

YANKEE CHARITY DOES MUCH GOOD

America Wins Praise by Its Ready Relief to Legions of War Victims.

ARMENIA IS GRATEFUL

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) London, Dec. 11.—George F. Gracy, a member of the American committee for Armenian and Syrian relief, who has helped to feed and clothe about 55,000 Armenians in their native land and again when they fled to the Caucasus to escape the Turks, has just returned to London. "Most of this was possible only through the generosity of the American people," declared Mr. Gracy, who is not an American, but an Englishman, and has been a member of the American committee for the last twelve years. Since the war broke out he has been directing the relief work for the Armenians from Tiflis. "Armenia has replaced Belgium and Serbia as the most distressed country on the face of the globe," said Mr. Gracy. "The Armenians have twice been driven from their native land. Those who were not massacred when the Turks fled their country early in the war fled to the Caucasus. They returned when the Russians drove the Turks out of Armenia. They were forced to flee to the Caucasus again a few months ago, when the Turks chased the Russians out of Mush and Bitlis, and for a time threatened the czar's army at Van, on the east side of the lake of that name.

A Woeful Plight.

"When the Armenians were able to return to their country early this year they were without food, clothing or the means of making a living. The American committee came to the rescue by supplying some 30,000 with 2,700 head of cattle and a large quantity of agricultural implements. This work of repatriating them ran along from May to August of this year. Just as they were getting on their feet again and starting out to face life anew along come the reinforced Turks. The Ottoman troops succeeded in taking Mush and Bitlis, in the very heart of Armenia. Then they moved along the northern and western shores of Lake Van, with the object of encircling the town of Van, which was the base of the Russian operations in that district. They did not get to Van, but clung to the shores of the lake. That is the present military situation in that territory.

"The object of the Russian incursion into Armenia was not only to rescue the Armenians, but to establish a line from Trebizond on the Black Sea across the neck of Asia Minor to Aleppo and thence to the Turkish coast of the Mesopotamian. Those who have followed the course of the war know what happened. They know that the Russians were only partially successful, that they captured Trebizond, Mush and Bitlis, but were unable to extend their lines farther south and prevent the subsequent loss of the two last named places.

"Although the Turks did not retreat Van, rumors of their approach struck terror to the hearts of the repatriated Armenians, who had been driven from their homes a year before. As stated they fled to the Caucasus once more, taking with them about 25,000 of their countrymen from Mush and Bitlis, so that we are at present confronted with the problem of caring for about 55,000."

Mr. Gracy said he wanted to pay tribute to the work of the American Red Cross in Persia. Its base is at Khoi and a Dr. Hazlett, an American, is in charge.

Extra New Year's Eve Performances At Two Theaters

New Year's Eve will be celebrated with two shows at the Orpheum. Besides the regular matinee in the afternoon two performances will be given Sunday night, December 31. The first show will start at 7:30 o'clock Sunday night and the second at 9:40. Patrons are requested to time their arrival at the theater for the second show so that there will be no inconvenience in emptying the theater of the first audience. It is likely that the lobby and entrance will be available for the guests of patrons of the second audience until 9:35 and this is the best time to arrive at the Orpheum for the second show. Scores of New Year welcome parties have been arranged for.

The Gaiety theater's annual watch meeting performance starts at 11:30 Sunday night—just half an hour after the termination of the regular performance starting at 8:30. At just 12 o'clock midnight something unusual is going to happen. It will be in the nature of a big surprise. Just what that will be is a carefully guarded secret. Manager Johnson has arranged that the Happy New Year spirit shall prevail as soon as one enters the theater. At both shows New Year's Eve the "Twentieth Century Maids" performance will be given in its entirety by Jim Barton and the entire big organization, and it will be all out and over at 1:45 Monday morning, January 1, 1917, so that all may get the 24-hour car service home.

President Wilson and the secretary of labor discussed the selection of members of the workmen's compensation board. Attorney General Clegg said the nomination would be decided upon in time to be sent to the senate when congress reconvenes Tuesday.

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GREATEST YEAR IN HISTORY OF GATE CITY ENDS

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show much heavier if pumps, farm tractors, gas engines, scales, tanks, cordage and twine were included, but these have been taken under separate heads, in order that the items may be revealed in greater relief.

More Dry Goods.

Dry goods and notions increased 11 per cent. Electrical supplies increased 20 per cent. Groceries increased over 25 per cent.

Oils, illuminating and lubricating, increased over 100 per cent. The total being \$11,265,757 this year, as against \$5,411,500 last year.

Poultry and eggs jobbing amounted to \$5,927,338, as against \$4,366,780 last year.

Grain receipts jumped 54 per cent during the year. Grain shipments jumped over 42 per cent. The territory from which Omaha draws its grain is ever increasing in area.

As the reputation of the Omaha grain market grows, shipments grow from more remote sections of the west. In the matter of the shipments the market for Omaha grain is also widening. Missouri valley wheat is coming to have a world-wide reputation.

Over Billion in Bank Clearings.

During six months of the twelve months just past, the bank clearings of Great Omaha every month exceeded the \$100,000,000 mark, and the total for the year ran well over the billion mark for the first time in history. The clearings for October alone reached \$132,000,000, and the grand total for the year was \$1,279,158,591.

The real estate transfers deserve an especial explanation. The comparative figures at the head of the column indicate a decrease of over a million. As a matter of fact the real estate business of the year surpassed that of last year, but accurate figures for the last three and three-quarters months were not obtainable. This was because the federal war revenue stamp act was repealed, effective September 8. Up to that time every deed had to be stamped with government stamps in exact proportion to the consideration involved. Thus it became known what the actual consideration was in each transaction.

Do Not Show Real Values.

But immediately after September 8 when the stamp act was abolished deeds began to be recorded again with the convenient clause, "\$1 and other valuable considerations." Thus, for the last three and three-quarters months of the year many large sales of real estate were recorded as \$1 transactions. The proportion between the amount involved in a given number of transactions from month to month, and the amount recorded on the deeds, is found to be pretty definite over a period of time. Thus if the last three and three-quarters months are estimated on the basis of what the considerations likely were, instead of on what the "1" considerations recorded, it is found that the total sales for the year will run over \$16,500,000. It is a matter of record in the office of the register of deeds of Douglas county that the considerations in the deeds filed up to September 8, 1916, aggregate \$12,112,116.14. This is shown by the amount of stamps sold to stamp the documents.

The most marked building activity was shown during the year, with an total aggregate of \$7,226,107, as against \$5,385,005 the previous year.

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Business of Greater Omaha Shows Big Gain for Year 1916

Table with 3 columns: 1916, 1915, and 1914. Rows include Manufacturing, Jobbing, Real estate transfers, Packing house output, Bank clearings, Smelter output, Bank deposits, Building permits, Grain receipts (bushels), Grain shipments (bushels), Live Stock Receipts, Cattle (head), Hogs (head), Sheep (head), and Horses (head).

Nebraska Cycle Company Gives Banquet to Employees

The Nebraska Cycle company tendered its annual banquet to its employees last evening at the Hotel Rome. About seventy-five were present, including the wives of a number of the men. The affair in reality was more than a banquet—it was an indoor picnic, featured by a varied program of music, dancing and speelmaking.

the banquet room, but was rescued by one of his employees, who showered the officer with bouquets.

Otto Tegeler, prominent business man of Wahoo, Neb., a guest of honor, made a decided hit when he sang a parody on "Hula Hula Girl." Others who scored heavily were: L. H. Gilmore, Charles Mackay, Mrs. H. W. Stewart, Phyllis Tephon, Nellie Green, Miss Carrell, George Mickel, Hugo Ryan and Les Lamb. Prizes were awarded to those who had shown the greatest co-operation in the business for the year past.

Henderson S. Martin, vice governor of the Philippines, has resigned and will return at once to private life because his wife's health will not permit continued residence in the islands. Mr. Martin formerly was chairman of the Kansas Public Utilities commission.

Great Hindu Poet, Tagore, to Lecture In Omaha Friday

Sir Rabindranath Tagore, Hindu poet, philosopher, holder of the Nobel prize for literature in 1913 and short-story writer of world-wide renown, will lecture on "The Cult of Nationalism" in the Brandeis theater on the evening of January 5. The Hindu sage has won great acclaim in America. Even before he came to New York his poems, with their oriental mysticism and quaint, often weird word weaving and romance, were known to hundreds of thousands. He himself has translated into English the greater part of his works. His vogue as a lecturer is second only to his popularity as a writer. There is promise of a large audience when Tagore lectures.

Carpenter Paper Men Banquet at Blackstone

About seventy salesmen and department managers, including their wives, were the guests of honor at the annual banquet of the Carpenter Paper company, held last evening at the Blackstone hotel. I. W. Carpenter, president of the concern, was presented with a large bouquet of roses following his talk on "Some Thoughts That Are Helpful." Others who made addresses were W. G. Carpenter, A. W. Carpenter, Emil von Bergen, R. B. Wilson, E. E. Lesh, B. M. Anderson, Mr. Sine and Walter Woodrow.

Brief City News

Platinum Wedding Rings—Edholm. Have Roof Pried Up—Strom. Dances From Cleaned Up, at Carey's. Web. 183 Best Meal for the Money—Clairmont Inn. Dr. W. K. Foste, now at 1018 First Nat'l. Keep Your Money—And valuable in the American safe deposit vaults, 218 South 17th St. See Big. Boxes rent \$1.00 for 3 months, open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Library Closes—The public library and its branches will be closed all day Sunday and Monday, according to the announcement of Miss Edith Tobitt, librarian. Theosophical Lecture—"Has Man a Soul?" will be the subject of a lecture given before the Theosophical society Sunday evening at 8 o'clock by J. T. Ekland, at 701 Bee building. Fine Employee Goods—Sunderland. Two Divorces Granted—Two divorces were granted in divorce court on the last day of the week. Lena Goodhart on grounds of nonsupport. Malcolm Larson was granted a decree from Olga V. Larson. Cruelty was alleged. Switchman Sues Burlington—John G. Lomassey, a switchman for the Union Stock Yards company, has brought suit against the Burlington railroad for \$25,000 damages, alleging permanent injuries suffered on December 1 of this year when he was at work in the railroad yards. Live Stock Firm Incorporates—L. E. Roberts & Co., a new live stock concern, has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The capital is \$10,000. L. E. Roberts, president; James Burns, vice president; Walter B. Roberts, secretary and treasurer, are the officers and incorporators. Investment Company Incorporates—The Keystone Investment company,

capitalized at \$250,000, has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk. The concern will do a general real estate and investment business. Byron B. Hastings, Ernest Sweet, Charles W. Martin, Harry A. Wolf and Edward M. Slater are the incorporators. Give your Want Ad a chance to make good. Run it in The Bee.

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ORCHARD & WILHELM CO. Sale Starts Tuesday, January 2d Annual January Sale DRAPERIES FURNITURE RUGS Every piece of merchandise that goes into this sale is a genuine bargain. The price quoted represents an actual and substantial reduction from its true value and is a price that is made because for one reason or another we wish to remove it from our stock. January is the month devoted to stock clearing of this sort and to accomplish our purpose, prices are made low enough to make it worth your while to buy and even anticipate your wants. Lace Curtains, Portieres, Curtain and Drapery Materials. Lace Curtains, Portieres, Curtain and Drapery Materials, all broken lots, discontinued patterns and short lengths, marked at a price for rapid clearance. CURTAINS All styles represented—Brussels, Duches, Scrims, Cluny Net, Quaker, Arabian, Muslin, up to 6 pairs of a pattern. Over 100 patterns. A Few Reductions \$4.50 Curtains, \$2.25 Pair. \$10.00 Curtains, \$4.50 Pair. \$16.50 Curtains, \$5.85 Pair. ALL one and two-pair lots (more than 50 styles 2-pair lots and 75 patterns in 1-pair lots) at greatly reduced prices, in many instances less than 1/2 regular price. \$2.00 Curtains for \$1.00 \$16.00 Curtains for \$ 8.75 \$ 4.50 Curtains for \$ 2.25 \$25.00 Curtains for \$ 9.85 \$ 8.00 Curtains for \$ 3.65 \$20.00 Curtains for \$12.00 \$11.00 Curtains for \$ 4.85 \$30.00 Curtains for \$12.00 Cretonne and Grenadine Bed Sets at 1/2 Price \$ 4.50 for.... \$ 2.25 \$ 6.50 for.... \$ 3.25 \$13.50 for.... \$ 6.75 \$17.50 for.... \$ 8.75 \$30.00 for.... \$10.00 LACE, NET, SCRIM AND MADRAS Lace, Net, Serim and Madras; white, cream and ecru, in quantities sufficient for a window or a room. 40c Values.....25c \$1.50 Values.....90c 50c Values.....30c \$2.00 Values.....\$1.20 75c Values.....45c \$2.50 Values.....\$1.50 \$1.00 Values.....40c \$3.00 Values.....\$1.80 Remnants Curtain Nets, Muslins, Cretonnes, Drapery Materials, Sunfast Fabrics, from 1/4 to 5 yards each. Priced at 18c, 36c, 48c and 95c. Values up to \$1, \$2, \$3 and \$5 each. RUGS!—RUGS!—RUGS! All sizes are represented. Rugs for large living rooms, bedrooms, offices, etc. These rugs are from such manufacturers as M. J. Whittall, Bigelow Hartford Carpet Company, Hardwick & Magee and many patterns of Anglo-Persians, French Wiltons, Hartford Saxony, Bundhar Wiltons. This is a stock clearing sale of odd patterns, unusual sizes and merchandise we cannot reorder for another season. The bargains are remarkable. A partial list follows: Regular January Sale Price 4 Whittall Anglo Persian, 9x12.....\$2.00 \$67.50 14 Hardwick & Magee French Wiltons, 9x12.....82.50 67.50 3 Bigelow Royal Lapanham Wiltons, 9x12.....82.50 67.50 2 Seamless Highland Wiltons, 9x12.....82.50 67.50 6 Whittall Anglo Indians, 9x12.....69.50 57.50 8 Hardwick Wiltons, 9x12.....67.50 55.00 9 Bundhar Wiltons, 9x12.....59.50 47.50 11 Hartford Saxony, 9x12.....75.00 39.50 22 Standard Wilton, 9x12.....45.00 34.50 5 Smith Seamless Wiltons, 9x12.....39.50 29.00 7 Heavy Seamless Axminsters, 9x12.....36.00 25.00 3 Roxbury Axminsters, 9x12.....36.00 25.00 5 Bigelow Axminsters, 9x12.....33.00 24.50 6 Smith Seamless Axminsters, 9x12.....25.00 19.50 4 Oriental and Floral Axminsters, 9x12.....25.00 19.50 7 Seamless Velvets, 9x12.....27.00 18.50 11 Best Quality Tapestry, 9x12.....22.00 17.50 5 Seamless Tapestry, 9x12.....16.50 13.95 4 Cross Seamed Brussels, 9x12.....20.00 12.95 4 Reversible Seamless Fiber, 9x12.....7.50 6.00 2 Whittall Anglo-Persian, 8-3x10-6.....68.50 55.00 1 Seamless Soiled Wilton, 8-3x10-6.....65.00 50.00 2 Whittall Anglo Indians, 8-3x10-6.....65.00 42.50 4 Standard Wiltons, 8-3x10-6.....70.50 35.00 6 Hartford Saxony, 8-3x10-6.....70.00 46.50 1 French Wilton, 6x9.....62.00 41.00 1 Whittall Anglo Indian, 6x9.....44.50 36.00 3 Hardwick Wiltons, 6x9.....41.50 33.50 3 Bundhar Wiltons, 6x9.....36.50 27.50 4 Standard Wiltons, 6x9.....31.50 23.50 3 Imported Axminsters, 6x10.....27.50 19.50 4 Best Quality Body Brussels, 6x9.....25.00 19.50 3 Seamless Axminsters, 6x9.....21.50 17.75 32 Dresser, like illustration, American walnut, base 42 inches long, has large glass 30x24 inches.....\$24.00 \$32 Chiffonier to match, in American walnut, top 32 inches wide, 20x16-inch glass, \$24 \$30.50 Dressing Table to match, American walnut, has triple mirrors, width of top 35 inches, \$23.00 \$62 Vanity Dressing Case—American walnut.....\$48.50 \$59 Vanity Dressing Case, in golden oak, quarter sawed, polished finish.....\$46.50 \$45 Dresser, golden oak, top 46 inches long, 34x28-inch plate glass.....\$33.50 \$32 Dressing Table, golden oak, triple mirror.....\$23.50 BED ROOM FURNITURE \$24.00 Leather Upholstered Rocker.....\$19.00 \$30.00 Arm Chair, mahogany frame, Spanish leather seat and back upholstered.....\$22.50 \$21.00 Mahogany Frame Arm Rocker or Arm Chair, brown figured denim upholstered seat and back.....\$15.00 \$60.00 Mahogany Library Table, Colonial design, at.....\$48.00 \$42.00 Mahogany Library Table.....\$32.50 LIVING ROOM FURNITURE \$12.00 Rocker or Arm Chair, Jacobean oak with cushion seat and back, upholstered in tapestry.....\$12.50 \$17.00 Mahogany Sofa, Chippendale design.....\$47.50 \$16.00 Mahogany Sofa, spring cushion seat, tapestry upholstered.....\$30.00 \$39.00 Mahogany Frame Rocker or Arm Chair, Spanish leather upholstered seat and back.....\$29.00 THE GIFT SHOP Has Prepared an Interesting January Sale. 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