

### JEWISH REFUGEES TELL OF HORRORS IN HOLY LAND

Weep Tears of Gratitude as They Land in America.

### STRIPPED CLEAN BY TURKS

Flends Carry Off Their Food and Clothing, Leaving Them Destitute—More Than Half the Inhabitants of Jerusalem Starved to Death—Reluctant to Speak of Experiences.

A huddled group of shivering, nerve-shattered Jewish refugees, on their recent arrival at an Atlantic port from war-stricken Jerusalem, sank to their knees on a floor of rough boards and offered up a prayer for their safe delivery.

Tears of gratitude streamed down their blanched and pinched faces. And they smiled—smiled for the first time since their happy, though unpretentious homes were so abruptly demolished.

Content as these people were to eke out an unpretentious living, they were wholly unprepared for the shock that followed. First, the decreased food supply, and then—they trembled as they told of it—the raids by the Turks.

Those raids, as one of their number described it, "first took what objects of value we had, then every bit of food, and, finally, our clothing. They left us hungry, half-clothed and helpless."

They could not tell how many of the women were assaulted, beaten and cursed—it was too horrible and brought back scenes that even the strongest of minds could not recall without a shock.

Tells of Experiences. In fact, they showed reluctance in discussing their experiences. The writer found one young man who could speak fairly good English and requested him to tell of his experiences and the conditions now existing in Jerusalem.

"My God, sir, I don't want to talk I want to eat. For God's sake, get me something to eat." Two large pieces of canned corned beef, more suspicious than appetizing in appearance, were provided. Like a starved animal, the young man devoured them, washing them down with a large cup of steaming black coffee.

"Got a cigarette?" he inquired of his interviewer, as his tongue sought possible stray crumbs about his mouth. He lit it, indulged in two enormous inhalations, and then smiled. For the present, at least, he was happy.

"Jerusalem was a city of 65,000 before this war began," he said, as the smile disappeared. "Now there are but 25,000. The others starved to death. The Turks came and took everything we had. I don't want to talk about them."

"I was one of that forlorn crowd which left Palestine about five months ago. We were headed for Holland, for Switzerland, for any place we could find friends. We were four months getting to Berne. It was horrible. Men and women dropped along the way. They were too weak, too hungry to go any further. They died. I suppose."

Food and Clothing. The cigarette was almost finished as he concluded. He took another puff looked at the stub longingly and tossed it into the water. Another was produced. Again he smiled as he smoked and told of how clothing and food were provided at Berne—of clothing which did not fit and of food, not del.

### WEATHER VANE MADE BY CANADIAN SOLDIER



Vanes are seen everywhere in the fighting area on the western front and are used for many things. A glance at the vanes shows the troops if the gas alert is on or off. This one was made by a Canadian soldier.

care, but which kept soul and body together.

In the midst of a scene almost defying description there appeared a young, black-skinned, dark-skinned, a Southern negro, who had cooked on steamships. He had made one trip too many and was caught on the other side. The whites of his eyes and two rows of purely teeth were outstanding features as he fell in with the stowage passengers and walked down the gangplank.

"Where you going, Sambo?" asked one of the passengers. "I'm going to get me an apple pie. Dat's what I'm going to get." "Dat's what I'm going to get," he replied.

In the meantime the scene in the stowage had changed. They had ceased praying. They were smiling as they waited to be checked over. They had been told that on completion of that work they would be taken to a hotel and served a "full" meal. They waited but very impatiently—they were hungry.

Germany Refuses Clearance. The activities of the joint committee followed closely "experiences of the United States collier 'Sterling,' which sailed on February 22, 1918, with a consignment of medicines and muzzles for Palestine. France and Great Britain were willing to grant the steamer "clearance" or "raife" papers, but Germany refused.

The ship was then held, but later the United States collier Caesar landed at Alexandria, Egypt, with a consignment of medicine, which eventually found its way to Palestine. From that time the joint committee has never ceased its efforts to succor the war-stricken people of Jerusalem.

But Jerusalem is not the only city in that country stricken by war. Jaffa, the one-time beautiful city, is now completely evacuated. As one of the party of refugees expressed it: "There's nothing left in Jaffa but its name."

Happy as they are to be delivered from almost certain death, these refugees are far from being contented. They refer back, again and again, to the others of the 1,000 now being cared for at Berne. Among these are relatives and friends who they know must run the gauntlet of U-boats.

"We were very fortunate to escape an attack," said the young man formerly referred to, "and we can't help but wonder what will happen to the others. The German U-boat is no respecter of persons and if the others 'escape'—well, they will be lucky, that's all."

### SAVES MONEY FEEDING UNCLE SAM'S TROOPS

Inexperienced Man Fills All Government Requirements and Makes Some.

How an inexperienced man can feed government troops and save money on the job is being demonstrated at Camp Taylor by Lucas Lincoln. Lincoln is mess sergeant of the 42d company, fifth draft battalion. He was one of the first drafted men to go from Bartholomew county, having volunteered out of his regular order of obligation. He is a son of William H. Lincoln, a furniture manufacturer here, and is married.

In a letter home, Lincoln tells how he is feeding 145 men for less than 27 cents each a day. He says the food is well cooked, and that the men have plenty. A sample menu, enclosed in the letter, shows where Lincoln made a saving of \$17.38 on the government's food allowance for the three meals scheduled. For breakfast the men had hamburger steak, biscuits and syrup, flaked brown potatoes and coffee. The dinner menu was vegetable soup, macaroni and cheese, bread and hot tea, and peach cobbler. For supper the men had boiled ham, mashed potatoes, bread and syrup, iced tea and stewed prunes.

### WOMAN IS HEARSE-DRIVER

Former Chauffeur Enters Army and Woman Takes Job. War has resulted in woman filling a new birth at Pueblo, Colo., and the old maxim has been revised to "The hand that rocks the cradle drives the hearse."

Mrs. J. T. Brown is the new chauffeur of the hearse of a prominent undertaking concern. She says leading a cortege containing weeping relatives of the deceased was very depressing at first, "but now I just watch the road and never think what the sad occasion of the trip is."

The hearse was formerly driven by a man who enlisted in Uncle Sam's liberty army.

### WOMEN WORKING IN SAWMILL

Eight young women of Washburn, Wis., have begun work in a sawmill which will soon have 20 feminine employees. The women, in brown overalls, work 5 1/2 hours a week. A rest room with all conveniences has been provided on the second floor.

### No Wives With Officers "Over There"

The war department has decided upon a new plan of preventing doing in wives and mothers from going to Europe to be near their soldier-relatives, raise body on toes, slowly, as high as possible. Rest a second, then with body borne on toes, lower slowly down to feet and repeat.

### MINE MORE COAL THAN LAST YEAR

Garfield Announces 10 Per Cent Increase in Production.

### SUPPLY FOR ALL SECTIONS

Question of Shortage This Year Will Depend Upon Whether Demand Has Increased More Than the 10 Per Cent Increase in Production—Canada to Get Its Share.

Coal production in this country this year will exceed that of last year by 10 per cent. The embargo against sending coal to Canada has been lifted and an arrangement made by which she is to be supplied on a pro rata basis, substantially as though she were a state of the Union. The American Northwest will be properly supplied.

These are high lights of recent conferences announced by Federal Fuel Administrator Harry A. Garfield. Not only will this year's coal production exceed that of last year by 10 per cent, but it will exceed that of two years ago by 23 1/2 per cent. These are the figures given Doctor Garfield by Prof. George O. Smith of the United States geological survey.

"The question of shortage for this year," said Doctor Garfield, "will depend then upon whether the American demand has increased by more than the 10 per cent increase in production. If our industrial development, from the war and other causes, has grown beyond that, then we must go short. We have no figures at hand to tell what that development has been."

Ahead of Last Year. Professor Smith states that the survey figures include all bituminous coal, whether used in making coke or not, and that the figures for anthracite are approximately the same. Last year the bituminous tonnage mined was in excess of 502,000,000 tons. It is expected this year to reach 552,000,000 tons. Anthracite should show the same increase, substantially. American, according to Professor Smith, is now nearly a month ahead of last year's production at this time.

Canada got approximately 10,000,000 tons of coal, both anthracite and bituminous, from this country last year. This year, under the arrangement of yesterday, she will receive the same amount, plus an increase proportioned upon the excess over last year's production, substantially as though she were a state of the Union. This action was taken because it is vital that Canada's war industries be kept going full blast, in order that she may remain an effective ally of America in the war.

The fuel administration is working on the pro rating at present. In its possession are the records of all exporters of coal to Canada last year. Judge McGee, speaking for the Northwest, has expressed his approval of the plan.

All to Get Share. Coal apportioned will arrive on the upper lake docks before December 1. The amount apportioned to Canada under the present order is not the full supply; nor is that already sent to the Northwest. But each district will have received its percentage, and no section will draw upon another for its supply.

All coal sent by water to Canada, which includes practically the whole supply, moves from Lake Erie ports. This coal will be under the direction of E. C. Baird, who will make daily reports to the fuel administration at Washington.

The fuel administration has lists showing the location of more than 8,000,000 tons of free coal—that is, coal not under contract—and bona fide domestic requirements are being taken care of when specific, authentic statements of shortage are furnished. This work is under the direction of E. A. Sneed of the staff.

### MEXICO MAY CHEAPEN PESOS

Considers Reducing Quantity of Silver to Prevent Exports. The Mexican government is considering means of decreasing the amount of silver in Mexican coins. The committee on monetary reform in the chamber of deputies has proposed a standard peso of 74 centigrams pure gold as a basic coin. The silver peso would contain 18 grams 586 milligrams of silver.

The plan is to make the intrinsic value of the silver coin less than that of the gold so that there would be no inducement to export the former on account of the high price of precious metal in foreign markets.

### HOPE FOR FLAT-FOOTED

Marine Corps Physicians Have Cure for Rejection Defect. Owing to the number of otherwise splendid applicants rejected from the United States marine corps for flat feet, Marine corps examining physicians have issued this list of simple exercises and pointers, which, if followed, they say, will remedy that ailment.

Walk with toes of each foot pointing to the front; in straight line, if possible. Stand with toes turned in; raise body on toes, slowly, as high as possible. Rest a second, then with body borne on toes, lower slowly down to feet and repeat.

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### AMERICA PAYS FOURTH OF COST OF WORLD WAR

Expenses Now for All Nations Are Estimated at \$160,000,000 Daily.

The war is costing the belligerent nations of the world at the rate of \$100,000,000 a day—\$6,500,000 an hour—and the United States is paying at least one-quarter of this staggering sum, according to estimates made by the Mechanics and Metals National bank of New York.

The estimated daily cost at the beginning of the war was \$50,000,000, and a year ago it was \$100,000,000. This country's rate of expenditure is greater than any other nation, Great Britain being second and Germany next.

By next August, according to the bank's figures, the total cost of the world war will be \$155,000,000,000. Already expenditures have exceeded \$100,000,000,000, of which all but a fraction has been translated into permanent national indebtedness. Interest on public debt is now calculated to be more than 10 per cent of the normal income of the German people, as compared with less than one-half of 1 per cent in the case of the people of this country.

The developed national wealth of the allies is placed at \$200,000,000,000 by the bank, while that of the Teutonic powers is given at \$130,000,000,000.

About 55,000,000 men are today engaged in war. To what extent the entente allies have gained superiority over Germany is shown by the bank in striking fashion.

With no more than 2,000,000 of American manhood enlisted, the total military strength of the allies is 33,000,000, against a total for Germany, Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey of 20,000,000. The population of 14 entente allies from which the ranks of their armies may be replenished is altogether 1,300,000,000, against a population of less than 150,000,000 in the central European nations.

### TO HAVE MORE VEGETABLES

Big Gain in Yields of Onions, Cabbages and Beans. Enormous increases in production of all onions, cabbages and beans over last year are shown in estimates announced by the department of agriculture.

Full onions production is forecast at 43,654,150 bushels, compared with 7,832,700 last year. The acreage this year is 41,300, against 23,400 last year. California leads, with 3,348,000 bushels; New York is second, with 2,881,200 bushels, and Ohio third, with 1,069,000 bushels.

Production of cabbages is forecast at 601,920 tons, compared with 232,310 tons last year. The acreage is 73,200, against 40,800 last year. New York leads in production, with 349,650 tons, almost four times as much as last year, and Wisconsin is second, with 121,000 tons.

Almost double the quantity of beans is forecast, with a total of 15,814,000 bushels in the five principal growing states—New York, Michigan, Colorado, New Mexico, and California. California leads, with 9,278,000 bushels; Michigan is second, with 4,066,000 bushels.

### OSTRICH CLEANS BACK YARD

Mysterious Bird Eats All the Fallen Fruit and Waits for More.

John Stobbe of Salt Lake City, Utah, has an ostrich on his hands. Mr. Stobbe allows that it is some bird.

At first it was generally supposed that it had wandered away from Liberty Park, with a panel of wire fence in its claws. The only difficulty about this explanation was that the keeper found neither ostrich nor section of fence missing from his compound.

In the meantime, the puzzle that his presence in the neighborhood provoked did not disturb the ostrich. He appropriated the back yard of the Stobbe residence under squatter's right. The yard was strewn with pears and apples from fruit trees. These he cleared up forthwith, along with such pieces of broken dishes, knives, marbles, patchwork tins and other bright morsels that appealed to his sense of things edible.

Now the bird has settled down to watching for the falling of the apples and pears, unmindful of the decreasing supply on the trees. S. R. Lamborne, superintendent of the City Parks, said last night that the bird undoubtedly belongs at the Wandemere resort. Insistence of many persons who telephoned to him that they had served the city by finding one of its ostriches led Mr. Lamborne to investigate when the bird had strayed. He notified the officials of the resort, but at last reports the ostrich was still holding down the outfield and infested in the Stobbe apple orchard.

Rode in Airplane to Sister's Funeral. Earl Reynolds, in training at the aviation camp at Fort Sill, Okla., made a record 135-mile dash in an airplane and overtook a train bound for Hobart, reaching that city by train in time to attend his sister's funeral.

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### WAR INSURANCE PLANS SETTLED

Policies for Fighters Range From \$1,000 to \$10,000.

### PAYMENTS IN INSTALLMENTS

Disability Benefits to Cover 240 Months After Policy Holder Is Injured—Any Officer, Enlisted Person, Male or Female, and Any Member of Army Nurse Corps, May Carry Insurance.

Full details of the war insurance plan for soldiers and sailors have been given out by treasury department officials. "Insurance" says the department, "will be issued for any of the following aggregate amounts upon any one life:

Amounts—	Converted into mo. installments of	Converted into mo. installments of	
\$1,000	6.75	\$6,000	37.38
1,500	8.83	7,000	40.28
2,000	11.59	7,500	43.13
2,500	14.33	8,000	44.06
3,000	17.25	8,500	45.98
3,500	20.13	9,000	47.88
4,000	23.00	9,500	49.76
4,500	25.88	10,000	51.62
5,000	28.75	10,000	53.56
5,500	31.63		

"These installments will be payable during the total and permanent disability of the insured," the statement continues, "or if death occur without such disability, for 240 months, or if death occur following such disability for a sufficient number of months to make 240 in all, including months of disability already paid for, in both cases except as otherwise provided."

"The insurance is issued at monthly rates for the age (nearest birthday) of the insured when the insurance goes into effect, increasing annually upon the anniversary of the policy to the rate for an age one year higher."

The statement then gives a table of monthly rates for ages from fifteen to sixty-five of which the following is an abridgment:

Age—	\$1,000	\$5,000	\$10,000
15	1.50	13.25	26.50
20	2.00	17.00	34.00
25	2.50	20.75	41.50
30	3.00	24.50	49.00
35	3.50	28.25	56.50
40	4.00	32.00	64.00
45	4.50	35.75	71.50
50	5.00	39.50	79.00
55	5.50	43.25	86.50
60	6.00	47.00	94.00
65	6.50	50.75	101.50

### UNEARLY SKELETONS OF POMPEII VICTIMS

Discovered in Actual Positions in Which They Were Over-taken by Calamity. After a lapse of close upon 2,000 years since the destruction of Pompeii, the skeletons of four of the victims have been discovered in the actual positions in which they were overtaken by the catastrophe.

Two of these victims, apparently a man and wife belonging to the upper classes, had evidently been caught by the shower of red-hot stones in the clustered garden of their villa, and while hastening to seek shelter in a corner had been suddenly buried and asphyxiated through the collapse of the roof overlaid with volcanic dust.

The husband was found in a sitting position, with his head and back bent forward and the legs wide apart. His wife was standing erect immediately behind him. Her gold earrings were found on a level with her ears, and there are two gold rings still on the fingers.

A third skeleton was that of a youth huddling with his face to a hole in the garden wall. The last of the group, a full-sized man, bent almost double under the weight of the suffocating debris, had on a finger of the right hand an iron ring inset with a prettily engraved cornelian.

### SNATCH BABY FROM MOTHER

Kentucky Kidnappers Use Arts in Daring Crime. County authorities still are searching for Jimmy, 8-year-old son of Mrs. J. A. McAfee, who was snatched from his mother's arms on the streets at Cynthiana, Ky., and carried away in an automobile by three men, all strangers to Mrs. McAfee.

Mrs. McAfee was on her way home from the Western Union office, where she is manager. She said the man who took her child from her was of low stature, stockily built and had tattoo marks on both arms.

She bit and scratched him a number of times before he succeeded in taking the boy from her, she says. Mrs. McAfee recently secured

Father Enlists to Avenge Three Sons. William Mills of Lowell, Mass., whose three sons have been killed while fighting with the British army in France, has enlisted in the British army, and hopes soon to be in the trenches to avenge the death of his sons. Mills is forty-nine years of age.

Cuba Will Have Record Sugar Crop. Cuban sugar producers recently visited Washington and announced that the 1917 crop will be the largest in the history of the island. Cuba's war contribution to her allies will be a maintenance of the maximum sugar production.

### WOMAN'S SALUTE TO THE NATION'S COLORS



Mrs. Katherine Harvey, wife of Brig. Gen. W. E. Harvey, former commanding officer of the National Guard of the District of Columbia, suggests that women place their right hands over their hearts as a salute when the Star Spangled Banner is being played or the colors pass in review.

made on such 12th day of February, 1918, the provisions of section 401 as to automatic insurance meanwhile continuing in full force; if so mailed or delivered on or after such day, or if for \$1,000 or more, though mailed or delivered before such day, the insurance shall, in the absence of other specifications in such writing, be and be deemed applied for and the contract made on the day of mailing or delivery."

Persons entitled to carry this insurance are: A commissioned officer (including a warrant officer) in active service in the military or naval forces of the United States.

Any person, male or female, enlisted, enrolled, or drafted into active service in the military or naval forces of the United States, including non-commissioned and petty officers, and members of training camps, authorized by law.

Any member of the army nurse corps (female) or of the navy nurse corps (female) while employed in active service under the war department or navy department, respectively.

"Insurance may be applied for in favor of one or more of the following persons," the statement reads, "with the sum of \$500 or a multiple thereof for each beneficiary. The aggregate not exceeding the limit of \$10,000 and not less than \$1,000 upon any one life:

"Husband or wife. "Child, including legitimate child, legally adopted before April 15, 1917, or more than six months before enlistment or entrance into or employment in active service, whichever date is the later; stepchild, if a member of the insured's household; illegitimate child, but if the insured is his father, only if acknowledged by instrument in writing signed by him, or if he has been judicially ordered or decreed to contribute to such child's support, and if such child is born after December 31, 1917, shall have been born in the United States or in its insular possessions."

"Grandchild, meaning a child, as above defined. "Parent, including father, mother, grandfather, grandmother, stepfather, and stepmother, either of the insured or if his or her spouse.

"Includes Step-Sisters and Brothers. "Brother or sister, including of the half-blood, as well as of the whole blood, step-brothers and step-sisters through adoption."

When there is no designation the insurance is amenable to the laws governing estate. "In case the applicant does not desire the premium to be deducted from his, her pay (or his, her deposit) he, she should so select in writing at the time of making application; but if no selection is made it shall have the effect to provide for such deduction from his, her pay, or if such pay be insufficient, any balance from his, her deposit."

"If a signed statement in writing requesting insurance for less than \$4,500 is mailed or delivered before the 12th day of February, 1918, to the bureau of war risk insurance, Washington, D. C., or to any branch thereof or to any officer of the United States authorized to receive the same, such insurance, in the absence of other specification in such writing, shall be deemed applied for and the contract

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