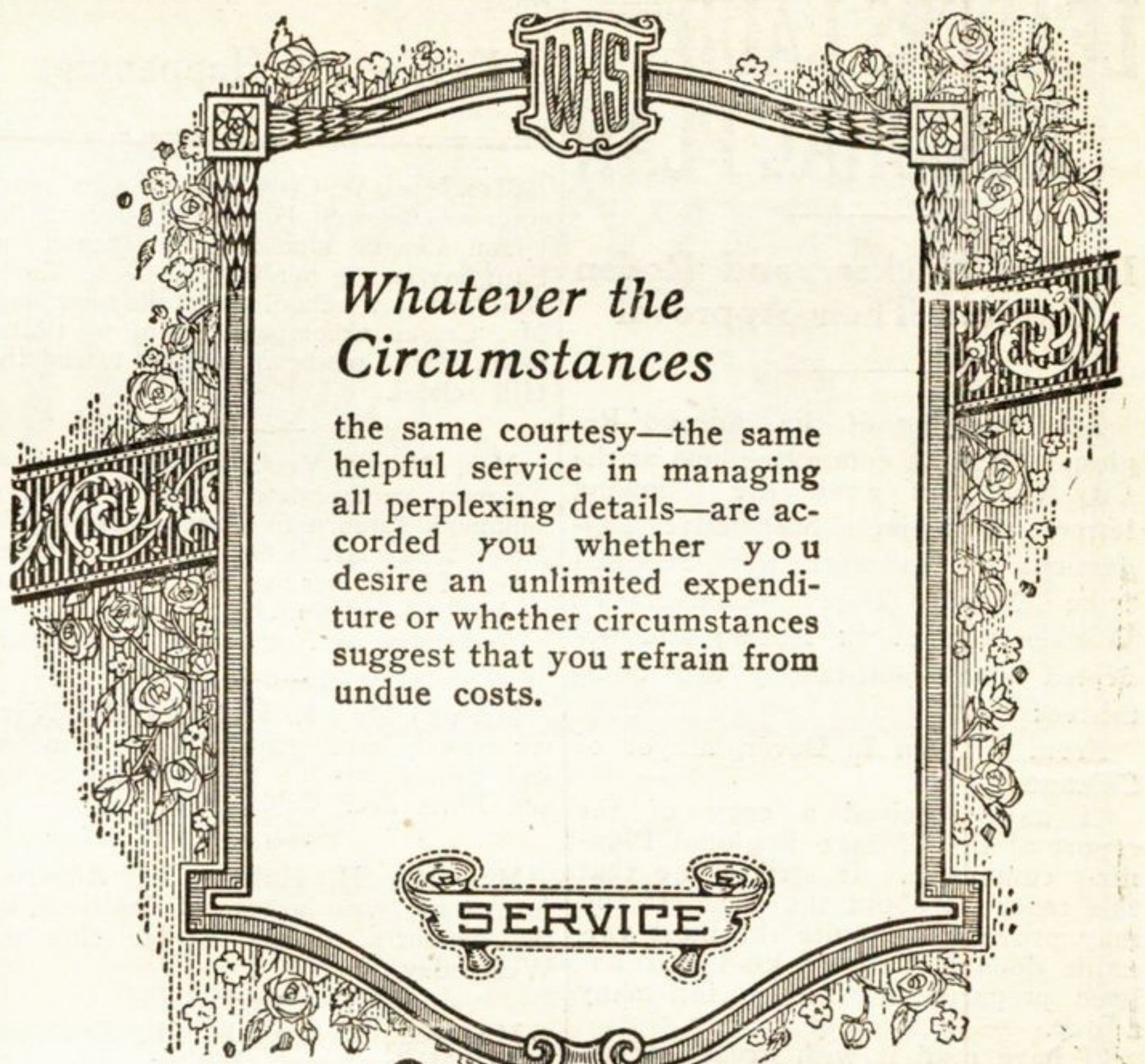
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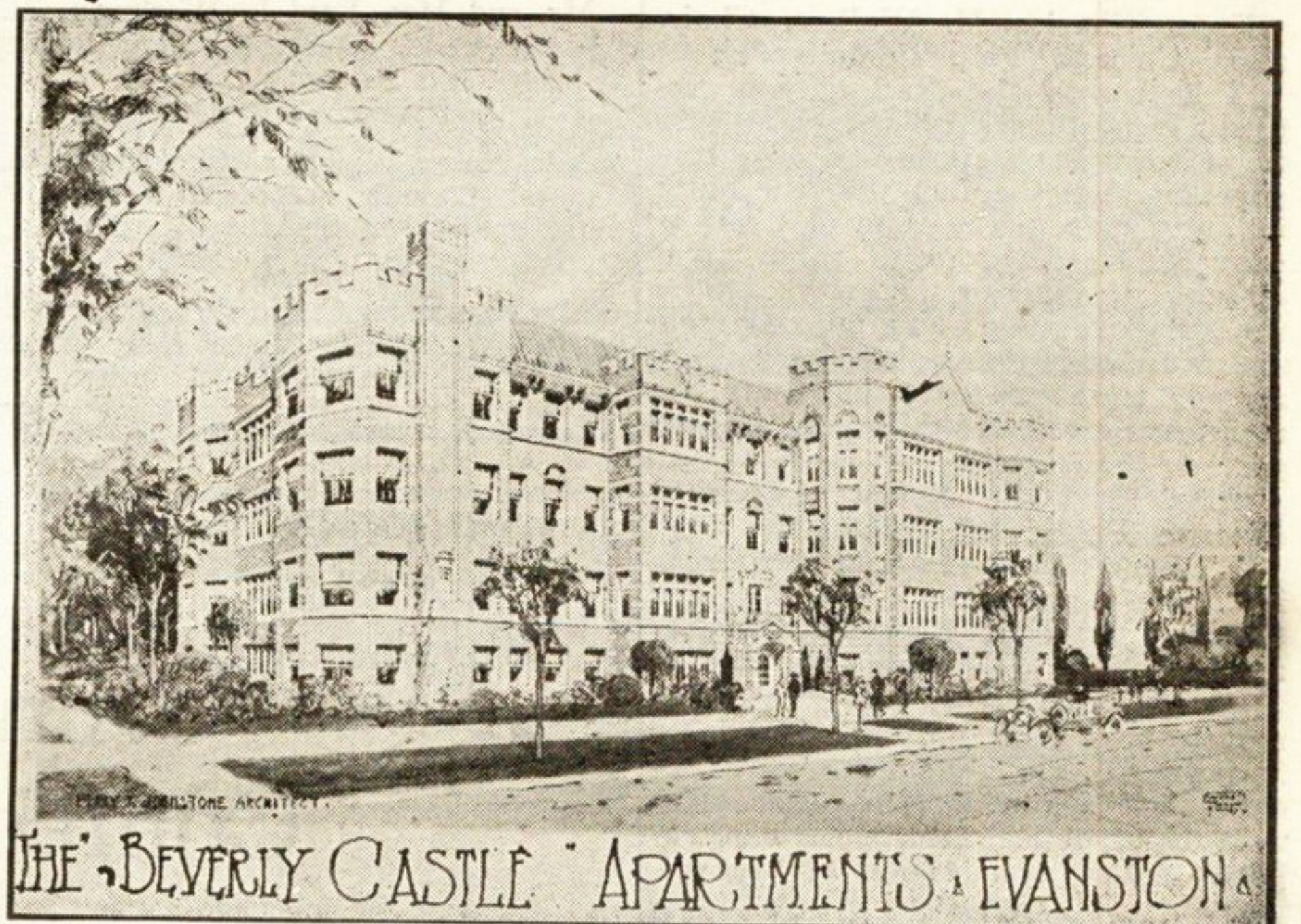
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