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TWELFTH ANNUAL CLASS DEBATE THIS EVENING

Lower Classes Will Debate in Assembly Tonight at 8 p. m. Both Classes Have Experienced Men to Represent Them. College Try-outs on Monday.

A number of the men from M. S. C. took advantage of the four days vacation last week to try their luck in the pursuit of the various wild members of the animal kingdom said to roam in great numbers in the mountains which are to be seen from the hill bordering the Gallatin valley on the south.

The majority of the students took advantage of the electric car service between Bozeman and Salesville to make their first fifteen mile stalk of the game. From Salesville and bordering points the approach to the mountains was made by various methods; some made their cautious approach to the wilds on foot with grub stakes and muskets slung prospector fashion, others with more ingenuity pulled the luggage on sleds while the rest went in hired trucks or wagons.

Not As Looked on Paper

A day being lost in the trip to the hunting grounds and making camp the advance into the midst of the unsuspecting animals was made in most cases the following morning at lay-break, when the troubles began. The country into which the adventurous rangers had wended, their various ways had looked exceedingly well on paper, maps of the country depicting it as a net work of pleasant streams bordered by frescoes supposed to represent mountains and the mountains conspicuous by their scarcity. When the destinations were reached however the pleasant streams turned out to be little more than irrigating ditches in size overshadowed by huge ridges with nearly perpendicular sides. As these ridges were reported to be the favorite haunt of the timid deer they became the goal of the hunters and the scene of the subsequent hardships.

Little could be gleaned as to the individual achievements and adventures on this first day but no one was successful in bringing home the bacon. Only one kill was reported and proven authentic, which was that of a poor defenseless snowshoe rabbit. The following two days were repetitions of the first in the more important details, only two men seeing game and both of these failing to make good. At the expiration of the three days it became the general opinion that the game had in some mysterious way received word of the tremendous onslaught to be made and had left for safer climes, so the tired hunters packed up their little remaining luggage and hied themselves back to a less corrugated country.

COLLEGE STUDENTS TO RUN SKATING RINK

Two of Montana State's Most Entertaining Students Will Operate Popular Skating Rink This Winter

Two of Montana State's enterprising students have leased the skating rink on the vacant lots below the college for the skating season. The two men who are planning this plunge into the business world are Paul Nye of the junior class and Parke Scott of this year's graduating class. They have been getting things in shape and will be ready to open the rink within three days if the weather man furnishes cold weather.

Heretofore, the rink has been one of the most popular places in town on clear winter evenings and it is safe to predict that this winter will be no exception. As soon as the rink is put into operation, the women's gym classes which are now held in the drill hall will be held at the rink. This will afford the co-eds an opportunity to combine recreation with their regular gym work.

Miss Edith Fowler and Miss Helen Sweet were the guests of Miss Ada Beerstecher, at her home in Belgrade, during Thanksgiving vacation.

SHORT COURSES HAVE LITERARY PROGRAM

Last evening in the assembly hall of the aggie building the Short Course Literary society rendered a very attractive and pleasing program to the members of the S. A. students. The S. A. students are showing unusual activity in their social affairs, and during the course of the winter many more attractive programs will appear. Last evening was spent with a musical and reading program and the singing of the old as well as the new college and national anthems.

The program as was carried out last night was as follows:

Instrumental solo, Dolly Spencer.
Some Fancy Steps, Thompson & Plumlee.

Reading, Rosalie Wood.

Chaff (As the Wind Blows It), Lealand Taylor.

A Sane View of It, Hardin Early.

Mexico, Herman Budde.

Songs, Anthems and Praises, S. A. Congregation.

Montana Is In Fortieth Place

IN AMOUNT OF MONEY SPENT ON INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Helena, Dec. 6.—Montana today is not doing its full duty toward educating its boys and girls, Chancellor E. C. Elliott of the University of Montana told the members of the Commercial club today, and some striking changes must be made in the educational work in this state if Montana is to take its place among the other states of this nation.

Chancellor Elliott showed that Montana ranks fortieth of the 48 states of the Union in the amount of money spent on its institutions of higher education and ranks last of all the north-western states in this regard.

"Despite the fact that the State University at Missoula and the State college at Bozeman have doubled in the number of students, within the last five years there has been practically nothing spent in increasing the size of these plants and they are doing their work this year under extraordinary disadvantages," he said. "Some of the branches of work had to be discontinued because of this sorrowful condition of affairs, and there is no state in the union with such poor and inadequate buildings."

Taylor and Gatton Heard From

"Punk" Taylor and Cy Gatton are getting away big at Wisconsin, according to an account in a Wisconsin paper. They have been playing all fall on the freshman team. Gatton was rated as the fastest man on the lineup of that aggregation, playing both at quarter and half. Taylor was by far the best of the linemen on the rookie squad.

In their chances for making the varsity next year both look good. Taylor was considered twenty-five per cent stronger than any tackle at Wisconsin and his berth as a regular is practically assured. Gatton has three or four strong competitors for the quarterback job but has a good chance to land either there or at half. Great things are expected from Cy next year in track.

Walter Gatton and Wallace McDonald, both former students at M. S. C., went to Anaconda Friday where they are employed by the A. C. M. company.



CHARLES H. DRAPER
President of the Montana State College Alumni Association.

Frosh Hoop Artists Still Lead In Race For Class Supremacy

INFANTS SPRING SURPRISE AND TAKE MEASURE OF MUCH TOUTED SENIORS AND FIGHTING JUNIORS WHILE SENIORS DEFEAT SOPHS—LAST YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM HAS SO FAR BEEN UNABLE TO GET INTO WINNING COLUMN—MANY NEW MEN ARE SHOWING CLASS AND PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD FOR A CHAMPION COLLEGE TEAM.

In the opening games of the class series the dope was completely upset when the freshmen won from the seniors, 20 to 19 and the juniors nosed out the sophs by a score of 7 to 4. Both games, were marked by much fumbling and wild shooting. Only a small crowd witnessed the games.

In the first game the seniors had a hard time getting started. Passes were bad and shooting worse while the yearlings played rings around the seniors on the floor. The first half ended 14 to 5 with the frosh on the big end. Cannon had two field baskets and Jorgenson a free throw chalked up. Harris led the youngsters with four field nets while Bush, Reichelt and Crum each got one.

The seniors started to play in the second half and scored 14 to the frosh's 6. Cannon dropped in five from the field and two free shots. Sherry brought the total to 14 with a field basket. Harris was covered better in the second half, getting but one basket and two free throws while Price shot the only other score.

Lineup and scores: Garvin and Sherry (2), guards; Rice, center; Jorgenson (1) and Cannon (16), forwards. Freshmen: Price (2) and Harris (12), guards; Crum (2), center; Bush (2), and Reichelt (2) forwards.

Juniors 7; Sophs 4.

The big surprise came when the fighting juniors cleaned up on the sophs in a rough, slam-bang affair characterized by long and wild shots. The victors handled the ball in much poorer fashion but were lucky on two cripples from the field, one in each half, by King and Ross. King managed to connect on three free tosses out of nine trials.

Taylor and Fitzgerald of the sophs had many shots but all were long ones chiefly because of the vigilance and close guarding of Ross. The first half ended 3 to 2 in the juniors' favor. In the second half the juniors happened to hit upon a style of play which was very effective in keeping the score down. Ross, Jolley and Carl Borton camped under the sophs basket and nothing but a shot from the center of the floor was permitted.

Lineup and scores—Juniors: Ross (2), Dickson and Stearns, guards;

Carl Borton, center; King (5), Jolley and Hoem, forwards. Sophomores: Bergman, Noble and Senz, guards; Cain and MacMahon (2), center; Fitzgerald and Taylor (2), forwards.

In the second pair of games held Wednesday the frosh walloped the juniors to the tune of 25 to 5 and the seniors had but little difficulty in winning from the sophs, 26 to 17.

The juniors proved that their victory over the sophs Monday was only a temporary spurge when they failed to put up the same calibre of fight against the frosh. The yearlings had a big advantage in floor work and had possession of the ball most of the time. The frosh showed that they had more than a one-man scoring machine for with Harris covered and held to one point in the first half, Pitts dropped in three pretty baskets and Bush contributed two more. Carl Borton was left uncovered once in the first half and shot the only basket of the half for the juniors.

In the second half the juniors tired and the game became a walk-away. Harris got four field baskets and Pitts three in the last half. Rothwell shot one basket and a free throw for the sophs. As the junior team are exceptionally weak on shooting, any opposing team scoring ten points is almost certain of victory.

Lineup and points. Reichelt and Pitts (12), forwards; Bryan and Price, center; Bush (4) and Harris (9), guards.

Seniors 26 Sophomores 17.

The best game of the series to date was the senior victory over the sophs. Both teams worked much better than on Monday when both were defeated. Although somewhat weakened by the absence of Bergman, the sophomores put up a game fight. The seniors worked well together, at times passing and shooting in mid-season form, while the team work of the sophs was broken. Jorgenson had recovered part of his "shooting eye" and among his four field baskets in the first half were some real thrillers. Rice demonstrated why they call him "Slicker" by some flashes of old-time form. All the seniors scoring was more evenly distributed than on Monday.

LES BOUFFONS TAKE THREE NEW MEMBERS

First Formal Dance to be Given Sometime Soon After the Holidays

A meeting of Les Bouffons, the college honorary fraternity, was held at the Kappa Nu house last Monday evening for the purpose of initiating three new members—Louis Udem, E. L. Cole, and Harold Dickson.

Les Bouffons, whose membership is limited to men of the junior and senior classes, is the oldest social organization on the hill, having been organized in 1900. Its active membership is limited to ten men. In addition to the three new men, the active roll this year includes M. L. Carr, Jay Duquette, E. M. Ronne, J. M. W. Manning, Craig Ingram, H. M. Rice and Roy Strand.

The total membership of Les Bouffons, including graduate members, numbers about 100. Since its organization sixteen years ago, it has been the custom of the members of Les Bouffons to give, in addition to several stag functions, two formal invitation dancing parties each year. It is rumored that invitations for the first Bouffons to give, in addition to several will be sent out some time before the end of this month. The Bouffons dances are a ways looked upon as being among the leading social events of the college year.

FRESHMEN WILL STAGE FIRST HOP SATURDAY

Lower Class Take First Steps to do Away With Stags by Putting a Premium on Girls

Tomorrow night will mark the debut of the freshman class before the public. For a long time the infant class has been trying to stage some social function that would allow the members of the class to become better acquainted with each other and provide an evenings pastime. Parties were planned, sleigh rides decided upon and picnics arranged but all have been given up. Someone suggested a dance and everybody welcomed the idea and enthusiastically set out to make plans. After some difficulty the drill hall was secured for Saturday evening, December 9.

Having noticed that the former dances had been nearly spoiled by the large number of 'stags' that attended, the class decided to try to overcome the difficulty by offering some inducement to all men who brought girls. It was decided therefore that all who came accompanied by one of the fair sex should be admitted for the small sum of fifty cents while those who persisted upon coming alone should be charged one dollar. The Chisholm-Jackson orchestra will furnish the music for the occasion.

day, Rice and Cannon each getting six points, Garvin two and Jorgenson, twelve.

Garvin and Sherry watched the forwards like hawks and allowed them each one basket in the first half. Having but five players, the seniors could not make any substitutions and their slowing up somewhat in the last half was taken advantage of by the sophs who scored 13 points. Taylor, MacMahon and Burgess each made two field shots.

The series at present finds the freshmen in the lead with two wins. The seniors and juniors each have won one and lost one, while the sophs doped as winners, have lost twice. Senior followers predict the championship for their crew but in order to win it they must beat the frosh in the next two games.

Lineup—Seniors: Garvin and Sherry, guards; Rice, center; Cannon and Jorgenson, forwards. Sophomores: Burgess and Noble guards; MacMahon and Taylor, forwards; Fitzgerald, Taylor and Stanley forwards.

Two Classes To Meet in Debate

FRESHMAN AND SOPHOMORES WILL DEBATE TO-NIGHT

The twelfth annual freshman-sophomore debate will be held tonight at 8 o'clock in the assembly hall of the main building. The question is the same one that will be debated with the North Dakota Agricultural college in Fargo on the twelfth of January. Resolved: that the United States Should Adopt a System of Compulsory Military Service Modeled After That of Switzerland.

The affirmative will be defended by the freshman class: James Burns, Laurence Price, and Zales Ecton who will speak in the order named. Lawrence Hayes, David Grey, and Harold Stewart will defend the negative for the Sophomore class and will speak in the order named.

All the men are debaters of experience. James Burns has starred in all the public speaking contests held by the preparatory department in the last three years. Laurence Price has been a member of the Beaverhead County debating team and has represented them in declamation contests held at Missoula. Zales Ecton has been on the Gallatin county team three years and won the extemporaneous speaking contest last year, and third in individual debating at Missoula. Laurence Hayes was captain of the Butte debating team two years ago and won second place in the extemporaneous speaking. David Grey took part in the high school debates and was a member of the freshman team last year and represented the college in the debate with Idaho which was won by M. S. C. Harold Stewart represented the Gallatin High School in declamatory and debate in 1914. Llewellyn Luce will act as chairman. The judges have not yet been chosen. The speeches will be eight minutes with a five minute rebuttal.

The college tryout will be held Monday afternoon at 3:30 and all those who want to try out for the team will be there at that time. The same question will be discussed. The speeches will be five minutes long with a two minute rebuttal. Six men will be picked for the team. There will be special debates with Wesleyan and Gallatin High for the younger men who make the squad, besides the regular college debate with Gonzaga, North and South Dakota, and Idaho. All are urged to come to the try out.

SPAULDING HAS SNAKES

Professor Spaulding of the biology department has a collection of live "rattlers" ranging in size from the smallest of prairie rattlers to the large five foot snakes which are the terror of fall campers in the small mountain ranges of Montana. A number of photographs will be made of the heads and fangs and later the reptiles will be mounted for exhibition in the biological museum.

The collection was made a short time ago, near Bozeman by Robert Cray, of last year's freshman class.

DRAMATIC CLUB WILL GIVE VAUDEVILLE SHOW

The Dramatic Club's Vaudeville Performance Will be of Exceptional Quality. Thirty Will Take Part in Entertainment

Next Saturday night the dramatic will put on the second production this year in the drill hall. The play will be in the form of a vaudeville performance in seven acts. Rehearsing has been in progress all this week under the direction of M. M. and E. C. Quaw and promises to be the best put on by this organization in many years. The show will start at 8:30 and the admission will be 35c. After the performance there will be a dance, ten cents a dance or three for a quarter. The college orchestra will furnish the music for this part of the entertainment and the drill hall will no doubt be taxed to its capacity.

The vaudeville show will be the most interesting part of the evening's pleasure, consisting of singing, dancing, and drama, thirty members of the dramatic club being cast for parts. There will be many new stars who will make their debut in the theatrical firmament that hovers over M. S. C. on this occasion; as vaudeville gives the most severe test to theatrical ability and to be a success a show of this kind requires much training and hard work on the part of the participants.

Vaudeville is becoming a greater factor in the theatrical world and is recognized as being important as the legitimate drama. It gives a chance for great versatility and infinite variety, two things which are becoming necessary to amuse the more hard to please world. This is the main reason why a show of this kind has been chosen for the second production of the M. S. C. Dramatic club.

The show promises to be one of thrills, laughter, pathos, tragedy, and comedy such as the pleasure loving students of M. S. C. have never before witnessed and such an exhibition of amateur ability that many people other than college students will be glad to invest 35c on and not feel that they were mistaken.

It has been made a custom in all colleges to support their dramatic branches as well as all other activities and the members of the Dramatic club feel justified in asking the patronage of the student body on this occasion. The proceeds of this entertainment will go towards setting the Dramatic club organization on its feet financially.

A number of the college boys spent their Thanksgiving vacation hunting. Several different parties went up the West Gallatin Wednesday and returned Sunday.

CLEVER PIANIST TO APPEAR DECEMBER 15

Arthur Frazer, Young American Pianist, Is Well Liked by Public

Music lovers on the hill are eagerly looking forward to the recital of Arthur Frazer. Mr. Frazer will be at the college Friday, December 15, and will give his recital that evening. Mr. Frazer has the reputation of being one of America's foremost young pianists and the music department of the hill is more than pleased that he has consented to appear in Bozeman.

Mr. Frazer is a clever young American pianist, who, after extensive preparation in this country spent several years in foreign study under the best pedagogues—of Leipzig and Berlin. Since his return he has appeared with pronounced success throughout the country.

Many Favorable Comments

What the press says of him: The work of Mr. Frazer was pretty nearly flawless, and it can be truly said that it was the best piano playing that has been heard on the Gallatin stage since music took a place there.—F. W. W. in Denver Post.

The Grieg Concerto in A minor for piano introduced Arthur Frazer as the soloist. Mr. Frazer made a pronounced impression. (Continued on Page Four.)

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DEBATING WORK SOON UNDERWAY

The debating season at the college will open next Monday when try-outs for the debate squads will be held. Last year Montana State's representatives on the forensic platform made an enviable record for the college by winning all four of the intercollegiate debates in which they participated. This year, prospects for another successful season look equally promising. Several seasoned debaters are ready for work and a number of new men from the freshman and sophomore classes are expected to enter the try-outs.

A good schedule, including trips to North Dakota and Idaho, has been arranged for the coming forensic season. In all, four debates, with Gonzaga University, the University of Idaho, North Dakota State College and South Dakota State College, have been scheduled.

In addition to winning the honor of representing the college on the intercollegiate forensic platform, debaters who win places on the teams are repaid for their efforts in several ways. The ability to speak well is an invaluable asset to men in every walk of life. Consistent thought, power of analysis, ease of expression, and presence of mind are but a few of the qualities whose development is aided by debating experience.

Students who have any natural ability along such lines and who desire to become associated with some student activity which will pay them well for the time expended will do well to try out for the college debating teams.

ACCOMPLISHED MUSICIAN TO APPEAR IN RECITAL SOON

Under the auspices of the department of music of the college, Mr. Arthur Frazer, one of America's foremost concert pianists, will appear before the students and faculty in a special pianoforte recital in the assembly hall on the evening of Friday, December 15th. Mr. Frazer, who has recently returned from extended study under some of the European masters, has won much favorable comment wherever he has appeared before audiences in this country. He is heralded as one of the most promising of the younger musicians of the country.

The college music department is incurring considerable expense in bringing Mr. Frazer here and thus affording college students an unusual opportunity to hear an accomplished artist perform. It is hoped the efforts of the department will be rewarded by a large attendance at the recital.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

This week the names of seven students have been added to the Exponent staff. During three months try-out these people have satisfactorily demonstrated their ability, dependability, and willingness to perform the work required of them. To be of value on the staff of any newspaper a reporter or a worker in any department of the paper must be capable and trustworthy. He must cover assignments thoroughly and promptly; he must give no small amount of time and effort to his work; he must have a sense of responsibility.

The seven who have "delivered the goods" and have, subject to the approval of the senate of the A. S. M. S. C., been awarded staff positions are Le Roy Fowler, Martin DeVries, Alfred MacFarlin, Georgia Hannah, Harold Stewart, and Oscar J. Solberg in the reportorial department and L. L. Benepe in the business department.

Several others who started late or who have not been able to meet the requirements, as yet, will be given further opportunity to prove their worth.

CALENDAR

Friday, Dec. 8. — Freshman-Sophomore debate.
Dec. 13—Civic League.
Dec. 15—Recital assembly hall.
Short Course dance.
Dec. 16—Dramatic club play.
Dec. 18.—Armstrong Declamatory contest.
Dec. 21—Christmas Vacation begins.
Dec. 15.—Arthur Frazer, Piano Recital, Montana Hall.
Dec. 16.—Vaudeville show—College Dramatic Club—Drill hall.

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Alumni and Ex-Students

Ernest Border '16 instructor in agriculture in the Beaverhead County high school spent Thanksgiving vacation visiting his mother in Bozeman.

George Morgan, '12, superintendent of the Northern Montana sub-experiment station at Havre, spent Thanksgiving with his parents, and then left for Washington, D. C., to spend the winter compiling material and data concerning the experiment station.

Louis Collins, '14, who is doing some civil engineering work in different sections of the state, spent Thanks giving in Bozeman.

C. C. McCormack, '16, professor of agriculture at the Polytechnic institute at Polytechnic, Mont., is visiting friends in the city this week.

Jack Milburn, '16, of Butte, was in Bozeman during the Thanksgiving recess.

Homer Millegan, '14, of Millegan, Mont., visited friends and relatives in the city this week. Mr. Milligan is also the proud father of a baby born at the Deaconess hospital, and is now obliged to pass cigars to his many friends.

Mrs. Rausie Roecher Solberg, '14, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Roecher this week.

Miss Kathleen Wilson, '15, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Wilson left Sunday for Harlowton, where she will teach home economics.

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A short time ago Captain Clark delivered a talk to the cadets, explaining several squad movements with the aid of two squads of drill masters. He then told of the plan of the government in furnishing uniforms and other equipment for the college.

According to the bill passed by congress in June, 1916, the government furnishes uniforms and other equipment to the cadets of all land grant colleges. This however will not go into effect until July 1917 and only two resources are left to the students: either that the State of Montana might furnish uniforms or that the students might buy their own uniforms which could be obtained at about the cost of civilian clothes but would be durable and of better quality.

The commandant went on to say that he hoped to have the companies formed soon and as there were about 250 students taking military work, the M. S. C. cadets would be organized in battalion form of about four companies. Officers will be picked by the recommendation of the commandant and the approval of the president and their rank will be governed by merit and attendance.

CLEVER PIANIST

(Continued From Page One.)

nounced impression. The exquisitely fantastic allegro of the closing movement gave him scope to develop expression and left him a Denver favorite.—Lute Johnson in the Denver Republican.

Arthur Frazer, the Chicago pianist, played the Grieg Concerto with the Denver Symphony Orchestra and was accorded a splendid reception.—New York Musical America.

Grieg's Concerto for piano was given a splendid reading by Arthur Frazer, of Chicago. His scale and octave work was remarkable for clarity and evenness of tone color. We hope to hear more of this artist's work.—R. R. Bren, in the Musical Leader.

Mr. Frazer did good work in the Grieg Concerto. His technique is excellent. He has a tone of good quality, plays with ease, and his scale work is strikingly even and finished. At no time does he pound. This is a musical quality too seldom adhered to.—Chicago Music News.

Mr. Frazer played with distinction, Grieg's Concerto in A minor.—Denver Times.

He is in fact, almost sui generis in the perfect clarity and the utter purity with which he presents these examples of an era which, so far as modern program making (piano recital) is concerned, has become of the past, forgotten and which yet possesses a special charm when a pianist such as is Mr. Frazer chooses to revitalize it with modern art and advanced taste, assisted by a fine piano.—Music News, Chicago.

An admirable recital was given by Mr. Arthur Frazer, a new pianist, who comes well prepared for his work from association with great teachers in centers of the old world. He gave an ambitious program Sunday afternoon at the Whitney Opera House. The pianist is free from mannerism, has a crisp touch, good sense of tone. His work is neither dry nor pedantic, but, while serious, carries a certain sprightliness.—New York Musical America.

Mr. Frazer has much to recommend him in his playing. Possesses a fleet and sure technique and a tone of good singing quality.—Chicago Tribune.

Mr. Frazer won not only the sympathy of his audience, but the warmest appreciation, and he had to respond many times over after his last number.—Western Musical Herald.

This young man who has recently returned from study in Europe, shows the tool marks of thorough preparation. His technique is dextrous, his tone beautiful both in fortes and pianos, and his style is elevated.—Chicago Inter-Ocean.

There is also a certain sense of security and assurance about his playing that discloses admirable musicianship. His performance of the Schumann Carnival was delicately graceful, his technical ability, command of tone color and enthusiasm enabling him to give adequate expression to the composer's intentions.—Chicago Musical Leader.

The Barometer

In this column The Exponent will publish signed contributions relating to matters of public interest. The editor does not necessarily endorse the articles published but reserves the right to reject any article not suitable for publication in this paper.

Editor Exponent Bozeman, Montana.

Dear Sir: Starving Albania without even one newspaper of its own to make public its need, is dying in silence, its tragedy passed by unheeded.

Will the Exponent open a door through which its appeal for help may reach the people of the United States?

Yours truly,

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American Fair Play

While the people of the United States have been sending thirty million dollars' worth of relief to Europe and Turkey, two hundred thousand women and children in Albania have died of starvation.

While each woman and child in Belgium has had plenty to eat, women and children in Albania have gnawed at the carcasses of dead horses in the streets.

William Willard Howard, of New York, who has returned from his third trip in this hunger zone of Europe, predicts that the entire population of Albania will die of famine and pestilence unless helped. He says that in Albania corn is fifty dollars a bushel, flour eighty dollars a sack, and macaroni five dollars a pound.

"The tragedy of Albania," says Mr. Howard, "is that a nation is dying of hunger, while the people of the United States, laden with gifts for the rest of Europe and for Turkey, pass by on the other side.

"Thirty millions of dollars have been given by the people of the United States for relief work of various kinds in Belgium, Poland, Syria and the warring countries of Europe, while two hundred thousand women and children in Southeastern Europe have starved to death unheeded and uncared for. Not one woman or child has died of hunger in Belgium; two hundred thousand in Albania.

"Is it fair—is it human—that the innocent women and children of Albania, who never did any one any harm, should be trampled under foot and left to perish, at a time when all others are fed?

"Is this American fair play?

"I have appealed for help in high places. I have begged a crust of bread of those who have given millions to Belgium, Poland Armenia and Syria. I have begged in vain.

"The Albanians are as much entitled to sympathy and help as others. They have not taken part in the war. They fed and sheltered the refugees from Serbia, even with the last measure of corn that the famine-stricken villages possessed. They have not done any wrong; yet armies have swept over their country, taking what could be found to take, leaving to the starving women and children only the carcasses of dead horses in the streets.

"I ask only American fair play for the famished children of Albania. I ask of all fair minded men and women in the United States: Why should the Albanians—three hundred thousand of whom are Christians—be left to starve, while we press forward, in generous rivalry, to feed the others? The Albanians are more numerous than the Armenians; yet we feed the Armenians and let the Albanians starve.

"Having appealed to deaf ears in high places I now appeal to the plain people—to fair-minded men and women who would not let even a dog starve to death, no matter what his breed. I want to go back to Albania with a shipload of food. I have arranged for a ship—a new American ship, just launched and fitted for the sea. The ship is ready and waiting.

"A number of distinguished gentlemen in New York—mostly clergymen and editors of newspapers—will co-operate in an appeal for a relief cargo for the ship. The treasure selected to receive contributions is the Rev. Frederick Lynch, D. D., editor of the Christian Work and secretary of the Carnegie Church Peace Union. Contributions in any amount—from the price of a loaf of upward—may be sent to the Balkan Relief Fund, 70 Fifth avenue, New York City."

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