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Entire Christian Population of Syria Faces Doom

Syria Unable to Feed Its Own Christian Population and Meet Extraordinary Demands of the Military Authorities.

Washington, D. C., July 22.—That Syria has been unable to feed its own Christian population and at the same time satisfy the military authorities' extraordinary demands for supplies is not surprising to those familiar with the primitive agricultural methods of the Holy Land.

Concerning the manner in which crops are raised in this section of the Near East, where 50,000 people are reported to have perished already and where the entire Christian population seems doomed unless America's representations to the Turkish government are heeded, John D. Whiting presents a graphic picture in a communication to the National Geographic Society, Mr. Whiting says:

"In the mountain districts the farm land is usually owned by peasant proprietors, each man's property being composed of various small pieces scattered about near the village in which he lives. The land is frequently owned in common by the villagers and a division of it takes place every alternate year, and it is so arranged that every man gets portions of the good as well as of the less desirable soil.

"Fences, in the western sense of the word, are unknown. In the mountainous country lands are inclosed by loose stone walls, still called by the ancient Hebrew name, 'jedar,' and on the plains by thorn hedges. While the open fields are owned by individuals, the boundary lines are indicated by deep furrows, in which at intervals stones are laid as 'landmarks.' It is, therefore, readily seen how easily these boundaries could be changed by the unscrupulous, under the cover of the Moslem warnings, 'Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor's landmark.'

"Rain begins to fall about November (average annual rainfall for 50 years about 26 inches), and the ground is wet, and as soon as the ground is wet the winter cereals—wheat, barley, lentils, beans, etc. The plow is a crude affair, made of oak, the bent parts being natural curves held together with iron bands; these bands and a small plowshare, which only scratches the ground a few inches deep, are the only metal parts.

"Oxen are the favorite animals for yoking to a plow. Cows and donkeys are employed by the poorer people. Horses, mules and camels (the last named only along the Mediterranean coast) are harnessed singly to plows, while sometimes one sees an ox and a camel yoked together.

"The fallow is the grain on the bare ground and then plows it in. In rocky ground a man or woman follows with a pick, to loosen the earth that may have been sipped by the plow. The soil is not fertilized. The disinfection of the underlying limestone feeds the soil, so that for thousands of years it has continued yielding crops. The manure and rubbish, instead of being utilized are allowed to accumulate in heaps outside the village, where they surround it like small mountains.

"After the winter crops have all been planted the vineyards and olive groves are plowed a couple of times, and also the fields reserved for the summer. Planting the winter crops is not put into the ground until the rains have entirely ceased.

"During harvest time the fields are lively and picturesque; the entire family has a part in the work, the small children playing among the sheaves and even the babies are brought into the fields. A large toothed sickle is employed by the reapers, when the grain is long, but if short a smaller one is used, the grain being quite dull; so that it does not cut, but simply uproots the grain.

"Destitute women and girls are allowed to follow the reapers and glean the fallen ears, which they tie into neat little bundles, dropping them on the ground as they go along, and these they gather up every evening and beat out the grain with a stick, just as Ruth did of old in the fields of Bethlehem. During the reaping period the Bible calls 'parched corn' is made in almost every field. Some wheat not fully ripe is cut down and set on fire, the straw only being consumed. The roasted heads are rubbed between the hands and the chaff blown away in the wind. Without further preparation this roasted wheat forms one of the common articles of diet of the reapers. Undoubtedly such was the 'parched corn' which Boaz reached to Ruth.

"Threshing by the primitive methods employed is the most tiresome task of all the fellah's round of toil. In many places it is done entirely by treading out beneath the feet of the animals, which are led together abreast and driven round and round over the spread out grain. The mules and horses are provided with flat sheet iron shoes for all kinds of work, and the cattle, just as the threshing season begins, are specially shod.

"As soon as the grapes, figs and other fruits begin ripening, the fellah, with his entire family, moves out of the village into the vineyard. The grape season is looked forward to as the best part of the year, because at this time the natives live for the most part on bread and bread. Jokingly, the fellah says that they get so fat from eating grapes that their fezzes burst.

"Olives are harvested in the fall, but by a method so injurious to the trees that they yield a full crop but once in two years. Instead of picking them by hand, for time is not money with these easy-going people, they beat the trees with sticks to knock off the fruit, which at the same time results in destroying the tender shoots which should bear the next year's fruit. The olives when salted or pickled in brine are valued food, for a peasant can make a meal of only bread and olives, with perhaps the addition of a raw onion.

ed to sour. The skin is blown full of air, the opening tied up, and it is hung on a tripod of sticks and shaken back and forth by one or two women until the butter is formed."

GOVERNOR APPEALS FOR RELIEF FUNDS

(Continued From Page One). service between Charlotte and Rutherfordton over the Seaboard and between Charlotte and Gastonia over the interurban.

PROGRESS IN REPAIRING NORTH WILKESBORO LINE

Winston-Salem, N. C., July 22.—Officials of the Southern Railway report rapid progress in repairing the flood damage to the track from this station to North Wilkesboro, Rockford a station ten miles from the flood injuries on this end having been reached tonight. A force of 250 men are at this point going westward, 100 men at Elkin, 20 miles from Rockford, and 200 men at North Wilkesboro, the end of the line, are working eastward.

An emergency automobile mail line was established today from this city to Roaring River, by way of Yadkinville, Elkin and Ronda, opening up parts of the line, which had been closed since mail service since the flood a week ago.

Red Cross volunteers here today wired \$100 to Mayor Spainhour, of North Wilkesboro. Two motor trucks loaded with supplies left this afternoon for distribution at Elkin among sufferers until other relief is secured.

FOOD SCARCE AND SHELTER UNKNOWN ABOUT SHIMNEY ROCK (Special Star Correspondence).

Wadesboro, N. C., July 22.—Eight of the Wadesboro contingent who were among the victims of the flood at Chimney Rock, arrived home last night over the Seaboard. They are Frank Rogers and two sons, Charles Lowe, Lewis and Marshall Woodson, Clay Saylor, Jr., and Benton Dees. According to their report, they left Chimney Rock Thursday morning and worked their way to Rutherfordton, walking, swimming and wading through mud to gain their destination. They report that conditions in the Chimney Rock section are even worse than has been reported; that food is very scarce and shelter is unknown.

The women and children, who could not stand the hardships of walking to a point where a railroad facility could be had, are still in the mountains and suffering for food and adequate clothing and shelter. None of the Wadesboro party suffered any serious injury. Local telephone service has been established in every section of this county. Dr. J. E. Hart, chairman of the county board of commissioners, reports that 15 of the county bridges were destroyed by the flood. Another county will take immediate steps to restore this damage.

CRAIG ISSUES STATEMENT REGARDING THE SITUATION

Charlotte, N. C., July 22.—Governor Locke Craig, marooned at Asheville, his home city, since last Sunday by this week's Carolina floods, tonight by radio message to the State Board of Agriculture, issued the following statement as to flood suffering and relief measures in North Carolina:

"In response to an urgent appeal from a committee of the Raleigh board of trade, I have appointed a commission for the receipt of funds for the destitute in the flooded district of North Carolina. E. E. Britton, of Raleigh, chairman of this commission, stated that there was evidence of destitution in the Allegheny and Wilkes counties section and that outside aid had been requested.

"There is now no need, according to my best information for outside aid in the Asheville, Black Mountain, Statesville, Sat Cave and Chimney Rock districts. All suffering in the Asheville section has been promptly and adequately met by those residing here. This was done Sunday and Monday, sufficient funds being provided for that purpose.

"Hendersonville has agreed to look after the Bat Cave and Chimney Rock sufferers. Some supplies were sent to Hendersonville, over \$500 worth, necessary, since Hendersonville has assumed responsibility for relief in that district. The situation at Marshall and also at Black Mountain has been taken care of. The situation at the Obispo section of this section of the state is in fair way toward recovery.

"I have reliable information of the situation at the Wilkes and Allegheny section and acted in appointing this commission, at the instance of the Raleigh Board of Trade and others."

FUND OF OVER \$1,000 HAS BEEN RAISED IN GREENSBORO

Greensboro, N. C., July 22.—Delayed reports from isolated sections of Wilkes, Ashe, and adjoining counties today add to the story of destitution and suffering as a result of floods of the past week. In Greensboro energetic relief measures were taken today, the city starting a campaign fund which tonight totalled over \$600 worth. A fund started by the Greensboro Daily News late yesterday had been swelled to over \$500 tonight. Word came from High Point late today that a fund had been started by the city of that town, and that the relief work in that county sufferers and that \$133 had been contributed. A mass meeting has been called for Sunday night in Greensboro to take action for relief of flood sufferers.

MONTEAULT IS NOT PACING ANY SHORTAGE OF FOOD.

Asheville, N. C., July 22.—Information received tonight direct from Monteaunt by telephone disclosed that no food shortage was feared there as had been reported. The Monteaunt lake dam was damaged, but there was no loss of life. An official of the Monteaunt association stated tonight that religious conferences are proceeding as usual. Flood conditions at Asheville and Blowing Rock are being reported as similar reports are received from points in the French Broad valley.

Dallas, Texas, July 22.—With only about 27,000 votes in today's Democratic primary counted at midnight, Dr. S. P. Brooks, former president of Baylor University, Waco, was leading the field of six candidates in the race for the Democratic nomination for United States senator.

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