

American Committee
for Armenian and Syrian Relief

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FOREWORD

The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief was called into existence by a cablegram from the Honorable Henry Morgenthau, Ambassador for the United States in Constantinople. On the 3rd of September 1915, Mr. Morgenthau telegraphed the Department of State that the destruction of the Armenian race in Turkey is rapidly progressing with recent massacres reported as having taken place at Broussa and Angora. The Turkish Minister of War has agreed to permit the departure of those Armenians to the United States whose emigration Mr. Morgenthau will vouch for as being bona fide.

Mr. Morgenthau suggested that the Department notify Messrs. Charles Crane, Cleveland Dodge, John R. Mott, Stephen Wise and others of the facts stated in the telegram and suggested the formation of a committee to raise funds and provide means to save some of the Armenians and to assist some of the poorer ones to emigrate, and possibly to enlist Washington, California and Oregon for the transportation via the Panama Canal of some Armenians direct to those states.

Mr. Dodge called a conference in his office at 99 John Street, New York City, to consider the request of Mr. Morgenthau. Among those present were James L. Barton, Samuel T. Dutton, Charles R. Crane, Cleveland H. Dodge. It was decided at once to send some money to Mr. Morgenthau with which to meet the situation, and subscriptions were at once made by Mr. Dodge and other members of the conference, which supplemented by checks from other friends, amounted to \$60,000. A temporary organization was formed consisting of James L. Barton, Chairman; Charles R. Crane, Treasurer; and Samuel T. Dutton, Secretary.

It should be kept in mind that at this time the whole situation was regarded as temporary, and the Committee had no thought of permanent work. Professor Dutton was asked as Secretary to send out a wider appeal and secure additional funds. During the ensuing months he served as a volunteer or honorary Secretary, giving a large part of his time to this work in addition to his other duties. Proceeding, however, on the assumption that they were engaged in meeting a temporary need there was no formal organization of the Committee nor were there any formal committee meetings. This fact accounts for the absence of minutes in connection with the first conference in Mr. Dodge's office and subsequent meetings. All funds were sent to Mr. Charles R. Crane as treasurer at 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, who, as Treasurer, handled all money, and whose accounts have been properly audited.

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W. M. Wickrey

Report of the Second Meeting of the Armenian Committee

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The Committee on Armenian Atrocities held its second meeting at 11 o'clock, September 30th, ¹⁹¹⁵ at the office of Mr. Cleveland Dodge, 99 John Street. There were present Messrs. Barton, Dodge, Lynch, Wise, Smith, Bennayan, North, Christie, White, Crane, Hapgood, Robinson, Haven and Dutton.

The plan of co-operating with the Committee of Mercy was explained by Mr. Hapgood. It was understood that said Committee would make a wide appeal for funds in the name of the general Committee.

It was voted that the chairman and secretary be authorized to invite the Armenian Relief Committee to unite with this Committee.

Dr. Marden made a report concerning conditions in Armenia as based upon recent advices.

It was voted that a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed consisting of Messrs. Barton, Crane, Dutton, Smith, Robinson, Wise, Lynch and White. It was voted that this Committee be authorized to organize similar committees in other places.

The meeting then adjourned.

Samuel T. Dutton

AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON ARMENIAN ATROCITIES

Report of the Meeting, November 1st.

A meeting of the American Committee on Armenian Relief was held in the office of the Church Peace Union, 70 Fifth Avenue, at four o'clock on Monday, November first, ¹⁹¹⁵ Dr. James L. Barton presiding. / After some remarks by the chairman the report of the last meeting was read by the secretary, after which the following actions were taken:

Dr. Macfarland, representing the Federal Council of Churches, reported that in accordance with the request of the chairman and secretary of the Committee he was sending out letters to some eighty thousand Protestant pastors suggesting that Sunday, November 14th, be approved as a day when prayer might be made for the sufferers and contributions received. This action was approved. Rabbi Wise offered to see that similar letters were sent to the pastors of the synagogues throughout the country, which offer was gladly accepted. It was then voted that the secretary be authorized to communicate with Cardinal Gibbons and ask him to prepare a letter which might be sent to Catholic churches over his signature.

The report of the treasurer was read, showing that \$94,850 had been received, of which \$65,000 had been transferred to the Ambassador, Mr. Morgenthau, and \$6,000 to Mr. Stephen B. Trowbridge for relief in Persia.

Mr. Karl Davis Robinson, secretary of the Committee of Mercy, made a report to the effect that their work had been carried to the point where the Committee felt it was warranted in issuing a very large number of appeals. The question as to the names under which the appeal should be made was left to the secretary and treasurer and the Committee of Mercy.

It was voted that the appointment of Mr. Mallory by the secretary as assistant in the general work of the Committee be approved; that he be employed under the general direction of the Committee on Ways and Means.

The following gentlemen were added to the Committee:

Mr. John Moffat, representing the Committee of Mercy, Dr. Calvert and Rev. Mr. Scott and Mr. Bülkley, representing the Persian War Relief Fund.

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The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief met at the Yale Club at nine o'clock, September 13, 1916.

Present: Dr. Barton
Professor Dutton ✓
Fred B. Fisher ✓
Frederick Lynch ✓
Charles S. Macfarland ✓
William B. Millar
Frank Mason North
William Jay Schieffelin
Robert E. Speer, representing George T. Scott ✓
Talcott Williams
C. V. Vickrey

Meeting called to order by Dr. Barton, Chairman, who offered prayer.

MINUTES of the meeting held July 11th were read and approved.

Treasurer's statements, as attached hereto, were submitted and ordered filed.

Moved by Professor Dutton that the Laymen's Missionary Movement be requested to release as many of its men as possible for service of the Armenian Committee, that Mr. Vickrey be continued as Executive Secretary and that an estimate be submitted of the probable expense involved in such cooperation.

Voted that the matter of space for stock-room, literature and shipping in connection with the special campaign for Armenian-Syrian Days be left with the secretaries.

The date of the next regular meeting of the committee was fixed for Thursday, October 12th.

Mr. Vickrey presented the attached Outline of Work, concerning the observance of Armenian Days October 21st and 22nd. After careful examination and discussion of the Outline, it was adopted and the secretaries given power to put into immediate operation as many as possible of the plans proposed in the Outline.

Upon motion it was voted that the offer of cooperation presented by Dr. Lynch, in behalf of the fund for starving children be gratefully accepted and that he be requested to submit the plan in more detail, as soon as he has opportunity to place it in writing.

In brief the plan proposed that the Fund for Starving Children would aid in the observance of Armenian-Syrian Days by asking the children of America to aid the children of Armenia, through the fund for starving children, money being administered by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief.

It was understood that a certain portion of the necessary expenses incurred by the Fund for Starving Children collected in this campaign would be reimbursed to them from the funds thus secured.

It was also voted that we gratefully accept the offer of cooperation of the Federal Council of Churches in the observance of Armenian Sunday, October 22nd.

Voted that the following persons be elected as members of the Executive Committee to have charge of the administration of the work of the committee: Messrs. Scott, White, Lynch, Macfarland, Rockwell, Dutton, Millar and Vickrey.

C. M. Vickrey
Exec. Secretary

Samuel T. Dutton
Hon. Chairman

James L. Barton
Chairman

Minutes of the meeting of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, Room 807, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City, October 11, 1916 at 3.30 P. M.

Present: Dr. Barton, presiding, E. P. Bicknell, S. S. Wise, E. M. Bulkley, Charles P. Riggs, Charles R. Crane, Stanley White, G. T. Scott, F. Lynch, F. B. Millar, G. S. Kababian, W. I. Haven, A. A. Bedickian, H. F. Laflamme, C. V. Vickrey, L. Dpton, S. T. Dutton, Mr. Mahdesian.

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Treasurer's Report.

Secretary's Report by Dr. Dutton:

Voted: that the question of the right man for Persia be referred to the secretaries.

Voted: to order 2,000 of Dr. Rockwell's booklet at \$100.00 per thousand.

Voted: that question of distribution of funds be referred to the Appropriation Committee to consist of Dr. Dutton, Mr. Scott and Mr. Millar.

Report of Mr. Vickrey: on progress of work approved by the committee in the meeting of September 13th at the Yale Club:

Mr. Bicknell discussed the possibilities of getting a food ship for Syria. Arrangements are being made with Red Cross at Beirut for distribution of supplies if the ship can be gotten. The President is in favor of having a ship go. Mr. Phillips of the State Department went to the Secretary of War for an army transport. The decision is in the hands of an army officer who is out of town for the day. The Navy would give a collier, possibly, but it would have to be built over to take cereals at a cost of \$60,000.00, to say nothing of the delay.

Voted: that the committee express its sincere appreciation of all that Mr. Phillips of the State Department has done in the interest of the committee to Mr. Phillips and that Mr. Bicknell be requested to convey that message.

Voted: that the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief get a ship-load of supplies as soon as possible to Syria.

Voted: that the question of getting ship to Syria be left to the Appropriation committee.

Voted: that Mr. Dodge, Mr. Morgenthau and Mr. Bulkley constitute an auditing committee to appoint certified accountants to audit the books of the committee for the first year of its existence.

Voted: that the members of the auditing committee be asked to send a note of appreciation to the Rockefeller Foundation in acknowledgement of what the Foundation has done in the first year of the committee's work

James L. Bartow
Chairman

C. M. Vickrey

Samuel T. Dutton

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MEETING OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

OF THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF.

Friday, December 8th, 1916.
four o'clock P. M.
Room 806, 70 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Present.

Present: Dr. Barton, Chairman, Mr. Crane, Mr. Dodge, Dr. Dutton,
Dr. Lynch, Mr. Millar, Mr. Scott, Mr. Vickrey, Dr. White,
BY INVITATION: Sir Edwin Pears, Consul Willoughby Smith,
Dr. F. E. Hoskins, Dr. Coen of Persia, Rev. C. T. Riggs,
Mr. N. Kisbany, Dr. Theodore Elmer, Mr. A. W. Staub,
Mr. P. Shimon, Mr. Keeler, Mr. J. Wylie Brown, Mr. Everett.

Prayer.

Dr. Barton led in Prayer. Sir Edwin Pears thank the members of the
London Committee for their valuable co-operation.

Treasurer's Report.

Reading of the Treasurer's Report.
Voted: That the Treasurer's Report be received and placed on file.

Cablegrams

Mr. Vickrey read cablegrams recently received from Constantinople.

Consul Smith's report.

Consul Smith's report on work in the Caucasus and the present and
future needs for that section.
VOTED: That this committee extend to Consul Smith its hearty thanks
for his work in connection with our relief Commission in the
Russian Caucasus.

Persian Exchange

Mr. Paul Shimon requested the aid of our Committee in the matter of
raising the value of the American dollar in Persia which, he stated
was now worth one-third its value in that country, hence a large loss
in exchange.

Dr. Hoskins.

Dr. Hoskins gave a very interesting report of the work of missionaries
in Syria.

Syrian Committee.

Mr. Najib Kisbany of the Syrian-Mt. Lebanon Committee reported that
that Committee had raised approximately \$106,000.00. He also expressed
thanks to this Committee for aiding his countrymen.

Dr. Riggs.

Mr. Riggs gave a detailed report of the method of relief work as it is
carried on in Constantinople under the direction of Mr. W. W. Peet.

Relief Plans.

Mr. Scott made the following proposal which was adopted unanimously:
"That the Committee reassert and spread on its records the
requests to its various Field Committee abroad, that, when
funds permit and conditions demand, small relief loans be
made for rehabilitation of people that are above charity
such loans to be with or without interest and with or with-
out security as the local Field Committee may determine."

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Mr. Staub reported on his work of purchasing for the relief ship and stated that supplies were all assembled and awaiting the vessel which, as soon as it docked would be quickly loaded and could perhaps sail within five days of docking time. He also raised the question of insurance for the "Caesar" which matter was referred to the Appropriations Committee.

Staub's report

VOTED: That this Committee extend thanks to the American Red Cross Mr. J. B. Calvert and Mr. A. W. Staub for services connected with the purchasing of supplies to be sent to Syria. Genthon, Mr. K. D. Robinson, Dr. W. W. ... Mr. G. P. Scott, Mr. C. V. Vickrey and others attending Sir Edwin Pears made a brief address and conveyed the appreciation of the London Committee composing the Lord Mayor's Fund, for the work of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, in its task of rehabilitating the Armenians and Syrians in the Near East and other districts. read and approved.

Edwin Pears

The Committee asked that Sir Edwin Pears thank the members of the London Committee for their valuable co-operation.

The meeting then adjourned.

The action of the Treasurer in paying to the Laymen's Missionary Movement for services rendered and expense incurred by it for and on behalf of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief from May 17th, 1916 to date the sum of \$4,051.80 be and hereby is approved and confirmed.
Secretary.

Samuel T. Dutton
E. M. Vickrey

It was noted that the above proposal be adopted and placed on record.

James L. Barton
Chairman

The Auditing Committee reported and it was recommended that this Committee appoint the firm of Barrow, Wade, Guthrie Co., 25 Broad Street, N. Y. C. as its auditors.

Reports from the Executive and Appropriations Committee were read by Mr. Vickrey.

A report of the conference of secretaries and missionaries was given by Mr. Vickrey.

- The following outline for a new campaign for funds was unanimously approved:
- (a) Fund- \$5,000,000. per month.
 - (b) Co-operating Committee in every city, town and village.
 - (c) Records kept and reports made of exact amount received from every city, town and village, and an effort made to secure a certain minimum monthly remittance from each co-operating

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committee, so MINUTES OF THE continued. Appor-
tionment to various cities to be made on the basis
of population. ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

(d) Address for the Executive Secretary in this
AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

Treasurer's Office 4 o'clock P. M. 70 Fifth Avenue, Madison Avenue
(e) FIELD BUREAU, Friday, February 23rd, 1917, a SPEAKER'S
BUREAU, making 25 Madison Ave., use of the members
of the Committee New York City, and others qualified, the
to present the need.
(f) PUBLICITY BUREAU to co-operate in getting the facts

PRESENT: Dr. Jas. L. Barton, Chairman, Mr. F. H. Allen, Mr. E. M. Bulkley, *Orville Reed*,
Mr. J. B. Calvert, Mr. Chas. R. Crane, Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, Dr. S.T. Dutton,
Mr. W. B. Millar, Dr. C. S. Macfarland, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Mr. K.D. Robinson,
Dr. W. W. Rockwell, Mr. G. T. Scott, Mr. C. V. Vickrey and others attending
the conference held during the morning.

Dr. Barton led in prayer.

The report of the Nominating Committee contained the following names to
The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Chairman: Dr. Jas. L. Barton. Treasurer: Mr. Chas. R. Crane
Secretary: Mr. C. V. Vickrey

The report of the Treasurer was read.
VOTED: that the same be accepted and placed on file.

A communication from the Treasurer's office containing the following
proposal was read:
"FIRST: Dr. Jas. L. Barton Mr. Geo. T. Scott
Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, Mr. Chas. R. Crane Mr. C.V. Vickrey

The action of the Treasurer in paying out to the
Laymen's Missionary Movement for services rendered and
expenses incurred by it for and on behalf of the American
Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief from May 17th,
1916 to date, the sum of \$44,051.90 be and hereby is
approved and confirmed."

It was voted that the above proposal be adopted and placed on record. *e.v.v.*

Two further proposals included in the above communication were read and
it was the sense of those present that this was a matter for the Executive
Committee to handle with power.

The Auditing Committee reported and it was recommended that this Committee
appoint the firm of Darrow, Wade, Guthrie Co., 25 Broad Street, N. Y. C.
as its auditors.

VOTED: That the above named firm be appointed auditors to this Committee.

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secure a certain minimum monthly remittance from each co-operating

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committee, so long as the need continues. Apportionment to various cities to be made on the basis of population and previous giving.

(d) Address for the Executive Secretary in this extensive campaign to be Metropolitan Building.

Treasurer's Office remaining, #70 Fifth Avenue, Madison Avenue

(e) FIELD CAMPAIGN to be organized with a SPEAKER'S BUREAU, making the largest possible use of the members

By call of the Committee, missionaries and others qualified of the American to present the need. Armenian and Syrian Relief met

(f) PUBLICITY BUREAU to co-operate in getting the facts into the general press and in securing publicity in

Madison connection with various meetings addressed by missionaries and others from the SPEAKER'S BUREAU. Secretaries and

Field Workers from the Eastern States in addition to

Mr. Dodge praised the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement in the past campaign and urged that greater measures be taken by them in future work.

The report of the Nominating Committee contained the following names to serve as officers on this Committee for the year ensuing:

Chairman: Dr. Jas. L. Barton. Treasurer: Mr. Chas. R. Crane Chamberlain
Vice " Dr. Samuel T. Dutton Secretary: Mr. C. V. Vickrey
Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith Dr. Stanley White

Executive Committee

Chairman:

Prayed: Dr. Samuel T. Dutton, Dr. Bro. Dr. Jas. L. Barton Mr. Geo. T. Scott
Cleveland H. Dodge, Mr. Chas. R. Crane Mr. C. V. Vickrey

The Mr. Henry Morgenthauing of Mr. W. B. Millar were read and approved.

It was recommended that the Executive Committee serve also as Appropriations Committee. The findings of the Conference that had been held during the preceding hours of the day as follows:

New names recommended for the General Committee and to be added after necessary correspondence are: reports of our Committeemen and workers

William Howard Taft, Ralph W. Harbison, Harry A. Wheeler William C. Proctor
Simeon Baldwin Starr J. Murphy Clark Howell Geo. Warren Brown
John Wanamaker the su Charles E. Hughesay President Wilbur th Julius Rosenwald
Vance McCormick y re Henry Pratt Judsonm John Rockefeller, Jr, Myron T. Herrick

There being no further business the meeting then adjourned. asus and for

whose support funds are needed. There are multitudes of other orphans in other sections of Western Asia for whom the Committee

will accept responsibility as fast as funds permit.

b. The organization of local committees in every city town and village preparatory to more systematic work during the coming year.

3. That October 20th and 21st be designated as Armenian and Syrian Relief Days marking the anniversary of the days of last year and that another Proclamation be secured if practicable from the President asking the people to make offerings for Armenian and Syrian Relief upon those days.

C. V. Vickrey Secretary
Samuel T. Dutton Chairman
James L. Barton

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OF THE

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF.

4 P. M.

Thursday, July 12th, 1917.

25 Madison Avenue

By call of the Chairman, the National Committee of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief met in the Assembly Room on the nineteenth floor at 25 Madison Avenue at four o'clock in the afternoon on Thursday, July 12th at the conclusion of an all day conference attended by thirty-five Secretaries and Field Workers from the Eastern States in addition to Secretaries, Local Committees and Workers from other cities the following National Committeemen were present:

PRESENT: Mr. William B. Millar Acting Chairman
Dr. Arthur J. Brown Dr. William I. Chamberlain
Dr. Fred P. Haggard Dr. Frederick Lynch
Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith Dr. Stanley White
Mr. C. V. Vickrey

Prayer was offered by Dr. Brown

The Minutes of the meeting of February 23rd were read and approved.

Mr. Vickrey reported the findings of the Conference that had been held during the preceding hours of the day as follows:

1. That the efforts of our Committeemen and workers be concentrated during the month of August.
 - a. Upon the support of as many as possible of the 50,000 orphans definitely reported to us from the Caucasus at \$3.00 per month per child. This is the number for whom the Committee wishes to accept definite responsibility in the Russian Caucasus and for whose support funds are needed. There are multitudes of other orphans in other sections of Western Asia for whom the Committee will accept responsibility as fast as funds permit.
 - b. The organization of local committees in every city town and village preparatory to more systematic work during the coming year.
2. That October 20th and 21st be designated as Armenian and Syrian Relief Days marking the anniversary of these days of last year and that another Proclamation be secured if practicable from the President asking the people to make offerings for Armenian and Syrian Relief upon those days.

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3. That a setting-up Conference be arranged for September 11th and 12th to which will be invited.

- a. All members of the National Committee
- b. All field Secretaries save possibly those on the Pacific Coast
- c. All missionaries and teachers from Western Asia
- d. Chairman or representative of all Local Committees
- e. Other volunteer workers

at which Conference plans for an intensive campaign during September and October will be presented.

4. That the following preliminary correspondence be conducted

- a. Announcements through the general press
- b. Correspondence with field workers
- c. Copy of plans to all local committeemen
- d. Brief preliminary announcements to pastors and other workers pre-empting the date

5. That the following printed matter be prepared during August and early September in preparation for the more aggressive campaign in September and October.

- a. Pastors' or Workers' Manual
- b. Standard circular for wide distribution
- c. Orphan leaflet
- d. Poster
 - 1. General Poster
 - 2. Street car posters
- e. Collection envelopes and cards
- f. checks
- g. Collection boxes

Upon motion the foregoing recommendations were adopted.

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chair.

W. B. Miller,

Chairman

O. W. Vickrey
Secretary

Chairman

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
of the
AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF.
at the
DOWN TOWN ASSOCIATION.

Wednesday, July 18, 1917 at two o'clock

Present: Dr. Barton, Chairman; Dr. Dutton, Dr. Haven,
Dr. Haggard, Mr. Miller, Dr. Chamberlain,
Dr. Lynch, Dr. Brown, Mr. Bulkley, Mr. Speers,
Mr. Straus, Mr. Plimpton, Dr. North, Dr. Smith,
Mr. Dodge, Mr. Vickrey.

and by invitation: Mr. Hatch, Mr. Marling,
Mr. Burr and Mr. LaFlamme.

Dr. Barton as Chairman, presented the resignation
of Mr. Charles R. Crane as Treasurer, the
resignation having been submitted by Mr. Crane's
attorney, Mr. Roger H. Williams on account of
Mr. Crane's prolonged absence in Russia.

Upon motion it was voted to accept Mr. Crane's
resignation with sincere appreciation of his
services and regret that his absence from the
country makes the change in official relations
necessary.

Upon motion it was voted that the selection of
a successor to Mr. Crane be referred, with power,
to the Executive Committee.

The Secretary presented a report of the Workers'
Training Conference of July the twelfth together
with a meeting of the General Committee on that
date and plans for the special campaign in October
on the anniversary of the special Armenian and
Syrian Relief days of last year. He also reported
progress in connection with negotiations for finan-
cial co-operation from the American Red Cross
Committee.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the
Chairman.

James L. Barton
Chairman

J. N. Vickrey
Secretary

MEMORANDA OF REMITTANCES
TO RELIEF COMMITTEES

From Oct. 15, 1915 to Sept. 1st, 1917.

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12:30 P. M. Thursday, September 13, 1917 Aldine Club

The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief met at the Aldine Club at luncheon, 12:30 noon Thursday, September 13, 1917

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Barton, Chairman; Dr. Dutton, Dr. Brown, Dr. Chamberlain, Mr. Dodge, Dr. Haggard, Dr. Haven, Dr. Lynch, Dr. MacFarland, Mr. Morgenthau, Dr. Plimpton, Mr. Scott, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Smith, Dr. White, Mr. Vickrey,

and by invitation, Messrs. Burr, Bray, Cheseborough, Cobb, Davis, Doughty, Elkus, Guild, Gross, Howard, Hurdman, Hall, Hatch, Jackson, J. J. Jackson, F. B. Jackson, Joy, Laws, Lyman, LaFlamme, Myers, Mueller, Orcutt, O'Connor, Price, Pierson, Rutledge, Riggs, Strong, Stone, Schmavoian, Tippy, White, Winchester, Vincent, Xenides, Coan, Robinson, Chaffee and McCallum, and Jaquith.

Prayer was offered by Dr. Haven.

The Secretary read the Treasurer's Report to date as follows:

There is a balance of \$235,506.00 with August Belmont and Company of which \$225,000.00 are held in reserve against outstanding drafts, leaving free for relief appropriation \$9,506.00.

An account has been opened with the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, which is to pay the Committee three per cent on daily balances and care for our out of town collections without charge for exchange.

There is now with the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company a total of \$44,796.14 which with the unappropriated balance with August Belmont and Company makes a total of \$54,302.14 in banks subject to appropriation.

The books have been audited to August the first and are in process of auditing to date.

The following memoranda of remittances to date were also presented:

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previous to July 1st, 1917 - - - \$3,330,320.60
and August - - - 925,100.00
\$4,255,420.60

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MEMORANDA OF REMITTANCES
TO RELIEF COMMITTEES
From Oct. 15, 1915 to Sept. 1st, 1917.

Location	Previous to July 1st.	July & August	Total
<u>CONSTANTINOPELE</u>			
Previous to July 1st.	\$1,403,822.91		
July 12th - - - -100,000			150,000.00
Aug. 1st - - - -100,000			100,000.00
Aug. 14th - - - -150,000		\$350,000.	\$1,753,822.91
<u>Bagdad</u>			
Previous to July 1st.	10,000.00		
Aug. 1st - - - -10,000			50,000.00
Aug. 14th - - - -10,000		20,000	10,000.00
			25,000.00
			5,000.00
			25,000.00
<u>TIFLIS</u>			
Previous to July 1st	882,251.16		
July 10th - - - -100.			50,000.00
Aug. 1st - - - -55,000.			100,000.00
Aug. 14th - - - -150,000.		205,100.	\$ 1,087,351.16
<u>TABRIZ</u>			
Previous to July 1st.	507,110.00		
July 12th - - - -50,000.			10,000.00
Aug. 1st - - - -100,000.			50,000.00
Aug. 30th - - - -50,000.		200,000.	707,110.00
<u>BEIRUT</u>			
Previous to July 1st	492,762.53		
Aug. 1st (thru Constantinople)			
Aug. 14th - - - 100,000			150,000.
Aug. 14th - - - 50,000.			642,762.53
<u>CAIRO, EGYPT</u>			
Previous to July 1st	14,374.00		
<u>JERUSALEM</u>			
Previous to July 1st	15,000.00		
<u>TEHERAN, PERSIA</u>			
Previous to July 1st	5,000.00		
	\$3,330,320.60	\$ 925,100.	\$4,255,420.60

No record of these being as appropriations in the minutes, but apparently they are covered by last paragraph of Ex. Com. Minutes of June 28/17, pp. 13 and checkup letter July 30, 1917 to Charles P. Crane.

SUMMARY

Remittances previous to July 1st, 1917 - - -	\$3,330,320.60
During July and August	925,100.00
Total	<u>4,255,420.60</u>

Sept. 13, 1917

The Secretary reported sale of the cargo of the Caesar at the book value of \$127,200.15.

The Secretary reported the following appropriations made by the Executive Committee; for the month of September:

Constantinople - - - - -	\$ 150,000.00
Beirut, including \$127,200.15 proceeds from sale of the Caesar's Cargo - -	150,000.00
Tiflis - - - - -	100,000.00
Tabriz - - - - -	50,000.00
Bagdad - - - - -	10,000.00
Egypt - - - - -	5,000.00
Jerusalem - - - - -	25,000.00

The Secretary reported the following commitments made by the

Executive Committee for the months of October, November and December, subject to international and other contingencies that may arise:

Constantinople - - - - -	\$ 150,000.00
Beirut - - - - -	50,000.00
Tiflis - - - - -	100,000.00
Tabriz - - - - -	50,000.00
Bagdad - - - - -	10,000.00

Upon motion of Dr. Arthur Brown the above report was accepted and a vote of appreciation passed of the unique and invaluable service rendered by our unnamed donor who by his generosity has made it possible for the Committee to receive and disburse more than \$4,000,000.00 without any charge whatever for collecting or administrative expense.

The Secretary also presented the following recommendations from the Executive Committee:

- That the Chairman be authorized to appoint the following sub-committees:
 Industrial Relief
 Orphans
 Publicity
 Individual Solicitation
 Rehabilitation

The Chairman appointed on Industrial Relief
H. A. Hatch Albert Shaw Chas Burr

- That the following official statement made by the Workers' Conference September 11th and 12th concerning the needs of Western Asia and later approved by the Executive Committee be adopted by the General Committee as the statement of need to be placed before the public in the name of the Committee.

LATEST OFFICIAL STATEMENT

concerning

DESTITUTION IN WESTERN ASIA

The two-day conference on Western Asia, called by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, in New York City, September 11th and 12th, 1917 attended by 139 persons, including American Consuls and other American officials in Turkey, Teachers from American Colleges in Turkey, Physicians and Missionaries, practically all of whom have returned to America since the beginning of the war, many of them within the past few weeks, and of whom 44 had spent 809 years in service in Western Asia, present the following statement:-

After close comparison of official cablegrams recently received by the Committee and the later information brought personally by American consuls, teachers and missionaries just arrived from Turkey and Syria, the committee consider the following a conservative estimate of the number of persons in Western Asia now actually destitute and in need of daily food.

Region	Total number destitute	of whom Orphans
Asia Minor	500,000	200,000
Syria	1,200,000	75,000
Caucasus	350,000	100,000
Persia	90,000	25,000
Egypt		
Southern Mesopotamia		
Totals	<u>2,140,000</u>	<u>400,000</u>

The above figures do not include refugees in Egypt and Southern Mesopotamia concerning whom details are not at hand.

The cost of sustaining life varies in different areas from \$3.00 to \$16.00 averaging throughout the entire field not less than five dollars per person per month. Many of these people are now living on the charity of their Moslem neighbors, whose scanty food supplies are nearly exhausted. The committee is convinced that to prevent widespread death by starvation during the coming six months of winter, at least \$30,000,000 is needed.

In addition to this, for repatriation and rehabilitation, an additional \$15,000,000 should be planned for, of which \$3,500,000 are needed at once in the Caucasus and Persia.

Sept. 13, 1917

Addresses were made by

- Professor William H Hall of Beirut, Syria
- Dr Henry H Riggs of Harpout, Turkey
- Consul Jesse B Jackson of Aleppo
- Dr MacCallum of Tiflis

12.30 Noon

- PRESENT: Dr. Stan Hon T. P. O'Connor Mr. George T. Scott
 Members: Dr. Frederick Lynch Mr. George A. Phipps
 Mr. G. V. Ambassador Elkus Dr. Arthur J. Brown
 Dr. William I. Chamberlain Dr. Fred P. Haggard
 Mr. Will Ex-Ambassador Morgenthau

- PRESENT Mrs. Marden Dr. Fall
 by invitation Mrs. Caldwell Miss Caldwell
 Miss Shupe Miss McCrean
 Miss Webb Miss McCrean
 Dr. Tippy Mr. Andon
 Mr. Hodgins Mr. Dish
 Mr. Apelian Mr. McCrean
 Miss Wain Dr. McCrean
 Professor Xenides Mr. McCrean
 Mr. Orcutt Mrs. W. D. McCrean
 Dr. F. Nesbitt Chambers Mrs. Lawrence
 Mr. Lawrence Scoble Dr. Weston
 Miss Holmes Miss Butterfield
 Mr. Fenno Mr. Jaquith
 Miss White

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman

James L. Barton Chairman
W. H. Vickrey Secretary

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Stanley White

Prayer was offered by Dr. Bradner

The minutes of the meetings of July 12th, July 18th and September 13th were approved.

The treasurer's report was read as follows:

Total receipts to date	\$4,801,645.01	
Disbursements to date	4,581,464.60	
		\$220,180.41
Total relief funds now in the bank and its bonds	671,224.41	
Less funds held in reserve to meet outstanding drafts	451,044.00	
Net amount now available for relief to the relief field	\$220,180.41	

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

of the

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

12,30 Noon

THURSDAY OCTOBER 11, 1917

Aldine Club

PRESENT: Dr. Stanley White, Presiding Mr. George T. Scott
 Members: Dr. Frederick Lynch Mr. George A. Plimpton
 Mr. C. V. Vickrey Dr. Arthur J. Brown
 Dr. William I. Chamberlain Dr. Fred P. Haggard
 Mr. William B. Millar

PRESENT	Mrs. Marden	Dr. Hall
by	Dr. Macallum	Mr. Ranney
invitation	Mrs. Caldwell	Miss Caldwell
	Miss Shane	Miss Mc Laren
	Miss Webb	Miss Cole
	Dr. Tippy	Mr. Robinson
	Mr. Hodgkin	Mr. Andonian
	Mr. Apelian	Mr. Disbrow
	Miss Waln	Mr. Hodenpyle
	Professor Xenides	Mr. Embree
	Mr. Orcutt	Miss Foreman
	Dr. W. Nesbitt Chambers	Mrs. W. N. Chambers
	Mr. Lawrence Seeyle	Mrs. Lawrence Seeyle
	Miss Holmes	Dr. Weston
	Mr. Fenno	Miss Butterfield
	Miss White	Mr. Jaquith

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Less appropriations already authorized by the Executive Committee, remittances to to be made this week:

Beirut	\$100,000.	✓	
Tabriz	50,000.	✓	
Bagdad	10,000.	✓	
Egypt	5,000.	✓	\$165,000.00

Unappropriated Balance..... 55,180.41

Since the last meeting of the Committee on September 13th, the committee has sent to

Constantinople	\$150,000.	✓
Beirut	50,000.	✓
Jerusalem	25,000.	✓
Tiflis	101,044.	✓

\$326,044.

Dr. William Hall presented a report of progress on Industrial Relief.

The secretary presented the following report of action of the Sunday School War Council:

Your Secretary submits herewith a series of six votes passed by the Sunday School War Council at its recent meeting in Cleveland, Ohio:

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WAR COUNCIL

1. That the Sunday School War Council recommend to the Sunday Schools of America that the present situation and needs in Bible Lands be presented as effectively as possible to all Sunday Schools, and that an offering or subscription for Armenian and Syrian relief be taken in the Sunday Schools on Christmas time, or at other early appropriate date,

2. That we recommend suitable literature and supplementary lessons be prepared by the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief for the use of such Sunday Schools as may care to use them in increasing the educational and spiritual significance of the offering and that the Sunday School War Council offer our help in distributing the same.

3. That a representative be named by the Sunday School War Council to co-operate with the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, from their offices in New York, in securing the largest possible financial, educational and spiritual results in connection with this offering.

4. That the active co-operation of all editors of Sunday School and other church papers be requested in giving publicity to the special programs and other educational material that may be prepared for the purpose of placing information concerning present day conditions in Bible Lands before the Sunday Schools and general church membership.

5. That the Sunday School War Council unite with the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief in a request to the President for a Proclamation in behalf of Armenian and Syrian Relief, similar to the proclamation issued by the President a year ago.

6. That the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Sunday School War Council be authorized to prepare and issue a suitable statement and appeal to the Sunday Schools of America and also in co-operation with the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief to prepare and send to the President the Memorial mentioned above.

At the adjournment of the sessions of the Sunday School War Council the Executive Committee met as per instructions of the Council and unanimously requested Sidney A. Weston, Ph. D., General Editor of the Sunday School Educational Publications of the Congregational Board to serve as the representative of the Sunday School War Council in co-operation with the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief in the above campaign.

"In connection with this action of the S.S. War Council we are pleased to report that at the request of the Sunday School War Council the Congregational Sunday School and Publication Society have given to us, without charge, the services of Dr. Sidney A. Weston, Ph. D. General Editor of the Sunday School and Educational publications on the Congregational Church, and that Dr. Weston with two members of his editorial staff, has been in our office for the past ten days, preparing programs, exercises, and other educational material for wide use through the Sunday School and church Publications, preparatory to this Sunday school offering."

"It is, of course, understood that in those denominations where certain Boards have a prior claim on the Christmas offering, this offering for Armenian and Syrian Relief should be taken at another date, possibly after New Years."

"We are also pleased to report that Dr. Edger Blake of the Methodist Sunday School organization has volunteered to give us, without charge, the services of one of his staff to give full time to the promotion of this offering through our Committee from the Methodist Church, and it is expected that other denominations will likewise assign men to cooperate with our Committee in the executive supervision of this campaign."

THE WHITE HOUSE

"Your Secretary asks for a vote of approval of the steps thus far taken and for any further instructions that the Committee may desire to give, either direct or through the Executive Committee."

VOTED that the above report be accepted, the action approved and the secretary given power to take whatever further steps are necessary to insure a successful response from the Sunday schools of America to this appeal.

The secretary presented the following report of action of the State Department, authorizing remittances through our Committee from individuals in the United States to individuals in Turkey:

"Your secretary submits herewith correspondence from the State Department which enlarges the permit previously given to send general relief, and also authorizing our Committee to send remittances from individuals in the United States to individuals in Turkey."

"After consultation with individual members of the Executive Committee it is recommended that a Department of Individual Relief be established and that Dr. Macallum, formerly in charge of our relief work in Tiflis, be asked to take charge of this Department and that authority be given to make a charge of 5% or 10% for the especially heavy expense that will be incident to handling this relief, but with the understanding that any portion of this charge that is not actually used in the expenses of the Individual Relief Department, will be available for general relief."

VOTED that the above report be adopted.

The secretary presented the following report concerning office organization and adjustment:

"To accommodate the work of the Committee on Industrial Relief and to prepare for the extensive campaign that will be necessary to reach the 18,000,000 Sunday-school scholars throughout the United States and also to provide for suitable office facilities for the clerical work that will be involved in the Department of Industrial Relief, it has been necessary to secure additional office space which fortunately became available at the right moment and at a large concession in rental, by the Red Cross vacating on the 28th floor of the Metropolitan Tower, rooms suitable for this purpose."

"Inasmuch as the concessions in rentals granted to us on this Red Cross space proved an economy in rent as well as an improvement in facilities, we have taken the larger space during the period of this special activity."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

AN APPEAL TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

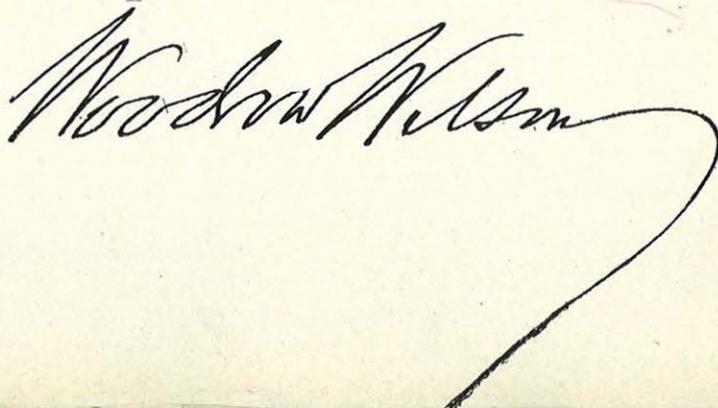
One year ago, in compliance with resolutions passed by the Senate and by the House of Representatives, I appointed days upon which the people of the United States might make such contributions as they felt disposed for the aid of the stricken Armenian and Syrian peoples.

American diplomatic and consular representatives and other American residents recently returned from Western Asia, assure me that many thousands of lives were saved from starvation by the gifts of the American people last winter. They also bring full assurance of the continued effective distribution of relief and report that the suffering and death from exposure and starvation will inevitably be very much greater this winter than last unless the survivors can be helped by further contributions from America.

Reports indicate that of orphans alone there are more than 400,000, besides women and other dependent children, reaching a total of more than 2,000,000 destitute survivors. The situation is so distressing as to make a special appeal to the sympathies of all.

In view of the urgent need I call again upon the people of the United States to make such further contributions as they feel disposed, in their sympathy and generosity for the aid of these suffering peoples. Contributions may be made through the American Red Cross, Washington, D. C. or direct to the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer, One Madison Avenue, New York City.

29 October, 1917.

A large, elegant handwritten signature in cursive script, which reads "Woodrow Wilson". The signature is written in dark ink and extends across the lower right portion of the page, ending in a long, sweeping flourish that curves downwards and to the right.

Oct. 11, 1917

VOTED That the foregoing report be accepted and the action approved.

The Secretary reported that assurance had just been received from Mr. Tumulty that the President would issue an appeal in behalf of Armenian and Syrian Relief, a draft of which, as presented by Mr. Tumulty, was read to the Committee.

VOTED That we instruct the Secretary to express to the President, through Mr. Tumulty, the Committee's appreciation of his sympathetic cooperation and of the appeal which he has prepared to be issued to the public.

VOTED That the Secretary be instructed to express to the Department of State the Committee's appreciation of its sympathetic cooperation in the work of the Committee.

By request, Mr. Anton Hodenpyl, representing the Committee on Cooperation of the Red Cross War Council, made a report of recent action hereby the Council in appreciation of the urgent need for funds with which to purchase the winter's supplies, had voted to make available immediately the full appropriation of \$300,000. per month for October, November and December.

VOTED That the Secretary be instructed to communicate to Mr. Davison and to the Red Cross War Council the deep appreciation of our Committee of their cooperation.

Addresses concerning conditions in Western Asia were made by the following persons who had arrived the day previous, October 10, by way of Switzerland from various points in Turkey.

Mr. Ranney
Miss Foreman
Mrs. Caldwell
Miss Mc Laren

Mrs. Marden
Miss Shane
Miss Butterfield
Miss Webb

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

James L. Barton Chairman
D. W. Vickrey Secretary

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

Of the

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

Thursday, November 22, 1917

Aldine Club

12.30 Noon

PRESENT

(Members)

Dr. Samuel T. Dutton
 Mr. George T. Scott
 Mr. Hamilton Holt
 Dr. Stanley White
 Dr. James L. Barton
 Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith
 Mr. Millar

Mr. Harold A. Hatch
 Dr. William I. Chamberlain
 Dr. Frederick Lynch
 Dr. Arthur J. Brown
 Mr. C. V. Vickrey
 Mr. Dodge

PRESENT

(By Invitation)

Dr. Weston
 Dr. Laufer
 Dr. Littlefield
 Dr. Bradner
 Dr. Clark
 Miss Linsey
 Mr. Duryee
 Mr. Poling
 Dr. White
 Mr. Edwards
 Mr. Grossman
 Mr. Anderson
 Mr. Karagheusian
 Mr. Pushman
 Mr. Sloat
 Mr. Ranney
 Dr. Dunaway
 Dr. Mac Callum
 Miss Holmes

Miss Cole
 Mr. Smith
 Dr. Beattie
 Dr. Roberts
 Mr. Owen
 Dr. Young
 Professor Cadbury
 Mr. Parker
 Dr. Tippy
 Mr. Hodges
 Dr. Hall
 Mr. Glaze
 Mr. Edmonds
 Mr. Jaquith
 Mr. Chaffee
 Mr. Fenno
 Miss Waln
 Mr. Mueller
 Mr. Shimmon

The meeting was called to order by Dr. James L. Barton, Chairman.

Invocation was offered by Dr. Edward Lincoln Smith

The minutes of the meeting of October 11, 1917 were read and approved.

The following abstract of the treasurer's report was presented and ordered on file:

Total receipts previous to September 1, 1917.....	\$4,272,445.25
Receipts for September.....	376,392.90
Receipts for October.....	1,156,642.65
November 1st to 21st.....	303,906.67
Total receipts to date	<u>\$6,109,387.47</u>
Less relief appropriations.....	5,746,664.60
Balance available for appropriation	<u>362,722.87</u>

Nov. 22, 1917

MEMORANDA OF REMITTANCES
TO RELIEF COMMITTEES

From October 15, 1916 to November 20th, 1917.

		Previous to Sept. 1st.	Sept. 1st Nov. 20th	Total
CONSTANTINOPLE				
Sept. 1st.				
Previous to Sept. 1st.		1,753,822.91		
Sept. 25 th - - -		150,000.		
Nov. 8th - - -		500,000.	650,000.	2,403,822.91
BAGDAD				
Previous to Sept 1st		30,000.00		
Oct. 13 th - - -		10,000.	10,000.	40,000.00
TIFLIS.				
Previous to Sept 1st.		1,087,351.16		
Sept. 27th. - - -		101,044.	201,144.	1,288,495.16
Oct. 19th - - -		100,000.		
TABRIZ				
Previous to		707,110.00		
Oct. 13th - - -		50,000.	250,000.	
Oct. 19th - - -		200,000.		
BEIRUT				
Previous to Sept. 1st.		642,762.53		
Sept. 25th - - -		50,000.		
Oct. 15th - - -		100,000.	350,000	992,762.53
Nov. 8th		200,000		
CAIRO. EGYPT.				
Previous to Sept. 1st.		14,374.00		
Oct. 18th		5,100.	5,100.	19,474.00
JERUSALEM.				
Previous to Sept. 1st		15,000.00		
Sept. 25th - - -		25,000.	25,000.	40,000.00
TEHRAN, PERSIA.				
Previous to Sept. 1st		5,000.00		5,000.00
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		4,255,420.60	1,491,244.00	5,746,664.60

The Secretary reported on the various activities of the office and staff since the last meeting, presented samples of newly prepared literature and an outline of the campaign now being conducted throughout the United States.

In connection with his report the Secretary introduced Dr. Sidney A. Weston, director of the Sunday school relief work, representing the Sunday School War Council in cooperation with our Committee.

Dr. Weston reported on the extensive campaign being organized among the Sunday schools of the United States and Canada and introduced the following representatives, who in behalf of their respective denominational boards, are giving their time to the Committee in the interests of this campaign for securing funds from the Sunday schools at Christmas time:

Dr. Laufer	Dr. Littlefield	Dr. Bradner
Dr. Clark	Miss Linsey	Miss Cole
Mr. Smith	Dr. Beattie	Dr. Roberts
Mr. Owen	Dr. Young	Mr. Duryee

The Secretary then introduced Dr. Worth M. Tippy, Secretary of the War Time Commission of Churches, who reported the cooperation of that Commission.

Mr. Daniel A. Poling was then introduced, representing the National Council of Young People's Organizations, who spoke of the interest of the Young People's Societies in Armenian-Syrian relief and introduced the following national officers or representatives of various Young People's Societies, whose cooperation was pledged in so far as constitutional limitations permit:

Professor Cadbury	Mr. Parker
Dr. White	Mr. Edwards
Mr. Hodges	Dr. Hall
Mr. Anderson	Mr. Glenn
Mr. Grossman	

Upon motion of Dr. Dutton, seconded in a speech by Mr. Dodge, it was

VOTED That the Secretary be requested to convey to the various Sunday school organizations here represented, the deep appreciation of the Committee of the valuable cooperation that these organizations are rendering in making effective the Committee's relief work in Bible Lands, and the conviction of the Committee that valuable as this cooperation is in securing funds with which to buy food to save the starving, it may ultimately be found to have served an even greater purpose in binding together in oneness of Christian spirit and purpose, the various communions and

religious bodies who are thus cooperating interdenominationally and internationally in this ministry of mercy to Bible Lands.

Upon motion of Dr. Dutton, seconded by Mr. Dodge, it was

VOTED That we express to the representatives of the Young People's organizations our appreciation of their presence with us and of the cooperation which they are giving, and will doubtless continue to give to this cause.

The Secretary presented various cablegrams and reports from relief centers, showing the extent and character of the need.

Luncheon having been finished, the Committee adjourned to an adjoining room in the Aldine Club, where upon motion it was

VOTED To authorize the transfer from the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company to beneficiaries abroad, such funds as have been contributed for individual relief and as are shown to be so contributed by the individual relief ledger.

Upon motion it was

VOTED That the following appropriations be made and remittances authorized as rapidly as funds are in hand to justify such remittances:

#A118	Tiflis, as per pledge made at the September 13th meeting for the month of November.....	\$100,000. ✓
#A119	Tiflis, additional appropriation.....	200,000. ✓
#A120	Jerusalem.....	25,000. ✓
#A121	Beirut.....	50,000. ✓
#A122	Constantinople.....	50,000. ✓
#A123	Constantinople, for the purpose of covering draft made on Belmont in favor of the American Board, provided upon the arrival of Mr. Peet it is discovered that this draft was not covered by the recent appropriation of \$500,000. for Constantinople.....	200,000. ✓
#A124	Tabriz.....	50,000. ✓
#A125	Palestine, via Egypt, subject to advice from Cairo.....	25,000. ✓

Upon motion it was

VOTED That F. W. Mac Callum be elected Assistant Treasurer

Nov. 22, 1917

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Upon motion it was

VOTED that Mr. C. F. Ranney be appointed cashier.

Upon motion it was

VOTED That authorization be given for the establishment of a separate bank account in the name of the Assistant Treasurer, giving him a working balance of \$3,000. of the expense funds from which to care for the payroll, postage and petty cash items, the expenditure of the same to be accounted for by proper vouchers.

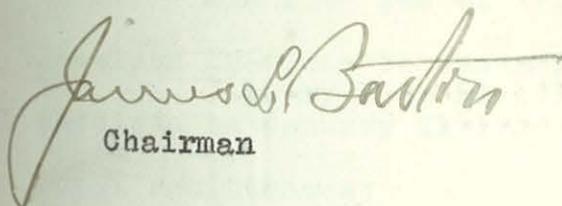
Upon motion it was

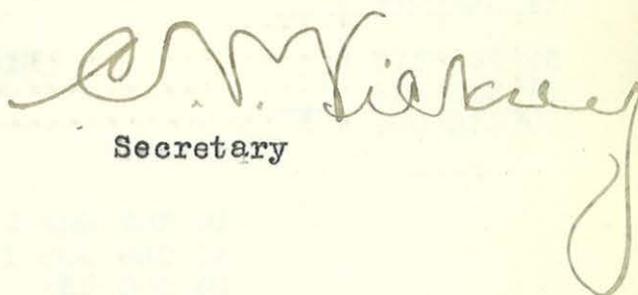
VOTED That the Treasurer be authorized to open a new bank account in the Columbia Bank or elsewhere for the deposit of Sunday school or other special funds, at his discretion.

Mr. Hatch as Chairman of the Committee on Industrial Relief, presented an interesting and somewhat detailed report showing gratifying progress in the work that is being done by his Committee, with Mr. William H. Hall as Secretary, investigating industrial and other problems in Western Asia after the war.

There was a general discussion of the general policy of the Committee with reference to relief distribution in Palestine and Syria, the rehabilitation of Syrians and the feasibility of negotiating for a loan or a gift from the United States Government for relief work in Western Asia.

Upon motion the Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.


Chairman


Secretary

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

\$8,775.069.40

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

4:00 P M Tuesday, January 22 1918 25 Madison Avenue

MEMBERS PRESENT	Dr James L Barton	Chairman	3,000.00
	Prof Samuel T Dutton	Arthur J Brown	10,000.00
	William B Millar	Edwin M Bulkley	50,000.00
	George T Scott	William I Chamberlain	10,000.00
	William T Ellis	Harold A Hatch	10,000.00
	William W Rockwell	Wm Jay Schieffelin	10,000.00
	Stanley White	Talcott Williams	10,000.00
PRESENT BY INVITATION	Ambassador Elkus	Consul Jackson	20,200.00
	Dr Edwin St John Ward	Charles E Beury	550.00
	Consul Glazebrook	Dr MacCallum	18,000.00
	Consul Davis	Henry H Riggs	275.00

INVOCATION was offered by Dr Barton

EXCUSES WERE RECEIVED and presented by the Secretary on behalf of Messrs Morgenthau, Crane, Dodge and Langdon

MINUTES of the Meeting of November 22nd were read and approved.

The Chairman appointed a Nominating Committee consisting of Dr Talcott Williams, Dr Stanley White and Mr E M Bulkley

The Treasurer's Report was read as follows and ordered placed on file:

Total receipts	Oct 1 to Dec 31 1915	\$ 176 929 51
	Jan 1 " Dec 31 1916	2 100 008 62
	Jan 1 " Dec 31 1917	4 498,131 27
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Receipts previous to January 1918		\$ 6 775 069 40
	January 1 to 21 1918	625 163 69
Total receipts to January 21 1918		<hr/>
		\$ 7 400 233 09

Total remittances:		
Constantinople	\$ 2 453 932 91	
Tiflis	1 806 882 16	
Jerusalem	65 000 00	
Teheran	15 000,00	
Bagdad	40 000 00	
Cairo	19 474 00	
Tabriz	1 065 262 48	
Beirut	915 350 00	
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		6 383 901 55

Unappropriated balance on hand Jan 1 1918 \$ 1 016 331 54

To Cairo	\$12,474.00
Oct. 15, 16	8,000.00
Mar. 15, 16	375.00
Nov. 15, 17	8,000.00
Oct. 16, 17	5,125.00

Total Amount to Dec. 31, 1917

\$6,775.069.40

REMITTANCES

To Constantinople . . . \$2,453,932.91

Oct. 15, 15	. . . . .	\$65,000.00
Dec. 22, 15	. . . . .	35,000.00
Feb. 15, 16	. . . . .	110.00
Feb. 24, 16	. . . . .	40,000.00
Mar. 16, 16	. . . . .	50,000.00
Mar. 16, 16	. . . . .	10,000.00
Apr. 15, 16	. . . . .	25,000.00
May 18, 16	. . . . .	40,000.00
May 18, 16	. . . . .	20,242.91
June 29, 16	. . . . .	100,000.00
July 22, 16	. . . . .	1,500.00
July 25, 16	. . . . .	50,000.00
Aug. 21, 16	. . . . .	50,000.00
Oct. 4, 16	. . . . .	2,080.00
Oct. 24, 16	. . . . .	15,000.00
Nov. 14, 16	. . . . .	75,000.00
Nov. 23, 16	. . . . .	50,000.00
Dec. 19, 16	. . . . .	200,000.00
Jan. 20, 17	. . . . .	100,000.00
Feb. 3, 17	. . . . .	100,000.00
Feb. 5, 17	. . . . .	100,000.00
Mar. 3, 17	. . . . .	75,000.00
Mar. 23, 17	. . . . .	50,000.00
Apr. 16, 17	. . . . .	50,000.00
June 28, 17	. . . . .	100,000.00
July 12, 17	. . . . .	100,000.00
Aug. 1, 17	. . . . .	100,000.00
Aug. 14, 17	. . . . .	150,000.00
Sept. 25, 17	. . . . .	150,000.00
Nov. 8, 17	. . . . .	500,000.00
Dec. 17, 17	. . . . .	50,000.00

To Jerusalem \$65,000.00

Nov. 14, 16	. . . . .	5,000.00
Nov. 19, 16	. . . . .	10,000.00
Oct. 25, 17	. . . . .	25,000.00
Dec. 13, 17	. . . . .	25,000.00

To Teheran \$15,000.00

Mar. 2, 17	. . . . .	5,000.00
Dec. 31, 17	. . . . .	10,000.00

To Bagdad \$40,000.00

Mar. 19, 17	. . . . .	10,000.00
Aug. 1, 17	. . . . .	10,000.00
Aug. 14, 17	. . . . .	10,000.00
Oct. 13, 17	. . . . .	10,000.00

To Tiflis \$1,806,882.16

Nov. 5, 15	. . . . .	3,000.00 ✓
Dec. 9, 15	. . . . .	10,000.00 ✓
Dec. 31, 15	. . . . .	50,000.00 ✓
Jan. 18, 16	. . . . .	25,000.00 ✓
Feb. 4, 16	. . . . .	10,000.00 ✓
Feb. 23, 16	. . . . .	10,000.00 ✓
Feb. 24, 16	. . . . .	10,000.00 ✓
Mar. 6, 16	. . . . .	20,200.00 ✓
Mar. 8, 16	. . . . .	550.00 ✓
Mar. 15, 16	. . . . .	15,000.00
Mar. 16, 16	. . . . .	275.00 ✓
Apr. 12, 16	. . . . .	50,000.00 ✓
Apr. 30, 16	. . . . .	243.24 ✓
Apr. 30, 16	. . . . .	612.97 ✓
Apr. 30, 16	. . . . .	66.75 ✓
May 18, 16	. . . . .	25,000.00 ✓
May 18, 16	. . . . .	5,000.00 ✓
June 12, 16	. . . . .	16,697.50 ✓
June 29, 16	. . . . .	40,000.00 ✓
July 25, 16	. . . . .	50,000.00 ✓
Aug. 21, 16	. . . . .	25,000.00 ✓
Sept. 25, 16	. . . . .	40,000.00 ✓
Nov. 14, 16	. . . . .	60,000.00 ✓
Nov. 23, 16	. . . . .	25,000.00 ✓
Dec. 9, 16	. . . . .	440.25 ✓
Dec. 19, 16	. . . . .	149,559.75 ✓
Jan. 20, 17	. . . . .	75,000.00 ✓
Feb. 1, 17	. . . . .	1,400.50
Feb. 1, 17	. . . . .	148.10
Feb. 1, 17	. . . . .	57.10
Mar. 2, 17	. . . . .	30,000.00
Mar. 23, 17	. . . . .	25,000.00 ✓
Apr. 4, 17	. . . . .	4,000.00
Apr. 19, 17	. . . . .	50,000.00 ✓
June 25, 17	. . . . .	50,000.00 ✓
July 10, 17	. . . . .	100.00
Aug. 1, 17	. . . . .	55,000.00
Aug. 14, 17	. . . . .	150,000.00
Sept. 27, 17	. . . . .	101,044.00
Oct. 19, 17	. . . . .	100,000.00
Nov. 23, 17	. . . . .	300,000.00
Dec. 21, 17	. . . . .	205,487.00

To Cairo \$19,474.00

Oct. 15, 15	. . . . .	6,000.00
Mar. 16, 16	. . . . .	374.00
Nov. 14, 17	. . . . .	8,000.00
Oct. 18, 17	. . . . .	5,100.00

RECORD OF CONTRIBUTIONS
TO AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR
ARMENIAN-SYRIAN RELIEF.

REMITTANCES (Continued)

To Tabriz	\$1,068,262.48
Nov. 19, 15	15,000.00
Dec. 31, 15	100.00
Jan. 18, 16	25,000.00
Feb. 8, 16	10,000.00
Feb. 24, 16	10,000.00
Apr. 13, 16	25,000.00
June 1, 16	15,000.00
June 29, 16	25,000.00
Aug. 25, 16	15,000.00
Sept. 25, 16	2,000.00
Nov. 14, 16	50,000.00
Nov. 17, 16	25,000.00
Nov. 19, 16	50,000.00
Feb. 9, 17	50,000.00
Mar. 2, 17	25,000.00
Mar. 23, 17	25,000.00
Apr. 16, 17	25,000.00
Apr. 25, 17	25,000.00
May 23, 17	1,162.48
June 6, 17	50,000.00
June 26, 17	25,000.00
July 12, 17	50,000.00
Aug. 1, 17	100,000.00
Aug. 30, 17	50,000.00
Oct. 13, 17	50,000.00
Oct. 19, 17	20,000.00
Nov. 26, 17	50,000.00
Dec. 20, 17	75,000.00
To Beirut	\$915,350.00
June 29, 16	20,000.00
July 22, 16	250.00
July 25, 16	15,000.00
Sept. 25, 16	20,000.00
Oct. 19, 16	100.00
Oct. 19, 16	10,000.00
Nov. 23, 16	25,000.00
Dec. 23, 16	100,000.00
Mar. 3, 17	50,000.00
May 18, 17	100,000.00
May 28, 17	100,000.00
Aug. 1, 17	25,000.00
Aug. 14, 17	100,000.00
Sept. 25, 17	50,000.00
Oct. 15, 17	50,000.00
Nov. 8, 17	100,000.00
Dec. 17, 17	200,000.00
	50,000.00

October to December
31st 1915. \$176,929.51

1916

Jan.	64,722.09
Feb.	86,753.61
Mar.	97,571.58
Apr.	99,782.78
May	103,143.08
June	239,789.51
July	146,449.76
Aug.	51,791.31
Sept.	35,186.88
Oct.	222,739.71
Nov.	745,864.69
Dec.	333,414.77

\$2,100,008.62

\$2,227,209.77

1917

Jan.	189,172.36
Feb.	154,075.54
Mar.	148,845.59
Apr.	113,922.85
May	143,760.13
June	296,689.68
July	411,426.47
Aug.	409,110.25
Sept.	396,576.71
Oct.	1,156,778.04
Nov.	433,778.46
Dec.	665,951.67

\$4,498,131.27

\$4,520,087.75

Total to
Dec. 31 1917. \$6,775,069.40

\$6,924,227.03

General Committee Meeting, January 22 1918 2

Professor Dutton as Chairman of the Executive Committee reported the activities of the Executive Committee since the last meeting of the General Committee and Mr Scott as a member of the General Committee, presented the following report of the informal conference on behalf of the Greeks in Western Asia held on Monday the 21st of January, at 12:30 noon:

PRESENT Representing Armenian and Syrian Committee - Dr Arthur J. Brown, Dr Frederick G Lynch and Mr George T Scott
 Representing Relief Committee for Greeks - Mr B D Dugundji, Dr R G Boville and Professor J P Xenides

After full consideration of the various problems involved, the conference requested Mr Scott and Prof Xenides to report to the Armenian and Syrian Relief Committee the following items as to expression of the opinion of the conference:

- 1 That the Armenian and Syrian Committee should emphasize more strongly in its appeal to the American public the suffering and needs of Greeks in Western Asia, referring to "Armenians, Syrians, Greeks and other subject races," rather than speaking of "Armenians, Syrians and other subject races."
- 2 That the present Greek Committee be strengthened by new members and develop its campaign for funds especially among Greeks and among American friends of Greeks.
- 3 That the Armenian and Syrian Committee arrange for an adequate field relief committee in Greece.
- 4 That the Armenian and Syrian Committee should instruct or continue to instruct its field agents in Asia Minor that needy Greeks there are to be regularly included among the sufferers cared for by general relief funds.
- 5 That all monies received by the Armenian and Syrian Committee from the Greek Committee or received directly and designated for Greeks be remitted to the field with an expression of the fact that these funds have been received from Greek friends.
- 6 That the Armenian and Syrian Committee be requested to ask its field committees to cooperate when advisable with local Greek Church officials, especially in distribution affecting Greeks and in expending the funds designated for the Greeks.

7 That the Armenian and Syrian Committee be requested to double these two remittances which have already been made by the Greek Committee for Greeks

- a \$4,000 to Trebizond, and
- b \$1,500 to Athens

(The Greek Committee has understood that these two remittances would be doubled by the Armenian and Syrian Committee.)

8 That the Armenian and Syrian Committee be requested to double all contributions received from the Greek Committee and remit as suggested in Sections 5 and 6 above.

(signed) George T Scott
Secretary

Upon motion the above report was received and the agreement confirmed.

Mr Scott, representing the Executive Committee and the Sub-Committee on appropriations made the following recommendations with reference to appropriations, which, upon motion were duly authorized:

#A 131	Constantinople, including \$200,000 authorized December 19th, but not yet sent	\$ 450 000 00 ✓
#A 132 (15,000)	Beirut, including \$75,000 authorized December 19th, but not yet sent, together with an additional \$75,000 for January and February	150 000 00 ✓
#A 133	Athens, Greece, including \$1,500 already received from Greeks for their countrymen and paid into the treasury of our Committee	3 000 00 ✓
*A 134	Tiflis, including \$8,000 for the Greeks of Trebizond toward which the Greeks of America have given \$4,000 and also including other specially designated gifts, a total for January and February of	400 000 00 ✓
#A 135	Tabriz for January and February	250 000 00 ✓
#A 136	Teheran	50 000 00 ✓
#A 137	Jerusalem, including \$4,000 received from the Syrian-Mt Lebanon Relief Committee	100 000 00 ✓
		<u>\$ 1 403 000 00"</u>

The Nominating Committee presented the following report which upon motion was adopted and the persons named declared elected as officers and members of the various committees as indicated:

- 1 That the present members of the Committee be re-elected for the ensuing year.

GENERAL COMMITTEE

- 2 That the following persons be elected to serve as General Committee:

James L Barton, Chairman	Samuel T Dutton, Vice-Ch
Charles V Vickrey, Secretary	Cleveland H Dodge Treas.
Henry Morgenthau	William B Millar
George T Scott	Charles R Crane
Hon William Howard Taft	Hon Charles Evans Hughes
George H Plimpton	Frederick H Allen
Arthur J Brown	Edwin M Bulkley
John B Calvert	Wm I Chamberlain
Charles W Eliot	William T Ellis
James Cardinal Gibbons	Jerome D Greene
Rt Rev David H Greer	Fred P Haggard
Harold A Hatch	William I Haven
Alexander J Hemphill	Myron T Herrick
Hamilton Holt	Arthur Curtiss James
Woodbury G Langdon	Frederick Lynch
Vance C McCormick	Chas S MacFarland
John R Mott	Frank Mason North
Rt Rev Philip Rhineland	Karl Davis Robinson
William W Rockwell	Wm Jay Schieffelin
Albert Shaw	William Sloane
Edward Lincoln Smith	James M Speers
Oscar S Straus	Harry A Wheeler
Stanley White	Ray Lyman Wilbur
Talcott Williams	Stephen S Wise

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 3 That the following persons be elected to serve as Executive Committee:

Samuel T Dutton	Chairman
James L Barton	Cleveland H Dodge, Treasurer
George T Scott	William B Millar
Henry Morgenthau	Charles V Vickrey, Secretary
E M Bulkley	Alexander J Hemphill

- 4 That the Executive Committee be given power to fill vacancies in the General Committee and to transact such other business as may be necessary between meetings of the General Committee.

A proposal was made that the name of the Committee be changed to the American Committee for Armenian and Greek Relief.

On motion it was
5 That an Auditing Committee be appointed, consisting of
Voted, to refer the matter of change in name to the Executive

- H M Bulkley
- Henry Morgenthau
- Charles R Crane

6 That a Committee on Candidates be appointed consisting of

- Samuel T Dutton
- George T Scott
- F W MacCallum

7 That a Committee on Rehabilitation be appointed consisting of

Voted, that Harold A Hatch
James L Barton

8 That a Committee on Publicity be appointed consisting of

- Talcott Williams
- Hamilton Holt
- William T Ellis
- Frederick Lynch
- Albert Shaw

Mr Ellis and Mr Beury as commissioners recently returned from Western Persia and the Caucasus reported with reference to their investigations and findings with recommendations that the relief work in Western Persia and the Caucasus be unified under one superintendent with an increased staff of workers.

On motion it was

Voted, to refer the recommendations of the Caucasus-Persia
Commission to the Executive Committee with power.

Dr Edwin St John Ward reported a plan which he had discussed with the Executive Committee of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief and also with the American Red Cross with reference to sending into Palestine four medical units and making other provision for general relief.

On motion it was

Voted, to refer the plan to the Executive Committee with power and with the general approval of the proposal.

A proposal was presented that in view of the large number of Greeks needing and receiving assistance from the Committee, the name of the Committee be changed to the American Committee for Armenian, Syrian and Greek Relief.

On motion it was

Voted, to refer the matter of change in name to the Executive Committee with power.

Dr Barton presented a communication from the State Department, asking that the American Consul at Tiflis be relieved from the responsibility of the treasurership of the Caucasus Committee. Assurance was given by the Department that this indicated no lack of sympathy and cooperation on the part of the Department, but was rendered necessary by the heavy responsibility in other directions that are now falling upon the American consulate at Tiflis.

On motion it was

Voted, that Mr Harrison A Maynard be designated as Treasurer of the Caucasus Relief Fund.

The Secretary in behalf of the Executive Committee, presented the following recommendations as to the general policy for the ensuing months, which, upon motion was approved.

- 1 Training conference for Committeemen and workers to be held in Chicago and other cities, similar to the one held in New York.
- 2 Completion and utilization of State, County and Local organizations, to secure the proportionate allotments from the 22,000 towns, cities and villages in the United States.
- 3 Follow-up campaign in the Sunday schools as per the recommendations of the Sunday School Cabinet, seeking to have Armenian-Syrian relief in the benevolence budget of every Sunday School in America.
- 4 A pledge follow-up system with special reference to the regular support of orphans by individuals, Sunday schools, classes and societies.
- 5 Publicity by means of free display advertisements, contributed articles and editorial endorsement in the magazines and religious papers of February 28th and March 1st.
- 6 Request that all pastors devote their sermons on March 10th or other convenient date to the presentation of "Present Day Conditions in Bible Lands." (Information including reports and latest cables to be provided in bulletin form for assistance in preparing such sermons.)

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7 A regular, numbered bulletin to be sent to all papers, superceding our present clip-sheet, and also to be sent to committeemen and workers for general information.

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman

James L. Barton
Chairman

W. V. Vickrey
Secretary

Sidney A. Weston
Wilfred M. Post
Henry W. Harlbert
E. W. Huelster
Cecil O. Dunaway
A. K. Schmavonian
Frank C. Jackson

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F. W. Mac Callum
H. F. Laflamme
Mead A. Kelsey
E. A. Potter
A. B. Schmavonian
Henry H. Riggs

Prayer was offered by Dr. Brown

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved

Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer, presented the following report, which upon motion was received and ordered placed on file:

TOTAL RECEIPTS to May 31st, as per auditors' statement	\$10,462,521.96
RECEIPTS - June 1st to June 25th	398,083.04
TOTAL RECEIPTS to June 25th	\$10,860,605.00
APPROPRIATIONS as per auditors' statement	10,487,862.83
UNAPPROPRIATED balance on hand	389,702.17
PLUS EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION by action of the Executive Committee, May 16th, placed (under certain conditions) at the command of the officers for emergency appropriation, but not yet used	400,000.00
TOTAL available funds not yet specifically appropriated	789,702.17

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
OF THE
AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

Thursday, June 27, 1918 25 Madison Avenue

4.00 P. M.

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Samuel T. Dutton
Edwin M. Bulkley
James L. Barton
Arthur J. Brown
Harold A. Hatch
George A. Plimpton
James M. Speers
A. C. Shattuck

Cleveland H. Dodge
William B. Millar
Charles V. Vickrey
Charles R. Crane
William I. Haven
Edward Lincoln Smith
Stanley White, represented by
Orville Reid

PRESENT
BY
INVITATION

Sidney A. Weston
Wilfred M. Post
Henry W. Hurlbert
E. W. Huelster
Cecil O. Dunaway
A. K. Schmavonian
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Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, treasurer, presented the following report, which upon motion was received and ordered placed on file:

<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u> to May 31st, as per auditors' statement	\$10,462,521.96
RECEIPTS - June 1st to June 26th	395,033.04
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u> to June 26th	\$10,857,555.00
APPROPRIATIONS as per auditors' statement	10,487,852.83
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UNAPPROPRIATED balance on hand	369,702.17
PLUS EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION by action of the Executive Committee, May 16th, placed (under certain conditions) at the command of the officers for emergency appropriation, but not yet used	400,000.00
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TOTAL available funds not yet specifically appropriated	769,702.17

June 27, 1918

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Mr. E. M. Bulkley, Chairman of the Auditing Committee presented the following report of the Auditing Committee, which upon motion was received and ordered placed on file:

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE

Edwin M. Bulkley

Henry Morgenthau

Charles R. Crane

June 4, 1918.

To The American Committee for
Armenian and Syrian Relief
One Madison Avenue
New York City

Gentlemen:

As your auditing committee named at the Annual Meeting of January 22, 1918, we have caused the accounts of the Committee to be audited by Hurdman and Cranstoun, Certified Public Accountants, a summary of whose report we submit herewith.

We have also arranged with Hurdman and Cranstoun for the continuous audit and supervision of the financial transactions of the Committee.

We are pleased to quote from the auditors' report their certification that our "plan of crediting every dollar contributed for relief purposes has been followed" and would call special attention to the fact shown in the auditors' report, that in reality we have forwarded for relief \$30,537.62 more than we have received in contributions, the difference being accounted for by interest received on bank balances. All expenses of administration, both in America and in Asia, have been cared for privately or independently of relief funds.

Respectfully submitted

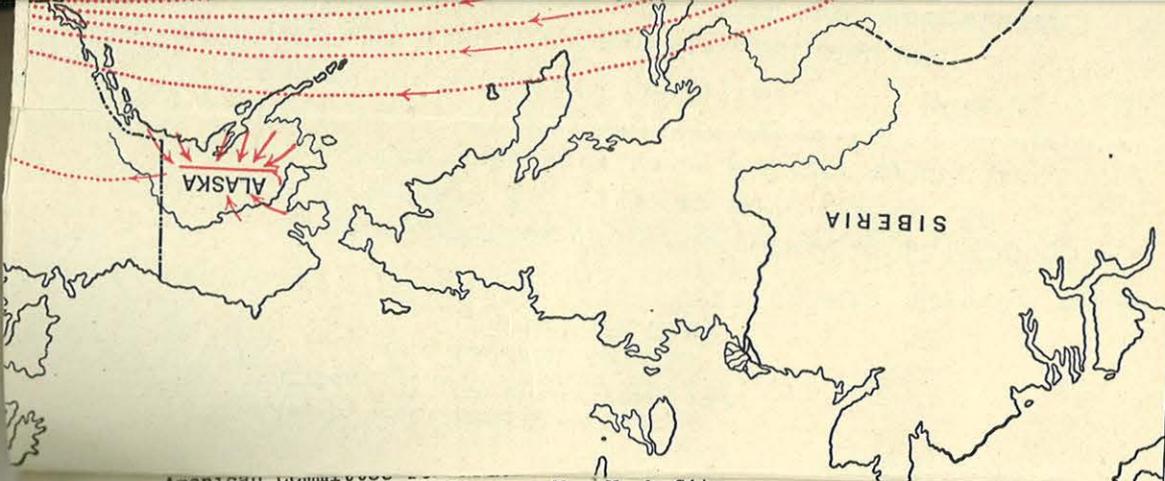
Charles R. Crane

Edwin M. Bulkley

Henry Morgenthau

AUDITING COMMITTEE

the



American Committee
One Madison Avenue, New York City.

Gentlemen: We have completed an examination of the financial records of your Committee and find them correct in every respect. We are glad to certify that your plan of crediting every dollar contributed for relief purposes has been followed. All administrative and office expenses have been met from funds provided privately.

Respectfully submitted,
Hurdman & Cranstoun,
Certified Public Accountants

Summary as of May 31, 1918

Relief Distribution

Syria via Aleppo.....	\$2,310.00	
Syria via Sidon.....	250.00	
Egypt via Cairo.....	30,674.00	
Palestine via Jerusalem.....	420,000.00	
*Asia Minor via Constantinople.....	3,573,179.91	
(reaching 50 inland distribution centers)		
Mesopotamia via Bagdad.....	50,000.00	
Russian Caucasus via Tiflis.....	2,752,953.16	
Persia via Tabriz.....	1,731,570.00	
Persia via Teheran.....	540,000.00	
Syria via Beirut.....	1,315,000.00	
Port Said, Egypt.....	5,000.00	
Armenians in Switzerland via Geneva.....	10,000.00	
Greece via Athens.....	500.00	
Greece via Salonika.....	2,000.00	
Persian Commission.....	50,000.00	
Individual Relief—Direct.....	4,767.26	
		\$10,488,204.33
Total Appropriation.....		
Co. tributions		
General Relief.....	\$10,334,060.22	
Individual Relief.....	99,739.64	
		\$10,433,799.86
Interest		
General Relief Funds.....	\$30,330.22	
Individual Relief Funds.....	207.40	
		30,537.62
Total Receipts.....		\$10,464,337.48
Relief Appropriations in excess of receipts, authorized by the Executive Committee "to be forwarded as soon as funds are received".....		\$23,866.85
		\$10,488,204.33

*Includes the \$23,866.85 of appropriations in excess of receipts authorized by the executive committee "to be forwarded as soon as funds are received," and forwarded after the date of the Auditor's report.

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VOTED that the Honorable Elihu Root, Honorable Henry B. F. Macfarland, and R. Harry Pratt Judson be elected to membership on the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief:

VOTED that the Executive Committee be authorized to proceed with incorporation along the lines suggested in the document entitled "AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF", a copy of which was mailed by the Secretary to each member of the committee previous to this meeting, and which shall be incorporated as a matter of record in the minutes of this meeting:

[PUBLIC—No. 25—66TH CONGRESS.]
[S. 180.]

An Act To Incorporate Near East Relief.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following persons, namely, James L. Barton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Edwin M. Bulkley, Alexander J. Hemphill, Charles R. Crane, William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes, Elihu Root, Abram I. Elkus, Charles W. Eliot, Harry Pratt Judson, Charles E. Beury, Arthur J. Brown, John B. Calvert, William I. Chamberlain, Robert J. Cuddihy, Cleveland E. Dodge, William T. Ellis, James Cardinal Gibbons, David H. Greer, Harold A. Hatch, William I. Haven, Myron T. Herrick, Hamilton Holt, Frank W. Jackson, Arthur Curtiss James, Frederick Lynch, Vance C. McCormick, Charles S. Macfarland, Henry B. F. Macfarland, William B. Millar, John R. Mott, Frank Mason North, George A. Plimpton, Philip Rhineland, William Jay Schieffelin, George T. Scott, Albert Shaw, William Sloane, Edward Lincoln Smith, Robert Eliot Speer, James M. Speers, Oscar S. Straus, Charles V. Vickrey, Harry A. Wheeler, Stanley White, Ray Lyman Wilbur, Talcott Williams, and Stephen S. Wise, their associates and successors duly chosen, are hereby incorporated and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia by the name of Near East Relief and by that name shall be known and have perpetual succession, with the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

SEC. 2. That the object for which said corporation is incorporated shall be to provide relief and to assist in the repatriation, rehabilitation, and reestablishment of suffering and dependent people of the Near East and adjacent areas; to provide for the care of orphans and widows and to promote the social, economic, and industrial welfare of those who have been rendered destitute, or dependent directly or indirectly, by the vicissitudes of war, the cruelties of men, or other causes beyond their control.

SEC. 3. That the direction and management of the affairs of the corporation, and the control of its property and funds, shall be vested in a board of trustees, to be composed of the following individuals: James L. Barton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Edwin M. Bulkley, Alexander J. Hemphill, Charles R. Crane, William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes, Elihu Root, Abram I. Elkus, Charles W. Eliot, Harry Pratt Judson, Charles E. Beury, Arthur J. Brown, John B. Calvert, William I. Chamberlain, Robert J. Cuddihy, Cleveland E. Dodge, William T. Ellis, James Cardinal Gibbons, David H. Greer, Harold A. Hatch, William I. Haven, Myron T. Herrick, Hamilton Holt, Frank W. Jackson, Arthur Curtiss James, Frederick Lynch, Vance C. McCormick, Charles S. Macfarland, Henry B. F. Macfarland, William B. Millar, John R. Mott, Frank Mason North, George A. Plimpton, Philip Rhineland, William Jay Schieffelin,

SYRIAN RELIEF
OF REPRESENT-
CONGRESS

James L. Barton,
Morgenthau,
Charles R. Crane,
Hughes, Hon.
Beury, Arthur
Chamberlain, William
Greene, Rt.
William I. Haven,
Jackson, Arthur
McCormick,
and, William B.
George A.
William Jay
William Sloane,
James M. Speers,
A. Wheeler,
Williams and
Successors duly

George T. Scott, Albert Shaw, William Sloane, Edward Lincoln, Robert Eliot Speer, James M. Speers, Oscar S. Straus, Charles Vickrey, Harry A. Wheeler, Stanley White, Ray Lyman, Talcott Williams, and Stephen S. Wise, who shall constitute the board of trustees and constitute the members of the corporation. Vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the remaining trustees in such manner as the by-laws shall prescribe, and the persons so elected shall thereupon become trustees also members of the corporation.

SEC. 4. That the principal office of the corporation shall be in the District of Columbia, but offices may be maintained and meetings of the corporation or of the trustees and committees may be held in other places, such as the by-laws may from time to time fix.

SEC. 5. That the said trustees shall be entitled to take, hold, administer any securities, funds, or property which may be transferred to them for the purposes and objects hereinbefore enumerated by the existing and unincorporated American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, and such other funds or property as may at any time be given, devised, or bequeathed to them or to such corporation for the purposes of the trust; with full power from time to time to adopt a common seal, to appoint officers, whether members of the board of trustees or otherwise, and such employees as may be deemed necessary for carrying on the business of the corporation, and at such salaries or with such remuneration as they may think proper; and full power to adopt by-laws and such rules or regulations as may be necessary to secure the safe and convenient transaction of the business of the corporation.

SEC. 6. That as soon as may be possible after the passage of this Act a meeting of the trustees hereinbefore named shall be called at the residence of Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Abram I. Elkus, Edward Bulkeley, Alexander J. Hemphill, William B. Millar, George T. Scott, James L. Barton, and Charles V. Vickrey, or any six of them, at the borough of Manhattan, in the city of New York, by notice served personally or by mail, addressed to each trustee at his place of residence, and the said trustees named herein, or a majority thereof, being assembled, shall organize and proceed to adopt by-laws, to elect officers, and generally to organize the said corporation.

SEC. 7. That a meeting of the incorporators, their associates, and successors, shall be held once in every year after the year of incorporation at such time and place as shall be prescribed in the by-laws, when the annual reports of the officers and executive boards shall be presented and members of the executive board elected for the ensuing year. Special meetings of the corporation may be called upon notice as may be prescribed.

SEC. 8. That a copy of the constitution and by-laws and of any amendments thereto shall be filed with the Congress when adopted, and on or before the 1st day of April each year said corporation shall make and transmit to the Congress a report of its proceedings for the year ending December 31 preceding, including in such report the names and residences of its officers, and a full and itemized account of all receipts and expenditures.

SEC. 9. That the corporation shall have no power to issue certificates of stock or declare or pay any dividends, or otherwise distribute to its members any of its property, or the proceeds therefrom, or to engage in its operations. On dissolution of the corporation otherwise than by Act of Congress the property shall escheat to the United States.

SEC. 10. That all members and officers of the corporations and of its governing body may reside in or be citizens of any place within the United States.

SEC. 11. That the franchise herein granted shall terminate at the expiration of twenty-five years from the date of the approval of this act; and that Congress reserves the right to repeal, alter, or amend this act at any time.

Approved, August 6, 1919.

SYRIAN RELIEF
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AN ACT TO INCORPORATE
THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

Be it enacted by the SENATE AND HOUSE OF REPRESENT-
ATIVES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in CONGRESS
assembled.

That the following persons, namely, James L. Barton,
Samuel T. Dutton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau,
Edwin M. Bulkley, Alexander J. Hemphill, Charles R. Crane,
Hon. William Howard Taft, Hon. Charles Evans Hughes, Hon.
Elihu Root, Harry Pratt Judson, Charles E. Beury, Arthur
J. Brown, John B. Calvert, William I. Chamberlain, William
T. Ellis, James Cardinal Gibbons, Jerome D. Greene, Rt.
Rev. David H. Greer, Harold A. Hatch, William I. Haven,
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Section 5. The said trustees shall be entitled to their own have been rendered destitute or dependent directly, or indirectly, by the vicissitudes of war.

Section 3. That the direction and management of the affairs of the corporation, and the control of its property and funds, shall be vested in a board of Trustees, to be composed of the following individuals: James L. Barton, Samuel T. Dutton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Edwin M. Bulkley, Alexander J. Hemphill, Charles R. Crane, Hon. William Howard Taft, Hon. Charles Evans Hughes, Hon. Elihu Root, Harry Pratt Judson, Charles E. Beury, Arthur J. Brown, John B. Calvert, William I. Chamberlain, William T. Ellis, James Cardinal Gibbons, Jerome D. Greene, Rt. Rev. David H. Greer, Harold A. Hatch, William I. Haven, Myron T. Herrick, Hamilton Holt, Frank W. Jackson, Arthur Curtiss James, Frederick Lynch, Vance C. McCormick, Charles S. MacFarland, Henry B. F. MacFarland, William B. Millar, John R. Mott, Frank Mason North, George A. Plimpton, Rt. Rev. Philip Rhineland, William Jay Schieffelin, George T. Scott, Albert Shaw, William Sloane, Edward Lincoln Smith, Robert Eliot Speer, James M. Spear, Oscar S. Straus, Charles V. Vickrey, Harry A. Wheeler, Stanley White, Ray Lyman Wilbur, Talcott Williams, and Stephen S. Wise, who shall constitute the first board of trustees and constitute the members of the corporation. Vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the remaining trustees in such manner as the by-laws shall prescribe, and the persons so elected shall thereupon become trustees and also members of the corporation.

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Section 6. That as soon as may be possible after the passage of this Act, a meeting of the trustees hereinbefore named shall be called by Samuel T. Dutton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Edwin M. Bulkley, Alexander J. Hemphill, William B. Millar, George T. Scott, James L. Barton and Charles V. Vickrey, or any six of them, at the Borough of Manhattan, in the City of New York, by notice served in person or by mail, addressed to each trustee at

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of the public and in the interest of the security holders of these railroads.

Those who may oppose an extension of five years should face the situation squarely and acknowledge that they prefer the immediate return of the railroads to private control under the old conditions without remedial legislation. It is idle to talk of a return to private control under legislation which will cure the defects of the existing laws. There is neither time nor opportunity for such legislation at present. It is impossible and hopeless for the Government to attempt the operation of the railroads for 21 months after peace under the present law. Therefore the country should squarely face the condition that the railroads must promptly go back into private control with all existing legal difficulties unless the only practicable alternative, viz, an extension of time, is promptly granted.

I hope that the Congress in its wisdom will grant a five-year period for a test of unified railroad operation under proper provisions of law which will make that test effective and at the same time take the railroad question out of politics while the test is being made. Unless this is done I do not hesitate to say the railroads should be returned to private ownership at the earliest possible moment. The President has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter.

Cordially, yours,
(Sgd.) W. G. McAdoo,
Director General of Railroads.

HON. ELLISON D. SMITH,
*Chairman Interstate Commerce Committee,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.*

Mr. KELLOGG. Mr. President, this is a most remarkable document, coming as it does immediately or within a few days after the message of the President, in which the President said:

The question which causes me the greatest concern is the question of the policy to be adopted toward the railroads. I frankly turn to you for counsel upon it. I have no confident judgment of my own.

A few days later comes a deliberate, well-considered plan, which Mr. McAdoo says is made with the approval of the President, not to keep the railroads for 21 months after the close of the war, but for 5 years, to make a test. The President, on the contrary, in his message frankly said he had no judgment of his own on the subject, but suggested three alternatives:

We can simply release the roads and go back to the old conditions of private management, unrestricted competition, and multiform regulation by both State and Federal authorities, or we can go to the opposite extreme and establish complete Government control, accompanied, if necessary, by actual Government ownership, or we can adopt an intermediate course of modified private control under a more unified and affirmative public regulation and under such alterations of the law as will permit wasteful competition to be avoided and a considerable degree of unification of administration to be effected; as, for example, by regional corporations, under which the railways of definable areas would be in effect combined in single systems.

Mr. President, I shall not discuss at length what Congress should do, but it seems to me we ought to do this at least: Congress, through its Committee on Interstate Commerce, ought to take action at once upon a railroad bill. We ought to authorize the railroads to coordinate all their facilities, equipment, terminals, route freight where it can be routed cheapest, and the same with passengers, so as to make most effective the entire transportation system of the United States. But this should be done under strong Government control. We ought to regulate the issuance of securities of railroads engaged in interstate commerce, and we ought to authorize the commission not only to regulate the service of the railroads in a unified condition, but give the commission power to compel them to grant unified and effective service; for instance, that the railroads entering New York shall use the New York terminal of the Pennsylvania Railroad. I am not going into a discussion of that; I do not wish to take the time of the Senate to discuss this further, but I wish to invite the attention of the Senate to this proposition, which ought to be taken up by our committee and by Congress at once. This is what Mr. McAdoo said in his letter:

The war is ended and we are now confronted with the necessity either of legislating intelligently about the railroad problem at this session of the Congress or of promptly returning the railroads to their owners.

Then he proceeds to say in the letter that there is no time to legislate at this session of Congress, and that therefore there should be a five years' extension of the period. He says further, in substance, that unless that five-year period is granted the railroads should be turned back at once.

Mr. President, the railroads were taken over presumably by the Government—that was the statement made—for war purposes. It was denied at that time that they were taken over to make a test of Government ownership. Now Mr. McAdoo says we want five years to make a test. A test for what purpose?

Not a test for war purposes, but a test for Government ownership. That is the real bottom of the whole thing.

Mr. President, why legislate at this particular three months' session? He says we must have the legislation at this three months' session or we must have an extension. Why not an extra session of Congress? We have had extra sessions after each session for years, and Congress has been in almost continuous session. Why, with all the important legislation that is coming before the country at the conclusion of peace, including the railroads, should we not have an extra session of Congress after the 4th of March to consider this subject, which Mr. McAdoo says must be considered in the next three months or not at all for five years? I should like to know why.

Mr. President, why not be frank? Many of us, or at least some of us, thought that the railroads were taken over for the purpose of inaugurating Government ownership. It was stated, however, that it was a necessity during the war. I for one have not condemned the administration of the railroads. I have done everything in my power to make it a success. I did believe that it was the first step toward establishing in this country Government ownership, and the taking over of the telegraph and the telephone and the cable for war necessities after the war was over rather confirmed me in my judgment on that subject.

But, Mr. President, we have 21 months after the close of the war, which will be considerably over two years, yet to pass a railroad bill providing for complete Federal control and turning the property back to the owners or else deciding in favor of Government ownership.

Now, why not meet the issue frankly and fairly? I believe the reason why they do not wish to meet it now is that they know the people of this country are not in favor of Government ownership, and it is proposed to put Government ownership over under the guise of an extension to make a test of Government control for the period of five years. Congress deliberately acted upon this subject last winter and fixed 21 months as the period within which legislation might be had for the proper control of the railroads when they are turned back, and I see no reason why we should now change that 21 months.

Mr. LENROOT. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. KELLOGG. I yield.

Mr. LENROOT. I would like to ask the Senator whether he cares to express an opinion at this time upon the power of Congress to take over the use of the railroads in time of peace without providing for the payment of the value of the property to the owner?

Mr. KELLOGG. Of course, it can not take over the use of the railroads—I say of course; in my opinion it can not—in time of peace without paying for the use, or, if the physical property is taken over, without paying the value of the property. And I have grave doubts of the power of Congress to take them over in time of peace simply for the purpose of experiment.

Mr. President, I know of no reason why we should not proceed at once with this very important question and why we should not frame a bill during this session, and if it can not be passed in the three months, I know of no reason why there should not be an extra session or why it should not be passed at the next session of Congress. We have ample time for this legislation before the 21 months expire. But Mr. McAdoo says the present legislation is entirely inadequate for the operation from now to the end of the 21 months. He does not suggest in what it is inadequate. He has not been to Congress to ask for legislation to cure the defects in the act. He says that there is a dispute about the authority of the States and the Federal Government. I say absolutely that the Federal Government has not recognized any State authority whatever, but it controlled the railroads absolutely as the Director General saw fit, without regard to State commissions. I am not complaining of it; I am merely stating it as a fact.

Mr. President, as I said before, I am not here to criticize the Railroad Administration. The railroads were earning about \$4,000,000,000 per annum when the Government took them over. The rates have been increased about 25 per cent, adding at least a billion dollars to the charges the public has to pay, and I am told that this practically has all been used up, if not more, in increased operating expenses. I am not criticizing it. I have not the figures before me. I simply say I have been told that our Government will be behind this year \$200,000,000 in the operation of the railroads, in spite of the enormous increase of rates. We should inquire into that and see what the result of this operation has been.

I do not believe that the American people to-day are very much in favor of Government operation, judged by the experience that they have had during the last year. I am willing to admit that it was an experiment during war, and I am not

on my feet to criticize it, but what we should do now is to take up this important problem, pass some legislation which will make the railroads of the country most effective in carrying the freight and handling the great commerce of this country, and then turn them back to their owners, or else decide for Government ownership at once and end this period of uncertainty. Mr. McAdoo says that the 21 months will be a period of uncertainty. Therefore the result he wishes is to increase the uncertainty to five years and have the whole subject in the air at the end of five years.

Mr. President, I predict that at the end of five years it will be made absolutely impossible for private ownership again to assume control of the railroads if they desire to do so. If the administration is not in favor of Government ownership, say so now and let us turn our attention to procuring legislation that will be effective.

Mr. KING. Will the Senator yield?

Mr. KELLOGG. I yield.

Mr. KING. I suggest to the Senator, in view of the fact that many of us are in sympathy with the views he expresses, it might not be inappropriate to introduce a resolution asking the Interstate Commerce Commission to prepare at the earliest possible moment a plan dealing with this question.

Mr. KELLOGG. I will introduce such a resolution, but I do not care to take the time now to make any remarks upon it. I thank the Senators for their attention.

Mr. SMITH of South Carolina. Mr. President, I merely desire to suggest to the Senator from Minnesota that, so far as I understand the situation, the President in his message to Congress touched on the questions involved in the railroad problem, and frankly stated that he had no solution of it to propose, but that he left it entirely with Congress. No other official utterances were given to the committee until last night, when I received a communication from Mr. McAdoo, suggesting that the present status, with certain modifications, be continued for five years.

I have not up to the present time called the Committee on Interstate Commerce together, for the reason that the preliminary business of getting things in shape and getting into harness here in the different committees would have to be gotten out of the way before we could seriously get down to facing the railroad problem.

I do not understand that a recommendation on the part of Mr. McAdoo, or of anyone else, now that the war is over, is anything more than merely his opinion. His opinion may have more weight by virtue of the fact that he has been the Director General of Railroads, but those of us who are charged with responsibility facing what, in my opinion, is the greatest problem which confronts the American people, one upon which everything is based—our commercial, social, and political life—the proper means of transportation, I take it will face that problem as American citizens and will solve it in the light of the best judgment we can exercise, without taking anyone's preconceived notions about it. To that end I have called the Committee on Interstate Commerce to meet next Thursday morning, giving a week's time in advance for the purpose, that they may so arrange their business as to be present, in order to discuss the status of affairs and to inquire from all those from whom knowledge can be obtained the conditions which now exist, looking toward what action we shall take in meeting the conditions which now confront us.

Mr. KELLOGG. Mr. President, I welcome the interruption by the Senator from South Carolina, and I was going to state that the Committee on Interstate Commerce had been called together. I would, however, suggest that the chairman give notice to those who wish to be heard before the committee that they appear and be present at the time of the meeting.

Mr. SMITH of South Carolina. If the Senator from Minnesota will allow me, I desire to say that the reason I have not given such notice and have not so indicated is because I believe it is important for the committee to get together, discuss all phases of the question, then decide what line of action they are going to take, and then summon witnesses to develop the line of action which they think it advisable shall be taken.

Mr. KELLOGG. Mr. President, it is true that the letter of the Director General of Railroads is a personal letter, but if the Senator from South Carolina will read the letter at the end of it he will see this:

The President has given me permission to say that this conclusion accords with his own view of the matter.

The President made no such recommendation in his message delivered only 10 days ago. When did the President give that suggestion to Mr. McAdoo?

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST.

Mr. OVERMAN. Mr. President, I scarcely ever ask to have a matter of legislation taken up out of order, but I am impelled to do so this morning. I ask unanimous consent for the present consideration of the bill (S. 4785) to incorporate the American Committee for Relief in the Near East. I desire to say that great sums of money have been subscribed to take care of the poor Armenians and the Syrians, and it is now desired to form a corporation to hold such funds. The Committee on the Judiciary has passed upon the matter and has reported the bill favorably and without amendment. Its consideration, I think, will take but a moment. I therefore hope that the Senate will permit me to have the bill passed now as its passage is very necessary.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there objection to the request of the Senator from North Carolina? The Chair hears none.

The Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, proceeded to consider the bill (S. 4785) to incorporate the American Committee for Relief in the Near East; which was read, as follows:

Be it enacted, etc., That the following persons, namely, James L. Barton, Samuel T. Dutton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Edwin M. Bulkeley, Alexander J. Hemphill, Charles R. Crane, William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes, Elihu Root, Harry Pratt Judson, Charles E. Beury, Arthur J. Brown, John B. Calvert, William I. Chamberlain, William T. Ellis, James Cardinal Gibbons, Jerome D. Greene, David H. Greer, Harold A. Hatch, William I. Haven, Myron T. Herrick, Hamilton Holt, Frank W. Jackson, Arthur Curtiss James, Frederick Lynch, Vance C. McCormick, Charles S. Macfarland, Henry B. F. Macfarland, William B. Millar, John R. Mott, Frank Mason North, George A. Plimpton, Philip Rhinelander, William Jay Schieffelin, George T. Scott, Albert Shaw, William Sloane, Edward Lincoln Smith, Robert Eliot Spear, James M. Speers, Oscar S. Straus, Charles V. Vickrey, Harry A. Wheeler, Stanley White, Ray Lyman Wilbur, Talcott Williams, and Stephen S. Wise, their associates and successors duly chosen, are hereby incorporated and declared to be a body corporate of the District of Columbia by the name of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East and by that name shall be known and have perpetual succession, with the powers, limitations, and restrictions herein contained.

SEC. 2. That the object for which said corporation is incorporated shall be to provide relief and to assist in the repatriation, rehabilitation, and reestablishment of suffering and dependent people of the Near East and adjacent areas; to provide for the care of orphans and widows, and to conduct any industrial enterprises or operations of a philanthropic character which may, in the judgment of the corporation, be necessary to promote the social, economic, and industrial welfare of those who have been rendered destitute or dependent, directly or indirectly, by the vicissitudes of war, the cruelties of men, or other causes beyond their control.

SEC. 3. That the direction and management of the affairs of the corporation, and the control of its property and funds, shall be vested in a board of trustees, to be composed of the following individuals: James L. Barton, Samuel T. Dutton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Edwin M. Bulkeley, Alexander J. Hemphill, Charles R. Crane, William Howard Taft, Charles Evans Hughes, Elihu Root, Harry Pratt Judson, Charles E. Beury, Arthur J. Brown, John B. Calvert, William I. Chamberlain, William T. Ellis, James Cardinal Gibbons, Jerome D. Greene, David H. Greer, Harold A. Hatch, William I. Haven, Myron T. Herrick, Hamilton Holt, Frank W. Jackson, Arthur Curtiss James, Frederick Lynch, Vance C. McCormick, Charles S. Macfarland, Henry B. F. Macfarland, William B. Millar, John R. Mott, Frank Mason North, George A. Plimpton, Philip Rhinelander, William Jay Schieffelin, George T. Scott, Albert Shaw, William Sloane, Edward Lincoln Smith, Robert Eliot Spear, James M. Speers, Oscar S. Straus, Charles V. Vickrey, Harry A. Wheeler, Stanley White, Ray Lyman Wilbur, Talcott Williams, and Stephen S. Wise, who shall constitute the first board of trustees and constitute the members of the corporation. Vacancies occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the remaining trustees in such manner as the by-laws shall prescribe, and the persons so elected shall thereupon become trustees and also members of the corporation.

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SEC. 6. That as soon as may be possible after the passage of this act a meeting of the trustees hereinbefore named shall be called by Samuel T. Dutton, Cleveland H. Dodge, Henry Morgenthau, Edwin M. Bulkeley, Alexander J. Hemphill, William B. Millar, George T. Scott, James L. Barton, and Charles V. Vickrey, or any six of them, at the Borough of Manhattan, in the city of New York, by notice served in person or by mail, addressed to each trustee at his place of residence; and the said trustees named herein, or a majority thereof, being assembled, shall organize and proceed to adopt by-laws, to elect officers, and generally to organize the said corporation.

SEC. 7. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Mr. TOWNSEND. Mr. President, as I understand the Senator from North Carolina [Mr. OVERMAN], the bill now under consideration is an emergency piece of legislation.

Mr. OVERMAN. There is suffering among the people over there, and it is desired to form this corporation for the purpose

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of holding and administering the money which has been subscribed for their relief. It is proposed to be only a temporary organization and one which is purely charitable.

Mr. TOWNSEND. Mr. President, will the Senator from North Carolina inform the Senate, if we pass this bill, how soon we may expect that it will reach the President in order to receive his signature?

Mr. OVERMAN. I have no idea as to that; I do not know anything about it.

Mr. TOWNSEND. Can the Senator tell me how bills which we pass are to be presented to the President for signature?

Mr. OVERMAN. No; I do not know what arrangements have been made; but I hope we shall pass this bill. Let us make a first case of this, and see what will be the result after we pass this bill. Then probably the Senator from Michigan will get the information.

Mr. TOWNSEND. Then it is urgent for us to pass it, but not necessarily urgent that it shall be signed?

Mr. OVERMAN. I think probably there will be some way out of it, though I am not now able to inform the Senator. I am ignorant on the subject.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. President, I should like to ask the Senator from North Carolina if those who are proposed to be members of this corporation are American citizens?

Mr. OVERMAN. The trustees are to be American citizens. The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill is still before the Senate as in Committee of the Whole and open to amendment.

Mr. LENROOT. A parliamentary inquiry, Mr. President. Has unanimous consent been given for consideration of the bill?

The VICE PRESIDENT. It has been.

Mr. KENYON. Mr. President, may we not ask a few questions about the bill?

Mr. JONES of Washington. Mr. President, a parliamentary inquiry. I did not understand that the matter had been submitted to the Senate for unanimous consent but that the bill was being first read, and the question to proceed to its consideration has not been submitted since the bill was read.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair understands that the question was submitted to the Senate.

Mr. JONES of Washington. Well, the Senate did not so understand.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Chair distinctly made the inquiry as to whether there was objection to the consideration of the bill.

Mr. JONES of Washington. The Senate did not understand that, I will say to the Chair.

The VICE PRESIDENT. The Senate did not hear, that is all; but the inquiry was made by the Chair.

Mr. LODGE. Mr. President, I desire to say a word in regard to the bill. I did not report the bill, and I am not a member of the committee from which it was reported, but I am sure that if the Senate understood the bill there would be no possible objection to it.

Mr. KENYON. We should merely like to have an opportunity to understand the bill.

Mr. LODGE. This bill proposes to incorporate a committee for the relief of the Armenians, Syrians, and other populations in Asia Minor which have been subjected to massacre and to every sort of persecution, many of them having been deprived of their homes. There is great suffering and distress among them. This is a committee which has been formed in this country, headed by some of the very best men in the country. The President has issued a proclamation, which I suppose has been seen by all—I have a copy of it here—in which, in the strongest terms, he urges the support of this committee. It is proposed to raise some \$30,000,000 for the relief of these people.

It has been indorsed in the strongest way by the Secretary of State, Mr. Lansing, by ex-President Roosevelt, by ex-President Taft, by Mr. Morgenthau, the former ambassador of the United States to Turkey, and by Mr. Hughes. I have known about it myself, because I have subscribed to it in a small way; and I know of no organization that is doing a greater work for the relief of suffering than this Committee for Armenian Relief. It is in the best of hands; it is purely philanthropic; it is entirely temporary, and I do not think anything could be done that would be more beneficial to great bodies of suffering people than to permit this committee, which is now in existence, to take the form of a corporation for the better administration of this great trust.

Mr. WEEKS. Mr. President, I should like to ask my colleague the question which has been asked of the Senator who proposed the bill. What can be gained by passing this bill at this time in this emergency way? Is there, in his opinion, any way of the bill becoming a law before the return of the President of the United States?

Mr. LODGE. Well, Mr. President, that opens a large question which affects all our legislation. I am unable myself to see how any legislation can possibly become law until the return of the President. Under the Constitution, as everyone knows, if a bill is presented to the President and he neither signs nor vetoes it within 10 days, it becomes a law; but that can not operate in this case, because there is no opportunity of presentation that I can see. It does not seem to me, however, that on that account we ought to arrest the passage of the pending bill, which has got to pass both Houses, I presume—it is a Senate bill, is it not?

Mr. OVERMAN. It is.

Mr. WEEKS. My particular reason for asking that question is that there has recently been presented to the Military Affairs Committee by the War Department a bill which will remove the objection made by the comptroller relative to the payment of those manufacturers who have received orders and have proceeded to carry them out, the orders being verbal, the manufacturers having never had a written contract with the Government. There are hundreds, and perhaps thousands, of such cases, and it is urgent that that legislation be passed, and that it be passed without delay, or many of those people may find themselves in serious financial straits. I did not know but that my colleague, with his long experience, could suggest some way in which that legislation could become a law, even though the President happens to be out of the country.

Mr. LODGE. Mr. President, I do not think that is a reason for stopping the passage of the bill now under consideration. I think it will have to pass the House, which will take probably some little time; but the people who are interested in it are extremely anxious to get this action as soon as possible. I will read a few of the names of the national committee. They include Hon. William Howard Taft, Hon. Charles Evans Hughes, Abram I. Elkins, Hon. Elihu Root, Frederick H. Allen, James L. Barton—they are all well-known men—Cleveland H. Dodge, Charles W. Eliot, Cardinal Gibbons, and so on. It is a long list of men known throughout the country, of the very highest standing and character.

I think the bill was proposed by Mr. Root; at any rate, it is stated in the letter I have here that ex-Senator Root is one of those who prepared the bill. I had hoped when the Senator from North Carolina called the measure up that there would be no objection to it. We have in this country large numbers of Armenians, Syrians, and Greeks, who are profoundly interested in this matter, who will give largely to the funds and who are extremely desirous that this machinery be established to give relief to these large bodies of suffering people.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Mr. President, I should like to ask the Senator a question. As I understand, the gentlemen whose names have been read by him are members of the committee, but not the incorporators. Is that correct?

Mr. LODGE. The incorporators, I think, are mentioned in the bill.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. Yes; but they are not the gentlemen referred to by the Senator.

Mr. LODGE. I have not the bill before me.

The VICE PRESIDENT. They are named in the bill, and the list can be read, if desired, for the information of the Senate.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan. No; that is not necessary.

Mr. LODGE. I think they must be the same men.

Mr. LEWIS. Mr. President, if the Senator from Massachusetts will permit, I think there is an idea prevailing in the minds of some Senators that the bill carries some form of appropriation. The bill carries no appropriation from Congress whatever, does it?

Mr. LODGE. None whatever.

Mr. LEWIS. That is my understanding.

Mr. LODGE. It merely authorizes the creation of a corporation under the laws of the District of Columbia.

Mr. LEWIS. And carries no liability to the Federal Government?

Mr. OVERMAN. None whatever.

Mr. LODGE. The names of the incorporators are the same as the names I read of the members of the national committee.

Mr. JONES of Washington. Mr. President—

The VICE PRESIDENT. Does the Senator from Massachusetts yield to the Senator from Washington?

Mr. LODGE. Certainly.

Mr. JONES of Washington. I do not want the Senator to understand by anything that I may have said that I am opposed to the consideration of the bill. What I do not like to see is unanimous consent considered as being given by the Senate for the consideration of a bill before it has been read. I am in favor of the bill, so far as that is concerned.

Mr. SMITH of Michigan and Mr. OVERMAN. Question! The VICE PRESIDENT. The bill is before the Senate, as in Committee of the Whole, and open to amendment. The bill was reported to the Senate without amendment, ordered to be engrossed for a third reading, read the third time, and passed.

NATIONAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION.

Mr. SMITH of Georgia. Mr. President, I wish to bring the attention of the Senate to Senate bill 3219, which is a kindred bill to the one just passed. The two were before the Judiciary Committee together, were considered very carefully, and finally both passed the committee almost unanimously. The bill to which I refer proposes to incorporate the National Recreation Association. That association is simply made a corporation of the District of Columbia. The bill follows the report of the Judiciary Committee of the House.

Mr. KING. Mr. President, I object to the consideration of the bill.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Objection is made.

ALBERT BUSHNELL HART.

Mr. WEEKS. Mr. President, one of the names which has been referred to publicly in connection with the investigation which was made by the chief of the Secret Service is that of Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard University. Nobody in Massachusetts would believe that Prof. Hart is now or ever has been disloyal. I think he has appeared within two or three days before the Judiciary Committee to make some explanation of his past record. I have here a statement made by another citizen of Massachusetts relating an incident which took place before we were engaged in war in which Prof. Hart took part, and which is so conclusive as to his views at that time that I ask, in justice to him, that it be included in the Record.

The VICE PRESIDENT. Is there any objection? The Chair hears none, and it is so ordered.

The matter referred to is as follows:

PROF. HART AND DR. ALBERT.

NEWTON, December 7.

To the EDITOR OF THE HERALD:

I can not resist the temptation to write in protest of the gross injustice done Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart by publishing his name among those who were pro-German. Had the name of HENRY CABOT LODGE, JOHN W. WEEKS, or Mayor Peters been in that list, I should not have been more surprised.

For the benefit of the readers of the Herald who were not present at a meeting of the Economic Club, of Boston, held in January, 1915, I will describe it. The speakers were David Starr Jordan; Prof. Kuno Francke, of Harvard, a German; Prof. Wiener, of Harvard, a Russian; Dr. Albert, connected with the German embassy; and Prof. Albert Bushnell Hart. The meeting was held at the American House. William H. Lincoln, president of the club, made two requests. First, that, owing to the crowded condition of the room, all refrain from smoking, and second, that, owing to the fact that the speakers represented three different nations, we refrain from applause. But before David Starr Jordan had spoken five minutes the crowd burst into laughter, which was followed by applause, and Mr. Lincoln might as well have tried to stop a cyclone. Dr. Jordan had stated that in one respect this war was most peculiar. No one was willing to father it. The Austrians and Germans denied the responsibility of starting it, Russia and France the same, and England could plead an alibi, as the war had started before she went in. So he said "we shall have to regard this war as a founding left on the doorstep of civilization." Prof. Francke followed Dr. Jordan. His address was in substance only a eulogy on Germany. Prof. Wiener caused a great deal of merriment in his spiky criticisms of Germany. Then came Dr. Albert. He read from manuscript a plea justifying Germany in her violation of the neutrality of Belgium. He claimed that Belgium was not a neutral country, but a neutralized country. That she had not declared her own neutrality, but had been made neutral by the other powers, and Germany, being one of the signers of that agreement, had a right to withdraw at any time. At this point Prof. Hart interrupted the speaker, and addressing the president said: "May I ask the speaker a question?" Before the president had time to reply, Dr. Albert turned to Prof. Hart and said, "Certainly; any question you please." Prof. Hart then asked this question: "Do we understand the speaker to say that had Germany not agreed to the neutrality of Belgium she would not have a right to violate it, but as she had agreed to it she did have a right to violate it?" The laughter and applause that followed was entirely beyond control. I never saw so many emotions expressed in a man's face in so short a time as was expressed in the face of Dr. Albert. His discomfiture was extreme and the remainder of his paper might just as well have been read to a flock of birds, for no one gave him any attention.

When Prof. Hart rose to speak he turned to Dr. Albert and in language that was plain to understand said: "Let me tell Dr. Albert that before this war is over Germany will have to atone for every drop of blood she sheds and for every crime she commits in Belgium, for the world is not bad enough to allow such a cowardly outrage to go unpunished."

Prof. Hart then went on some 30 minutes with a masterly historical arraignment of Germany. And although he was the last speaker he held the attention of the audience to the end.

AFFAIRS IN RUSSIA.

F. O. STANLEY.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. President, I introduce the resolution which I send to the desk; and then, in accordance with

the request that I made yesterday, may I have permission of the Senate to address a few remarks to it?

The VICE PRESIDENT. Without objection, it is so ordered. The Secretary will read the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 384) was read, as follows:

Whereas in August, 1918, United States soldiers were sent to the city of Stok and Murmansk and Archangel, and in public announcements the State Department armed intervention in Russia was disavowed; and

Whereas the State Department for the United States then taking this action the Government of the United States announced to the people of Russia in the most public and prominent manner that it contemplates no interference with the political local affairs of the limited areas which her military forces are obliged to occupy—and no impairment of her territorial integrity either now or hereafter, but what we are about to do has as its only object the rendering of such aid as shall be acceptable to the Russian people themselves in their endeavors to regain their own affairs, their own territory, and their destiny;

Whereas since the arrival of United States troops in Russia various patches have recounted skirmishes and battles between Russian soldiers, the taking and retaking of Russian towns, and various incidents indicating a state of war; and Whereas Congress has not declared war upon Russia and has not information as to the conditions existing between our soldiers and Russian soldiers: Therefore be it

Resolved, First, that the Secretary of State be, and is hereby, directed to send to the Senate, if not incompatible with the public interest, data, documents, and information showing or bearing upon our relations with Russia as to peace or war, so that the Senate and the Nation may know why and for what purpose our soldiers are in Russia, and what is the policy of the Government in reference to Russia.

Second, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, directed to furnish to the public interest, to advise the Senate of the number of United States soldiers in Russia and their location and operations, together with any lists of casualties which they have suffered.

Mr. JOHNSON of California. Mr. President, recently certain Senator delivered quite a remarkable speech on these events, and subsequently received a letter from a correspondent about as follows:

Senator BLANK:

I have just read your remarks of yesterday in the United States Senate, and I beg to inform you that you're an ass.

The Senator immediately replied:

MY DEAR SIR: I have just received your letter, and I thank you for the information you have given me.

Fraternally, yours.

[Laughter.]

In this day, when intolerant newspapers imperatively demand immediate and complete indorsement of prevailing opinion, it is a dangerous and a delicate thing to speak of Russia, or to discuss concerning our activities there; and the epithet applied to a distinguished colleague will doubtless be the least of those which will greet the seeker for truth in respect to the Russian situation.

Some of us for many months desired to inquire into the relations between the United States and Russia. We have recognized that in the Russian situation most tremendous and most issues are involved. Free discussion of the question has hitherto impossible, because of its complex relationship to the greater problem, the world war. While the war was in progress Germany yet a menace to civilization, we thought it inadvisable to demand information or to discuss what might have been deemed mistakes or indiscretions. But now Germany has been beaten, and German militarism has been crushed. The incident in repeating to Congress the armistice terms declared that the war has ended"; and on December 2 again stated the fact, and further said that the armistice was in effect a complete submission of the enemy, that the central empires themselves beaten and their very empires were in liquidation. The demands of the military situation, therefore, no longer require silence. The war is over. We have won. The empires are in liquidation. With the authoritative utterance of the President no reason exists why we should not know the position of the United States in respect to Russia, the activities of our Army in that country, and the purposes of the Government. Not to endeavor to inform ourselves is cowardice and cowardice. And it is because no Senator with whom I have talked, no public official of whom I have inquired, knows the cause, indeed, we do not know, and our people do not know what we do or what we seek in Russia or what our purpose is that I present my resolution and these remarks.

I am quite aware that the most respectful, modest, and fitting inquiry upon the subject of Russia will be met with accusations of bolshevism; that a mere purpose of information will be denounced as sympathy with anarchy; that a demand that American boys shall not be sacrificed to the cause of a Russian winter and conflict with a desperate people shall be termed a defense of international agitators, and of the

VOTED that the Executive Committee be authorized to incorporate under the name of "The American Committee for Relief in the Near East" or such other name as may after due consideration seem best adapted to serve the purposes of the committee.

VOTED that in filing the papers of incorporation the Executive Committee be authorized to make such other changes in the phrasing of the articles of incorporation as may seem necessary or desirable after consultation with legal advisers.

At the suggestion of Mr. Dodge it was agreed that Dr. Arthur J. Brown be made a consulting member of the Committee on Incorporation to advise in connection with important matters of phraseology in the final draft of the articles of incorporation.

VOTED that this committee transfer to the new corporation, when effected, all property, assets, rights, privileges and good will of the present unincorporated association, known as the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief.

VOTED that the Committee on Incorporation be instructed to make nominations for officers of the corporation and report to the first meeting held after the incorporation is effected.

Dr. Mac Callum, in behalf of the Committee on Candidates and the Persian Commission, reported the sailing of the first two contingents of the Persian Commission and plans for the early sailing of Dr. Harry Pratt Judson as the head of the commission, the commission at this time consisting of the following members, with the understanding that the Executive Committee has power to make such additions to this commission as may in the judgment of Dr. Judson and the Executive Committee seem necessary to accomplish the purposes of the commission.

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson	Professor A.V.W. Jackson
Mrs. A.V.W. Jackson	Dr. Wilfred M. Post
Leland Rex Robinson	Harold R. Holmes
Livingston Bentley	F. Tredwell Smith
Roland S. Vaile	E. W. Mc Dowell
Dr. Joseph W. Cook	

Mirza Ali Kuli Kahn, Charge d'affaires of the Persian Legation in Washington was introduced and addressed the committee

VOTED that the treasurer be authorized to pay to the Navy Department of the United States Government the following drafts:

<u>Number</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Amount</u>
128	May 10, 1917	\$3,029.31
133	June 20, 1917	579.43
142	July 31, 1917	969.51
145	Aug. 24, 1917	622.36
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		\$5,200.61 ✓

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account of the S. S. "Caesar", charging the same to Syrian relief, and that the sum of \$2,015.88 more or less, when received from the State Department on the same account shall be credited to Syrian relief.

The Secretary reported the conference of workers which had been in session during the day, and presented the following outline of work as the recommendation of the conference as to the working program for the remainder of the calendar year:

----- J U L Y -----

1. Preparation of material for October-November publicity.
2. Collection of regular monthly pledges and other routine work.
3. Promotion of the nation-wide "Money-earning, Money-saving" campaign of the school children during the summer months.
4. Preparation and organization of records and working material for fall campaign
5. Training conferences for committeemen and workers, preparatory to the winter's campaign, to be held in connection with various summer training schools, conferences and institutes.

----- A U G U S T -----

Same as July

----- SEPTEMBER -----

1. Sectional training conferences for workers, to be held in the Pacific northwest, California, Chicago, Atlanta, New York, Boston and other centers.
2. Final work on the October and November magazines.
3. Preparation of printed matter for November drive, preliminary work on which should be done during June, July and August.
4. Reorganization and alignment of all committees, making sure that committees are appointed in all states and in all important cities and towns.
5. Conference of Sunday School leaders and preliminary steps for the Christmas drive in the Sunday schools.

----- OCTOBER -----

1. Continued preparation and organization for November drive, with publicity in the weekly and daily press.

----- NOVEMBER -----

1. Simultaneous nation-wide drive - Suggested dates November 23-30, subject, however, to such plans as the Y.M.C.A. and Liberty Loan authorities may develop for October and November, with the possibility of our making minor adjustments of our dates.

----- DECEMBER -----

1. Follow-up of the November drive
2. Campaign in the Sunday schools.

Upon motion the above outline of work was approved as the working policy of the committee for the remainder of the year.

Dr. William H. Hall in behalf of the Committee on Rehabilitation presented a written report of the activities of the Committee on Rehabilitation, and asked for the vote of the general committee as to whether and how the rehabilitation report should be published.

VOTED that the matter of printing the vote of the Committee on Rehabilitation be referred to the Executive Committee with power.

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the chairman.

James L. Barton
Chairman

W. H. Vickrey
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE

OF THE

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

Aldine Club

12.30 Noon

September 19, 1918

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Samuel T. Dutton
Fred B. Haggard
Harold A. Hatch
William B. Millar
George T. Scott
Talcott Williams
Dr. Frederick Lynch

Abram I. Elkus
Frank W. Jackson
William I. Haven
Henry Morgenthau
Charles V. Vickrey
Stephen S. Wise
William Jay Schieffelin

MEMBERS
AND
FRIENDS
PRESENT

Charles Dillon
W. E. Doughty
B. G. Follansbee
T. Graham Hall
J. J. Handsaker
Russell Harty
Anton G. Hodenpyl
Mary Caroline Holmes
Edward H. Huelster
Frank C. Jackson
Mrs. Luetta Kenney
H. F. Laflamme
James Henry Larson
F. W. Mac Callum
John Malm
Miss Mason
Hugo A. Muller
Frances M. Parsons
W. W. Peet
Mrs. Chas. H. Pittman
Charles H. Pratt
C. F. Ranney
Henry H. Riggs
William J. Shallcross
A. Shmavonian
Mr. Robert Stapleton
Mrs. C. V. Vickrey
Judge H. M. Wells
A. H. Whitford
B. S. Winchester
S. W. Zwemer

Sherman L. Divine
C. O. Dunaway
Richard Gottheil
William H. Hall
W. A. Harbison
Thomas D. Heald
William E. Holloway
Mrs. G. Horton
Henry Woodward Hulbert
H. C. Jaquith
W. G. Kyriakides
Mrs. H. F. Laflamme
J. P. Mc Naughton
Mrs. John Malcolm
G. M. Manavian
Irving Maurer
Fletcher Douglas Parke
Ernest Partridge
Charles H. Pittman
Dr. E. H. Poteat
Ernest Pye
Charles T. Riggs
Charles Rowland
A. C. Shattuck
F. H. Sisson
Mrs. Robert Stapleton
Charles S. Ward
Miss Emily J. Wheeler
George E. White
Haig Y. Yardumian

Prayer was offered by

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer reported the following financial statement of receipts and disbursements, which was received and placed on record:

Receipts to May 31st as per Auditors' statement	\$10,464,337.48	
Receipts - June	452,478.41	
Receipts - July	420,713.05	
Receipts - August	490,287.222	
Receipts - September	<u>363,358.84</u>	\$12,191,175.
Remittances forwarded to relief centers, including authorized drafts previous to July 12, 1918		<u>\$10,493,404.94</u>
Appropriations 16-28, forwarded since July 12, 1918:		
No. 16 July 18, 1918 Palestine via Jerusalem	\$50,000.	
No. 17 July 18, 1918 Asia Minor via Constantin.	150,000.	
No. 18 July 18, 1918 Syria via Beirut	50,000.	
No. 19 July 16, 1918 Persia	200,000.	
No. 20 July 17, 1918 Mesopotamia	10,000.	
No. 23 Aug. 1, 1918 Asia Minor	150,000.	
No. 24 Aug. 1, 1918 Syria	50,000.	
No. 25 Aug. 1, 1918 Persia	200,000.	
No. 26 Aug. 1, 1918 Mesopotamia	10,000.	
No. 28 Aug. 10, 1918 Persia	<u>110,000.</u>	<u>\$980,000.</u>
Total remittances and authorized drafts		<u>\$11,473,404.94</u>
Balance		717,770.06

The Secretary reported various communications from the field.

The purpose of the proposed new corporation is to coordinate the work of the American Committee for Relief in the Near East with those of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, and

By - laws

Voted that the recommendations of the Persian Commission with reference to additions to the Persian Commission be approved, and that we hereby authorize the sailing of the following additional workers to cooperate with the present commission in Persia:

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| Hugo A. Mueller | Miss L. B. Beaber |
| Miss Helen Easton | Miss Phelps |
| Mr. & Mrs. Pittman | Miss Guild |
| Miss Dean | George T. Scott |

The salaries of these workers to be met by the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and their expenses defrayed as a part of the regular expenses of the Persian Commission from appropriations already made, or to be made.

Voted that all unused appropriations, including the emergency appropriations made at the July meeting for the purpose of providing for exigencies of the summer be, and hereby are cancelled.

Voted that in view of the recent arrangements for a joint campaign of all army welfare organizations for \$170,500,000. during the dates of November 11-19:

- A Our Committee postpone the Armenian-Syrian relief campaign that had been organized for November 23-30, and give all possible assistance to the joint army welfare campaign
- B We realign our campaign for the dates of January 12-19, 1919, at which time we request the fullest possible cooperation from the national organizations, committees and workers who engaged in the campaign November 11-19.

Voted that we adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS there are now pending before the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States bills providing for the incorporation of "The American Committee for Relief in the Near East" and

WHEREAS the majority of the incorporators named in these bills are now members of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief and

WHEREAS the purposes of the proposed new corporation "The American Committee for Relief in the Near East" are identical with those of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, and

WHEREAS the Articles of Incorporation provide that the new corporation "The American Committee for Relief in the Near East" shall be entitled to take, hold, and administer any securities, funds or property which may be transferred to them for the purpose and objects hereinbefore enumerated by the existing and unincorporated American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief",

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief does hereby authorize and give full power to its executive committee to transfer to the "American Committee for Relief in the Near East" all rights, property, good will and other assets which may now be, or may hereafter come into the possession of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, the executive Committee to have full power to effect this transfer as soon as practicable after the full incorporation of the "American Committee for Relief in the Near East"

Voted that in the event of delay in the passage of the bill incorporating the "AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST", the Executive Committee shall have power at its discretion to change the name of the present committee to the American Committee for Relief in the Near East, and to prepare matter, and to conduct correspondence in this name in the winter's campaign for funds.

Voted that we instruct the officers of the committee to express our appreciation of the action of the War Victims' Relief Committee of London, England, in giving permission for Mr. Heald to cooperate with us in our campaign in America.

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

James L. Burton
Chairman

A. W. Vickrey
Secretary

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
OF THE
AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

7.00 P.M.

January 3, 1919

Yale Club, N Y City

Samuel T. Dutton
Henry Morgenthau
Alexander J. Hemphill
James L. Barton
Charles V. Vickrey
Arthur J. Brown
Frank W. Jackson
Frederick Lynch
Albert Shaw
James M. Speers
Talcott Williams

Cleveland H. Dodge
Edwin M. Bulkley
William B. Millar
Harold A. Hatch
Hon. Abram I. Elkus
William I. Chamberlain
Arthur Curtiss James
William Jay Schieffelin
Edward Lincoln Smith
Stanley White

W. W. Peet
George H. Washburn
Arthur E. Sutherland
A. Karagheusian
PRESENT BY A. Shmavonian
INVITATION BY W. Staub
F. Willoughby Smith
Ex-Ambassador Gerard

F. W. Mac Callum
E. C. Moore
John H. T. Main
Mr. Gulbenkian
H. C. Jaquith
Arthur E. Sutherland, Jr.
Charles S. Ward
Robert J. Cuddihy

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Samuel T. Dutton, Vice-Chairman

Invocation was offered by Dr. Arthur J. Brown

Dr. Barton entered the room and took the chair

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

The Treasurer presented the following report which by vote was ordered received and placed on file:

#2 General Committee
Jan. 3, 1919

Total Receipts to Dec. 31, 1918	\$13,946,199.81
Total disbursements for relief (not including outstanding drafts)	<u>9,331,175.10</u>
Total Balance as per Bank Statement below less reserve fund (held against outstanding drafts)	\$ 4,615,024.71
	<u>3,566,942.43</u>
	\$1,048,082.28

Bank Statement of December 31st, 1918

United States Treasury 4 1/2% Certificates of Indebtedness, maturing Jan. 30, 1919 (Purchase price not including accrued interest)		
Columbia Bank Jan. 30th	\$350,000.00	
Farmers' Loan and Trust Co. Jan. 30th	1,200,000.00	
Guaranty Trust Company Jan. 30th	<u>1,200,000.00</u>	\$2,750,000.00
Liberty Bonds and War Saving Stamps		149,497.33

<u>New York Central Equipment 4 1/2% Bonds</u>			
		<u>Par Value</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Issue of 1913 due Jan. 1/21		\$60,000.00	\$61,926.00
" " 1910 " " 1/21		12,000.00	12,385.20
" " 1910 " " 1/23		14,000.00	14,199.50

<u>Pennsylvania Railroad Equipment 4 1/2% Bonds</u>			
Series "B" due Jan 1/23		2,000.00	2,070.38
" " "F" " " 1/23		2,000.00	2,070.38
" " "H" " " 1/23		2,000.00	2,070.38
" " "K" " " 1/23		7,000.00	7,246.38
" " "L" " " 1/23		<u>1,000.00</u>	<u>1,033.19</u>
			103,003.36

Cash in Banks	<u>\$1,613,524.12</u>
Total Cash and Securities	\$4,615,024.71

Receipts to Dec. 31, 1918

\$13,946,199.61

Remittances forwarded to relief centers
including authorized drafts previous to
July 12, 1918

\$10,353,404.94

APPROPRIATIONS

16	July	18, 1918	Palestine	50,000.00	
17	"	18, 1918	Asia Minor via Constan.	150,000.00	
18	"	18, 1918	Syria via Beirut	50,000.00	
19	"	16, 1918	Persia	200,000.00	
20	"	17, 1918	Mesopotamia	10,000.00	
22	Aug	1, 1918	Palestine via Jerusalem	50,000.00	
23	"	1, 1918	Asia Minor	150,000.00	
24	"	1, 1918	Syria	50,000.00	
25	"	1, 1918	Persia	110,000.00	
26	"	1, 1918	Mesopotamia	10,000.00	
29	Sept.	18, 1918	Caucasus workers exp.	10,351.59	
30	"	18, 1918	Sup. & Exp. Persian Com	25,000.00	
31	"	18, 1918	Asia Minor via Constan.	150,000.00	
32	"	18, 1918	Syria	50,000.00	
35	"	18, 1918	Palestine	50,000.00	
37	"	18, 1918	Persia	175,000.00	
38	"	18, 1918	Palestine	50,000.00	
39	"	18, 1918	Asia Minor	150,000.00	
40	"	18, 1918	Syria	50,000.00	
41	"	18, 1918	Emergency Persia	200,000.00	
42	Oct.	9, 1918	Dr. Droppers, Athens for Greek relief	3,000.00	
43	"	9, 1918	Greek relief in Constan	10,000.00	
44	"	9, 1918	Bagdad	10,000.00	
46	"	17, 1918	Nov. & Dec. Persia thru Dr. Judson subject to draft via London	400,000.00	
47	Nov.	20, 1918	Persian Commission Dr. Harry Pratt Judson to cover instructions forwarded from individuals in Persia	8,360.00	
48	Nov.	20, 1918	Constantinople	250,000.00	
49	Nov.	20, 1918	Palestine through the American Red Cross	50,000.00	
50	Nov.	20, 1918	Syria	50,000.00	
51	Nov.	20, 1918	Bagdad for November	10,000.00	
52	Nov.	20, 1918	Refugees in Japan	3,000.00	
54	Nov.	20, 1918	Expenses of the Commission to Turkey available for relief	10,000.00	\$12,898,116.53

UNITED WAR WORK CAMPAIGN

(INCORPORATED)

ORGANIZED AT REQUEST OF PRESIDENT WILSON

\$170,500,000 NOVEMBER 11-18, 1918

UNITED COMMITTEE

JOHN R. MOTT
JOHN P. DAVIDSON
CLEVELAND H. DODGE
RAYMOND B. FOSDICK
ARTHUR L. SCHIFF

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JOHN D. ROCKEFELLER, JR.
CLEVELAND H. DODGE
RAYMOND B. FOSDICK
EX-OFFICIO CHAIRMAN

COOPERATING ORGANIZATIONS

NATIONAL WAR WORK COUNCIL OF THE Y. M. C. A.
WAR WORK COUNCIL OF THE Y. W. C. A.
NATIONAL CATHOLIC WAR COUNCIL (K. O. P. C.)
JEWISH WELFARE BOARD
WAR CAMP COMMUNITY SERVICE
AMERICAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION
SALVATION ARMY

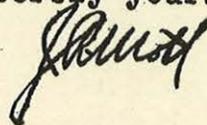
OFFICE OF DIRECTOR GENERAL
EQUITABLE TRUST BUILDING, 347 MADISON AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

December 2, 1918.

My dear Mr. Millar:

The relief work carried on by the American Committee in the Near East on behalf of Armenians, Syrians, Jews, Greeks and Persians in Western Asia, affords a pressing and an appealing opportunity for the American people to support a humanitarian cause. I most heartily endorse your Thirty Million Dollar Campaign culminating in a drive January 12th to 19th, and I bespeak for you the hearty cooperation and support of all the workers who took part in the United War Work Campaign and those associated with the Young Men's Christian Association throughout the country.

Very sincerely yours,



W. B. Millar, Esq.,
Director General,
1 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY.

WASHINGTON.

THE WHITE HOUSE.

WASHINGTON.

23 of December

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A PROCLAMATION

My dear Mr. Hinshaw:

I need not tell you how deeply I am interested in the good work which the American Committee for Relief in the Near East is undertaking. In all the horrors of war the hearts of our people have gone out particularly to the peoples for whom the campaign is being waged to raise thirty million dollars for their relief and help in these days of need. The American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief has done a great work for humanity in days of peril and I feel sure all Americans will feel it a privilege to make contribution to the larger measures of help to these persecuted peoples.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Daniels

Mr. David Hinshaw, Director Newspaper Publicity,
American Committee for Armenian Relief,
No. 1 Madison Avenue,
New York City.

Woodrow Wilson

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For more than three years American philanthropy has been a large factor in keeping alive Armenian, Syrian, Greek and other exiles and refugees of Western Asia.

On two former occasions I have appealed to the American people in behalf of these homeless sufferers, whom the vicissitudes of war and massacre had brought to the extremest need.

The response has been most generous, but now the period of rehabilitation is at hand. Vastly larger sums will be required to restore these once prosperous, but now impoverished, refugees to their former homes than were required merely to sustain life in their desert exile.

It is estimated that about 4,000,000 Armenian, Syrian, Greek and other war sufferers in the Near East will require outside help to sustain them through the winter. Many of them are now hundred of miles from their homeland. The vast majority of them are helpless women and children, including 400,000 orphans.

The American Committee for Relief in the Near East is appealing for a minimum of \$30,000,000 to be subscribed January 13-19, 1919, with which to meet the most urgent needs of these people.

I, therefore, again call upon the people of the United States to make even more generous contributions than they have made heretofore to sustain through the winter months those, who, through no fault of their own, have been left in a starving, shelterless condition, and to help reestablish these ancient and sorely oppressed people in their former homes on a self-supporting basis.

29 November, 1918



#4 Genl. Committee
Jan. 3, 1919

The Secretary reported that Mr. Millar, the Director General of the Special Campaign, was detained by a slight illness, but was actively pushing the campaign and would doubtless be at his desk the following day.

The Secretary also reported other general activities of the Committee, including plans for two naval vessels carrying relief to Constantinople, and the immediate purchase of seven thousand tons of flour now in the Mediterranean and en route to Constantinople

Dr. Barton reported plans of the Turkish Commission

Dr. Stanley White reported his recent interviews with Dr. Finley, Red Cross Commissioner to Palestine and Syria, and the suggestion of Dr. Finley with reference to our participation in relief work in Syria.

Cables and reports were read from Persia and other relief fields.

The Secretary read a report of appropriations and other important actions of the Executive Committee, copies of which are found in the Minutes of the Executive Committee of this date. The report as read was approved and accepted by the General Committee

Upon vote the following by-laws were adopted:

BY-LAWS

OF

AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST

ARTICLE I

The Trustees

Section 1. The property of this corporation shall be held, its business managed and controlled by a Board of not more than fifty trustees who shall hold office for three years, except that the first board of trustees named in the Act of Incorporation shall by lot be divided into three classes, one third serving for three years from the date of incorporation, one third for two years and one third for one year, or until their successors are elected.

Section 2. Vacancies in the Board of Trustees shall be filled by the trustees by ballot.

ARTICLE II

Section 1. The principal office of the corporation shall be in the City of Washington, District of Columbia, but executive offices may be maintained in New York City and such other centers as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee. The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees shall be held the first Friday of January each year in the City of New York, unless otherwise arranged by the Executive Committee.

Section 2. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the Executive Committee at such place as the committee may fix upon

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by notice served personally upon, or mailed to the usual address of each trustee ten days prior to the meeting, as the names and addresses of such trustees appear upon the books of the corporation.

Section 3. Special meetings shall be called by the Chairman, in the same manner, upon the written request of five members of the Board.

Section 4. Twenty members at any duly called meeting shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Trustees.

Section 5. The order of business at the annual meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be as follows:

1. Calling of the Roll
2. Reading of the Notice of the Meeting.
3. Reading of the Minutes of the last Annual or Special Meeting
4. Report of the Officers
5. Reports of Committees
6. Election of Officers and Trustees
7. Miscellaneous Business

ARTICLE III

OFFICERS

Section 1. The officers of the Board of Trustees of the corporation shall be a Chairman of the Board, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer. At the first meeting of the incorporators, and thereafter at each annual meeting, the Board of Trustees shall choose from their number, by a majority vote, a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold office for one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Section 2. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings of the Trustees. If the Chairman be absent or unable to act, the Vice-Chairman shall preside.

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Section 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep the minutes of all meetings of the members of the Corporation in a proper book provided for that purpose. He shall attend to the giving and serving of all notices of meetings of the Trustees. He shall sign and execute all instruments in the name of the Corporation, when authorized so to do by the Board of Trustees, or by the Executive Committee, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Corporation.

Section 4. It shall be the duty of the Treasurer, under the direction of the Executive Committee, to have the care and custody of all funds and property of the corporation, and to deposit the same in such banks, trust company or depositories as the Board of Trustees or the Executive Committee shall designate. He shall receive and disburse moneys and perform all the acts incident to the position of Treasurer. He shall render a statement of his accounts to the Executive Committee as it shall require the same, and shall make a report at each meeting of the Trustees. He shall enter, or cause to be entered, in proper books of account to be kept by him for that purpose, full and accurate accounts of all moneys received and paid out on account of the Corporation.

ARTICLE IV

ASSISTANT TREASURER

An assistant Treasurer may be appointed by the Executive Committee, to perform the duties and exercise the powers, or some part thereof, of the Treasurer. Such Assistant Treasurer may be either an individual or a Corporation.

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ARTICLE V

AUDITOR

The Trustees shall annually designate and authorize the employment of a Certified Public accountant who shall give continuous supervision to the accounts of the Corporation, making an annual report of audit to the Trustees, and making such other ad interim reports as the Executive Committee may require.

ARTICLE VI

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Section 1. There shall be an Executive Committee consisting of nine Trustees, elected annually by the Board of Trustees by ballot.

Section 2. On November 15th of each year, a Nominating Committee, consisting of the Chairman of the Board and two Trustees appointed by him, shall send notice by mail to all members of the Corporation, of the vacancies in the Executive Committee, to be filled at the ensuing annual meeting, and shall invite suggestions of names of persons to be nominated as members of the Executive Committee. The nomination of this Committee shall be voted upon by the Board of Trustees. Any Trustee may place in nomination the name of any other Trustee for membership on this Committee.

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST

The Secretary shall be the custodian of the seal

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Section 3. During the intervals between the meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee shall exercise all the powers of the Board of Trustees in the management and direction of the business and conduct of the affairs of the Corporation.

The Executive Committee may, in its discretion, appoint such sub-committees as it may deem necessary or desirable for the proper transaction of the business of the Corporation.

Section 4. Whenever any vacancy shall occur in the Executive Committee, or in any office of the Corporation, by death, resignation or otherwise, it shall be filled by appointment by the Executive Committee for the remainder of the current corporate year.

Section 5. The Executive Committee may hold its meetings and have an office or offices and keep the books of the Corporation at such place or places as it may from time to time determine.

Section 6. A majority of the Executive Committee shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, or if there be less than a quorum present at any duly called meeting, a majority of those present may adjourn the meeting from time to time, or sine die.

ARTICLE VII

The seal of the Corporation shall be circular in form and shall have inscribed thereon in the margin, the following words:

THE AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR RELIEF IN THE NEAR EAST

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of the Corporation, and shall affix it to such documents as the Trustees or the Executive Committee shall direct.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS

These by-laws may be amended at any annual or special meeting of the Board of Trustees by a two-third vote of the members present, provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been served personally upon, or mailed to the usual address of each member of the Board twenty days prior to the meeting.

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| James L. Barton, Chairman | Samuel T. Dutton, Vice-Chairman |
| Henry Morecuthan | William B. Miller |
| Harold A. Hatch | Edwin M. Bulkeley |
| Hon. Abram I. Eikus | Hon. Elihu Root |
| Arthur J. Brown | John B. Calvert |
| Charles W. Elliot | William T. Ellis |
| James Cardinal Gibbons | Jerome D. Greene |
| St. Rev. David H. Greer | Fred T. Haggard |
| William I. Haven | Myron T. Harrick |
| Hamilton Holt | Frank W. Jackson |
| Arthur Curtiss James | Harry Pratt Judson |
| Woodbury C. Langdon | Frederick Lynch |
| Vance C. Mc Cormick | Charles S. MacFarland |
| Hon. R. B. F. Macfarland | John R. Mott |
| Frank Mason North | George A. Plimpton |
| St. Rev. Philip Rhineland | Karl Davis Robinson |
| William W. Rockwell | William Jay Schieffelin |
| Albert Shaw | William Sloans |
| Edward Lincoln Smith | Robert K. Speer |
| James M. Speers | Oscar S. Straus |
| Harry A. Wheeler | Stanley White |
| Ray Lyman Wilbur | Falcott Williams |
| Stephen S. Wise | James V. Gerard |

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

That the following persons be elected to serve as Executive Committee

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| Samuel T. Dutton, Chairman | James L. Barton |
| Cleveland H. Dodge | George T. Scott |
| William B. Miller | Henry Morecuthan |
| Charles V. Vickrey | Harold A. Hatch |
| Edwin M. Bulkeley | Alexander J. Hemphill |
| Abram I. Eikus | |

Dr. Stanley White, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following report from the Nominating Committee:

1. That the present members of the Committee be re-elected for the ensuing year

GENERAL COMMITTEE

2. That the following persons be elected to serve as General Committee:

James L. Barton, Chairman
Charles V. Vickrey, Secy.
Henry Morgenthau
George T. Scott
Harold A. Hatch
Alexander J. Hemphill
Hon. Abram I. Elkus
Frederick Allen
Arthur J. Brown
William I. Chamberlain
Charles W. Eliot
James Cardinal Gibbons
Rt. Rev. David H. Greer
William I. Haven
Hamilton Holt
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Harry A. Wheeler
Ray Lyman Wilbur
Stephen S. Wise

Samuel T. Dutton, Vice-Chairman
Cleveland H. Dodge, Treas.
William B. Millar
Charles R. Crane
Edwin M. Bulkley
Hon. William Howard Taft
Hon. Elihu Root
Charles E. Beury
John B. Calvert
Col. Wm. Cooper Proctor
William T. Ellis
Jerome D. Greene
Fred P. Haggard
Myron T. Herrick
Frank W. Jackson
Harry Pratt Judson
Frederick Lynch
Charles S. MacFarland
John R. Mott
George A. Plimpton
Karl Davis Robinson
William Jay Schieffelin
William Sloane.
Robert E. Speer
Oscar S. Straus
Stanley White
Talcott Williams
James W. Gerard

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

That the following persons be elected to serve as Executive Committee

Samuel T. Dutton, Chairman
Cleveland H. Dodge
William B. Millar
Charles V. Vickrey
Edwin M. Bulkley

James L. Barton
George T. Scott
Henry Morgenthau
Harold A. Hatch
Alexander J. Hemphill
Abram I. Elkus

4. That the Executive Committee be given power to fill vacancies in the General Committee and to transact such other business as may be necessary between meetings of the General Committee.

5. That an Auditing Committee be appointed, consisting of

E. M. Bulkley
Henry Morgenthau
Charles R. Crane
Alexander J. Hemphill

6. That a Committee on Candidates be appointed consisting of

Samuel T. Dutton
George T. Scott
F. W. Mac Callum

7. That a Committee on Rehabilitation be appointed consisting of

Harold A. Hatch
James L. Barton

8. That a Committee on Publicity be appointed consisting of

Talcott Williams
Hamilton Holt
William T. Ellis
Frederick Lynch
Albert Shaw

Orphan

9. That a Committee on Finance be appointed consisting of

Alexander J. Hemphill, Chairman
Henry Morgenthau
— Edwin M. Bulkley
Charles R. Crane
Cleveland H. Dodge) Ex - officio
Charles V. Vickrey) members

Upon motion the report of the Committee was accepted, and one vote cast for the officers, members and committeemen as presented by the Nominating Committee

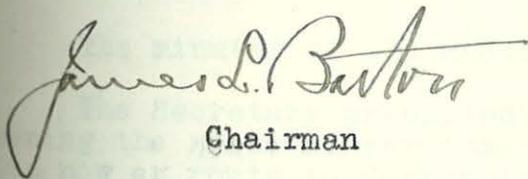
The Secretary was instructed to send votes of appreciation to Secretary Daniels, Secretary Baker, the State Department, the American Red Cross, the International Mercantile Marine and others who are so effectively cooperating with us in the work of relief.

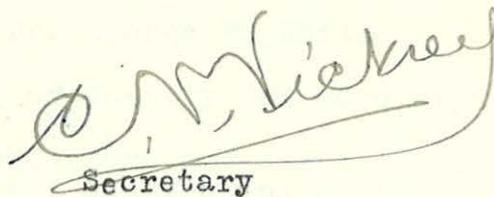
The Commission to Turkey was instructed to convey the greetings of the Committee to the Lord Mayor's Committee in London, and to the Syrian Palestine Relief Committee in London and Palestine.

Preceding the adjournment of the meeting, Mr. Gulbankian representing a group of Armenians in New York City presented to the Treasurer, Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, a beautiful, hand-decorated, manuscript parchment Bible of an early date, the Bible being in an engraved silver-mounted binding and encased in an elaborate hand-carved wooden case. The presentation was accompanied by an address by Mr. Gulbankian, assuring the Committee of the appreciation on the part of the Armenians of the services that Mr. Dodge as Treasurer has rendered to the cause of humanity and especially to the Armenians during the past four years of persecution.

Mr. M. Karagheusian, in behalf of the Armenians, presented a beautiful Oriental rug to the Chairman, Dr. Barton, with assurances of appreciation on the part of the Armenians of the services that Dr. Barton has given, and is giving to their people.

The meeting adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.


Chairman


Secretary

MINUTES OF THE GENERAL COMMITTEE
OF THE
AMERICAN COMMITTEE FOR ARMENIAN AND SYRIAN RELIEF

February 3, 1919

Banker's Club

2 P.M.

MEMBERS
PRESENT

Samuel T. Dutton
Alexander J. Hemphill
Charles V. Vickrey
George T. Scott
Wm. I. Chamberlain
Frank W. Jackson
William W. Rockwell
Albert Shaw
Stanley White

Cleveland H. Dodge
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Harry Pratt Judson
Wm. Jay Schieffelin
James M. Speers
Talcott Williams

PRESENT BY
INVITATION

George E. White
Maurice Wertheim
H. C. Jaquith

Dr. Harry Pratt Judson
Wilber E. Post
Dr. F. W. MacCallum

Invocation was offered by Dr. George E. White.

The minutes of the meeting of January 3rd were approved.

The Secretary presented cablegrams and other information concerning the needs at various relief centers and concerning the commission now en route to Constantinople.

VOTED that the following appropriations be made and that the Treasurer be authorized to forward credits or remittances as rapidly as practicable to our committees and commissions in the places named, but with the usual proviso that the Treasurer in consultation with the officers of the Executive Committee may temporarily withhold or regulate the payment of these appropriations in the light of telegraphic or other information coming from the field:

- #72 - Constantinople through the Food Administration, Washington, D.C. for February.....\$250,000
- #73 - Syria for February..... 50,000
- #74 - Palestine, through the American Red Cross, February 50,000

Feb. 3, 1919

- #75 Russian Caucasus - available for payment of drafts amounting to approximately L40,000 drawn by Mr. O. Booman and other relief workers prior to January 15, 1919, this payment to be made through the American Legation, Teheran, and the drafts honored only if approved and countersigned by our treasurer, Harrison A. Maynard.....\$200,000.
- #76 Erivan, and the Caucasus, for use of the committee consisting of Messrs. Maynard and Elder as per request in cable from American Consul at Bagdad, January 7th. This appropriation to be made available through the American Consul, Bagdad, or the American Minister, Teheran, and to be available only as drafts are approved by our treasurer, Harrison A. Maynard.....100,000
- #77 Tabriz - payable to W. S. Vanneman for Feb.....200,000
- #78 EMERGENCY APPROPRIATION, for use at the discretion of the officers of the Committee, to meet emergency needs that may be reported from Mosul, Bakuba, the Caucasus or other portion of the field, where telegraphic information may reveal urgent needs prior to the next meeting of the Committee...200,000
- #79 For Mar Shimon, Patriarch of the Nestorian Church, payable through W. S. Vanneman or Dr. Robert McDowell, Bagdad, in consideration of funds received from Woodbury G. Langdon, Treasurer of the Assyrian Relief Fund..... 4,000

VOTED that the Secretary be instructed to assure Mr. Hoover and other officials of the Food Administration of our appreciation of their cooperation in placing large quantities of food at the command of the committee, for relief purposes in the Near East, and also of other courtesies granted to us by the Food Administration.

VOTED that through Mr. Arthur Curtiss James or other representatives now in Paris, we place before the President or Mr. Hoover of the Food Administration an urgent request for the largest possible share of the \$100,000,000 appropriated by Congress for Relief purposes.

VOTED that in response to inquiry from the Department of State we assure the Department of our willingness and desire to do anything that may be within our power to assist in the proposed welfare work securing and transmitting to American citizen information concerning friends and relatives in the Near East.

#3 General Committee
Feb. 3, 1919

VOTED that we authorize the officers of the Committee to arrange through our Constantinople representatives for return freight cargoes for the S. S. Mercurius, Pensacola, Western Belle and any other vessels that may be at the command of the committee for relief transportation purposes.

VOTED that we express to the United States Navy our appreciation of their further courtesy and generosity in permitting the committee to use the cargo space of the Mercurius and the Pensacola on their homeward voyages.

VOTED that F. W. MacCallum, Assistant Treasurer, be authorized to sign checks on the National City Bank on behalf of the Committee, these checks being valid when countersigned by a member of the Executive Committee.

As the main feature of the day, Dr. Judson gave a most interesting report of the work of the Persian Commission. Dr. Judson stated that he would supplement this verbal report with a more detailed written report to be filed with the secretary in due time.

Maurice Wertheim, the financial member of the commission, Dr. Wilber E. Post and Prof. A. V. W. Jackson were also introduced and spoke briefly.

Upon motion of Mr. Dodge, the chairman was requested to prepare a suitable record of the Committee's appreciation of the admirable services of Dr. Judson and the commission, copies to be sent to members of the commission and spread upon the minutes.

Dr. George E. White presented a statement concerning possible relations with the Minnesota Alumni Association with special industrial work for women in Western Asia. The suggestion in principle was heartily approved by the members of the Committee, and upon motion Messrs. White and Vickrey were instructed to prepare and present both to the Minnesota Alumni Association and to the Committee a plan for cooperation.

Reference having been made both in Dr. Judson's verbal report and in letters from Dr. Barton as to the helpful cooperation of the British government - It was

VOTED that the Secretary be instructed to convey to the British government the deep appreciation of our Committee of the assistance and cooperation that the government is giving in all of the relief activities of the Committee.

The Committee adjourned to meet at the call of the Chairman.

James L. Barton *A. V. W. Jackson*
Chairman Secretary