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Members of the medical force leaving for Turkey. Seated in center, Dr. Geo. Richards, Director. Seated at left, Dr. Mable E. Elliott, X-Ray Specialist. Seated at right, Dr. R. L. Lambert, Bacteriologist. Standing, left to right—Dr. Byrne Harman, Dr. Morton E. Brownell, Dr. Arthur Tenner, Dr. Armstrong Pratt, Dr. Marion Wilson, Dr. Chas. R. Gannaway. The entire medical unit numbers thirty-seven members, including dentists and other specialists.

THE STAR OF HOPE IN THE EAST

Wherever you go in New York City today, you are likely to see an efficient looking young woman in a uniform of blue or gray very similar to that of the Red Cross nurse, but on the front of her blue beaver hat as well as on her sleeve, you notice a silver star; or perhaps you meet a military looking young man in the American uniform, but again you notice a great star of silver on his

cap and sleeve. The message of the silver star is much the same as that of the great Red Cross, and their mission is closely allied. What the American Red Cross means to us in America and Europe, the silver star means to the Orient. It is the star of hope for the starving and oppressed peoples of the Near East. A message of good will from America.

There are now forty-seven of these stars of hope on the way to Turkey and a fourth contingent, 250 strong, is due to leave this city Sunday morning, February 16th on the Leviathan. It comprises 30 doctors, including a number of noted specialists, 60 trained nurses, and 102 technically trained relief workers besides missionaries, teachers and general workers. They take with them 2,000 tons of supplies worth \$3,500,000 in addition to the \$4,000,000 cargo which went out recently on the Mercurius and the Pensacola.

The workers are headed by Dr. George E. White, former president of Anatolia College, Marsovan, Turkey.

Two of the nurses are Frances Wilson who was head nurse of the Woman's Hospital at Lake George, and Miss L. Bond, former superintendent of an American hospital in Van. Among the physicians are Dr. M. E. Brownell, formerly of Camp Greenleaf, and Dr. Wilson of Lake George.

The medical unit, with thirty physicians and a staff of seven laboratory assistants and bacteriologists is headed by Captain George L. Richards.

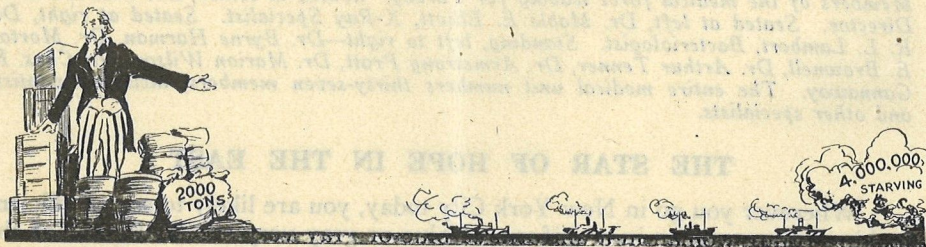
Among the workers are Miss E. Van Dyke, of Princeton, a daughter of the Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke; Miss Esther Greene of Providence; Miss Mary Hubbard, of Tarrytown; Mrs. Frances Hing Headlee, of Spokane, and Miss Blanche A. Blackman, of Cincinnati.

Other specialists and relief workers include five kindergarten teachers, ten reconstruction aides, forty missionaries and units from Smith and Wellesley colleges, with members of the Mennonite Relief Association.

The Leviathan is bound for Brest.

A recent wireless received from Gibraltar states that all is going well, and that the Pensacola which left New York January 25th, expects to reach Constantinople on the 19th of February. A great portion of these supplies is forwarded by the American Committee for Relief in the Near East on faith—faith in the generosity of the American people, which has never failed yet.

This had to be done because starving people cannot wait, but if the great mission of the silver star is to be a success, the \$30,000,000 campaign now being waged by this committee must go over the top to finance it. It will be a great day for the subject races of Turkey "when their ships come in" at last, and a great day for America when she raises the star of hope for the little people of the East.



"When their ships come in."

By GEO. WHITNEY—

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The Campaign North, South, East and West

To date the total amount raised by this campaign aggregates \$16,239,713.22, which sum represents only a small percentage of the States.

Owing to the influenza epidemic and various other local impediments, many of the states have been greatly hampered in getting organized, but in spite of this delay they are coming along in fine shape.

As a preliminary effort towards raising New York City's quota of the \$30,000,000 campaign which is \$6,000,000, twelve teams of workers have been engaged in making a special solicitation.

In this way they have already raised considerably over \$1,000,000 in this city. Among the notable contributions reported by these teams at their daily gathering for luncheon in the Bankers' Club are the following: One contribution of \$400,000, another of \$200,000, two others of \$50,000 each in Liberty Bonds, and \$40,000 from the Phelps Dodge Corporation, \$10,000 of which is to be credited to Arizona and Mexico.

Beginning March 3rd, a house to house canvass will be made of every home in New York City in an effort to raise the balance of New York City's quota.

The following states have reported from fifty per cent to one hundred per cent of their quota raised and the order named is according to percentage of quota reported subscribed—Ohio, Vermont, Utah, Virginia, Montana, Michigan, West Washington, Iowa, Colorado, Nevada, East Washington, New Mexico, Tennessee, South California, Indiana.

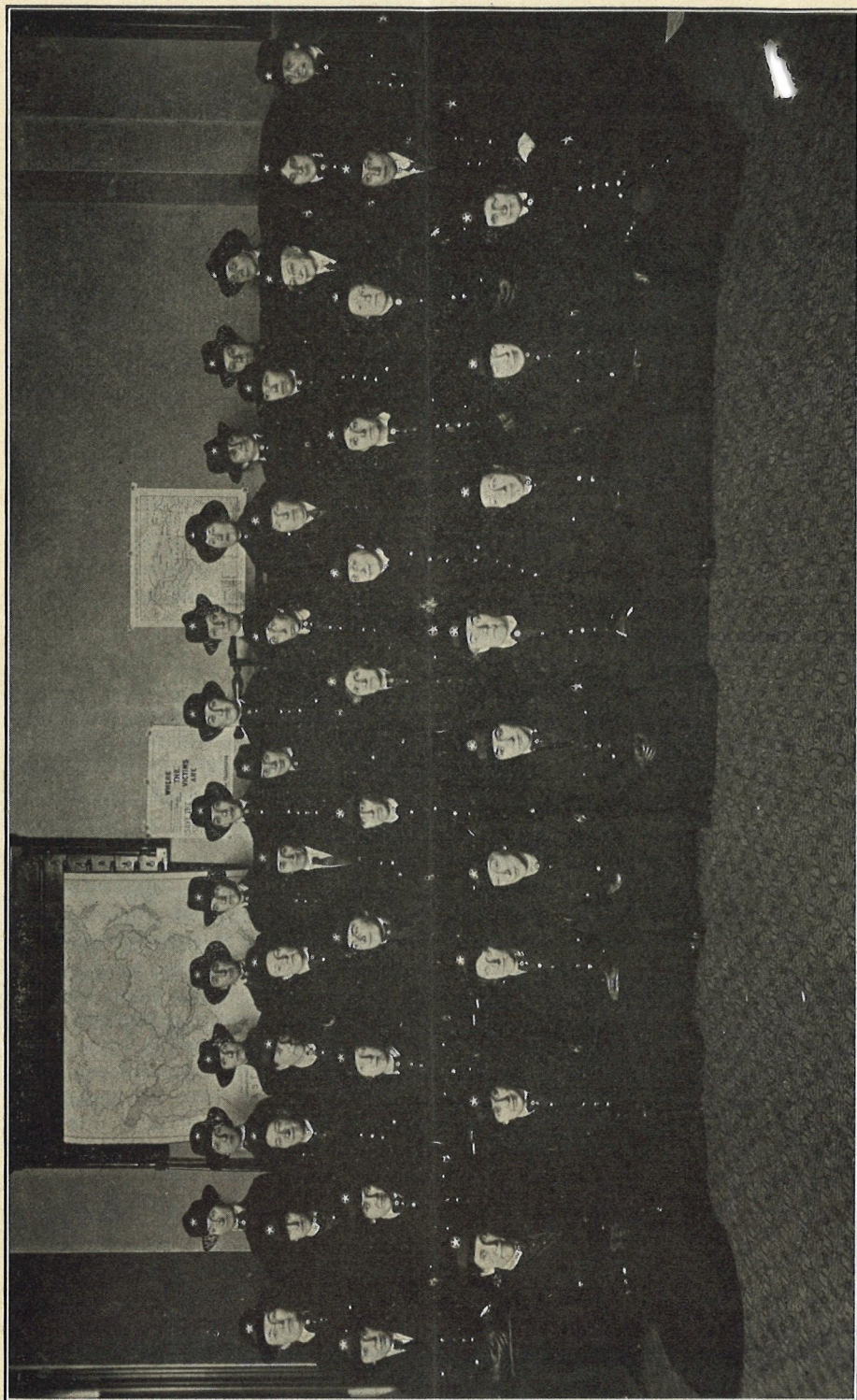
If New York State does as well in proportion as Utah, Vermont, Ohio and Virginia, which have gone way over the top, there will be no doubt whatever as to the success of this great enterprise.

Ohio's quota was \$1,640,000. She raised \$2,000,000. Vermont's quota was \$50,000, she raised \$63,000. Utah's quota was \$100,000, she raised the quota. Virginia's quota was \$300,000, she raised \$302,000 and will raise \$325,000.

The minimum sum necessary to maintain the relief expeditions already rushed to the rescue of the starving peoples in the Near East by this Committee is \$30,000,000, and \$30,000,000 must be raised if 4,000,000 human beings are to be saved from starvation.

Two hundred and fifty men and women have listened to the cry of the East. Renouncing all their attachments, all their comforts, they go forward into a strange land ridden by disease and want, they will endure homesickness, privations and hard work under appalling conditions. They go out, leaving all they hold most dear behind them, pledged to remain at their posts at least one year in order to minister to the starving peoples of Western Asia.

Hundreds of workers all over this country are making a supreme effort to raise the funds for this humane endeavor. It only remains for the great hearted American people to back them with their dollars. It is a task in which every red blooded man, woman and child wants to have a share.



Group of trained nurses about to leave for Turkey on Relief Expedition. Mrs. Anna E. Rothrock, Directress, in the center.

Catholic Diocese Pledges Support

American Committee for Relief
in the Near East.

My dear Mr. Atkinson:

The work of your Committee has my sincere sympathy and support because I have been assured that you are single minded in wishing to relieve the material wants of the people of the Near East. I can, therefore, with confidence urge the priests of this Diocese to aid the work of your Committee in every way possible.

The Near East has a claim upon us which the clergy will not forget. Now that the people of that part of the world are in want we are ready to come to their assistance. Any help the Catholic clergy are prepared to give will receive my hearty approval.

Very sincerely yours,
(Signed) JOHN J. O'CONNOR,
Bishop of Newark

Ten Cent Piece "Given in His Name" Raises \$100 for Relief Campaign

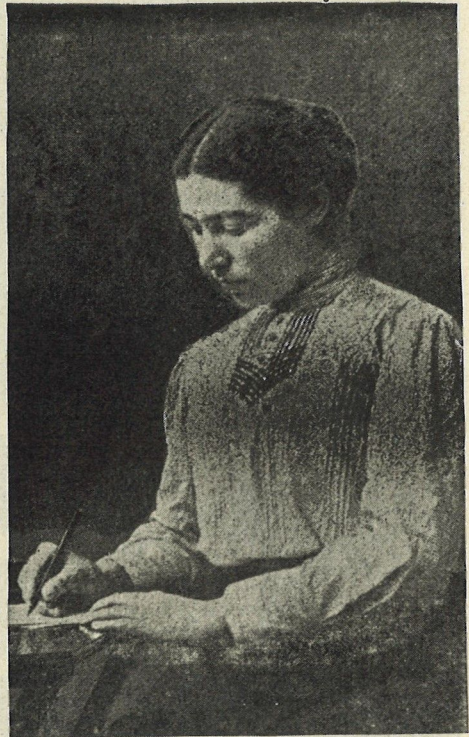
When Mr. Chas. V. Vickrey of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief held up a tarnished ten cent piece at a luncheon in the Bankers' Club several days ago and read the following letter:

"Dear Mr. Dodge,

Enclosed you will find a draft to help a little in relieving the suffering in Western Asia. I am also sending a ten cent piece which I have kept for over 30 years because it was found clasped in my baby's hand when he died, but I feel that I have no right to keep it longer when other babies are starving.

Sincerely yours,
(Signed) MRS. C. C. DICKINSON."

Those present appreciated the fact that this small coin was no ordinary piece of money but represented a mother's sacrifice worth many times the amount. They at once bid for the privilege of returning the precious coin to the donor. Mr. C. E. Cremels won the honor by a gift of one hundred dollars.

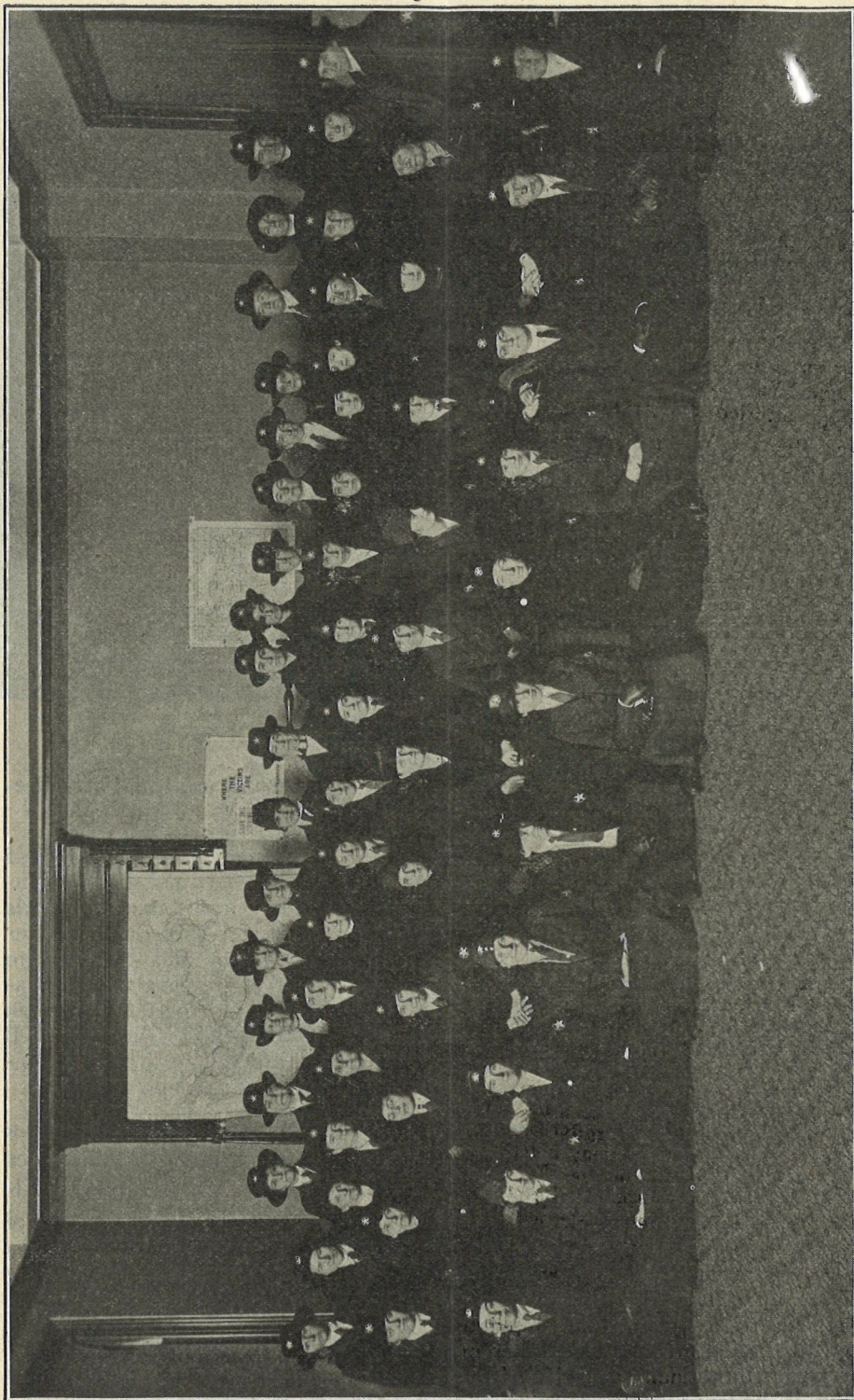


Miss Araxi Djebejian

Another Heroine of the Faith Recently Hanged by the Turks

Miss Djebejian was a native of Aintab. She received her early education in the American School for Girls at Marsh. Later she completed her studies in London and returned to Aintab to serve her people in the capacity of supervisor of the Armenian schools of that city. She was well known and much loved in the community as well as through all Cilicia.

She met her tragic death through a persistent refusal to marry the former governor of Van, the Vali of Der-El-Zor, and to profess Islam. "I would rather," she said, "die on the gallows than live a Mohammedan." The third time she made this reply to the governor's offer, she was imprisoned and finally hanged as a revolutionary traitor.



Group of relief workers leaving for Turkey. All these young women are technically trained in a special capacity. In the center, Mrs. James L. Barton, in charge of the personnel of women for the Expedition.

Cablegrams

Received Through the Department of State, Washington, D. C.

January 29, 1919.

From Belgian Consul Dervichyan:

Basra—"Learn with deepest sorrow that 10,000 Armenians at Mosul are naked and absolutely destitute. Most of the refugees are dying of sickness and hunger."

January 17, 1919.

London—"Latest advices emphasize urgent need in Asia Minor. The largest allotment made will be so inadequate that government aid should be sought immediately. Heartily welcome Mr. Smith whose acceptance gives great satisfaction. Urgently request you send by first ship a good supply of implements for road repairing and building. Also large supply auto tires for all machines shipped and material for mending same."

BARTON PEET.

Teheran—"Famine conditions. Armenians hundreds dying daily. Cold and hunger. Entire ration looking to America for material and political existence. American Relief Caucasus."

FRANK L. POLK,
Acting Secretary of State.

Teheran—"Continuance Erivan, Tiflis relief and purchase food, clothing. Requires at least four hundred thousand dollars monthly. Additional workers, including doctors and physicians, essential."

ARROLL-ELMER-MAYNARD.

Jan. 17, 1919.

Ammission, Paris—Food Administration. Please give this additional message to the Armenian and Syrian Relief: "Food is not the only problem in Armenia and Syria. Hundreds and thousands driven out cruelly by the Turks. Must be reinstated in their homes and afforded an opportunity to grow self-supporting. These problems require the largest measure of support from the charitable public."

HOOVER.

Jan. 18th, 1919.

Cairo, Egypt—"40,000 Armenian refugees are at Aleppo and their number is constantly increasing. Local committee is organizing relief but extent of destitution far surpasses their financial resources. We need clothes coverings and large sums of money."

Feb. 4, 1919.

Constantinople—"Situation following armistice makes possible better communica-

tion with interior centers reporting thousands women; children, heretofore prisoners private houses, now being turned adrift by captors. Deported returning to their homes. Call for food, clothing, building material, seed, tools, to begin self-support. All relief centers gathering more children in anticipation of arrival of Commission en route with food, clothing from America. Subsequent similar shipments urgently required, since local prices and currency depreciation involve great losses. Pending revision after discussion with Commission, four hundred thousand dollars required monthly to meet new opportunities. Every orphan means a family. Gates-Fowle."

WILLIAM PHILLIPS,
Acting Sec'y of State.

February 12, 1919.

Constantinople—"Great need of funds to save lives of the deported Armenians and Greeks who are returning to their homes in great destitution. Clothing and shoes urgently needed. Orphans are famished and cost maintaining them very high. Destitution in Caucasian regions extreme."

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.

Tiflis—"British military authorities in the Caucasus have option on the purchase of 2,400 tons of rice which can be brought to Baku at once and shipped to any part of the Caucasus. Will you authorize us to draw on you for one million two hundred thousand dollars at once to purchase the rice? This is the most available food supply in the Caucasus and unless we can get it at once thousands of people looking to us for help will die of starvation."

MAYNARD-ELMER-ARROLL.

February 12, 1919.

Tiflis—The following telegram was received on the third from Elder, Erivan: "Food shortage terrible. Wheat in Alexandropol exhausted. Supply now in Erivan will last six days only. Every week delay costs thousands of lives."

ARROLL.

January 29th, 1919.

Paris—"Letters and telegrams received daily by the Armenian National Delegation contain heartrending accounts regarding the Armenian refugees in Syria, Palestine, Mesopotamia, Persia and the Caucasus. Their condition is most tragic, deprived of everything, they are dying daily by thousands for want of food.

WILLIAM PHILLIPS.



Members of the Denver Committee lined up for work in \$30,000,000 Campaign.

The state directors all over the country are working with a will. In spite of the Influenza Epidemic and many other obstacles constantly arising to impede their progress, daily wires received from each and every one state that they are in this campaign to see it through and that they will not let up until their quota is attained.

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