

RELIEF WORK IN BELGIUM

From an Address Delivered in New York by Lindon W. Bates, Vice-Chairman of the Commission for Relief in Belgium.

It was the third week of October, a hurricane of fire had swept an heroic land. To the east a wall of steel which none could pierce. West the molten front of craters, which none could pass. North a sea which none could gain. South the mountains whence came the endless legions of the victors. Thus hemmed six and a half millions of embosomed souls! By the impetuous and ardent will of our American Minister, seconded by the envoys of Spain and Italy and by the grace of saving goodness in the conquerors, all the world, an appeal to live—love whose outpourings now freight the seven seas. The neutral Ministers standing to their posts in Brussels—accredited the Mission of the Commission for Relief in Belgium. American, Spanish and Italian Ambassadors in London who rallied to their group, the American Ambassadors to Germany and France, our Minister to Holland and the consuls of all their nations in the zone of imminent disaster.

Thus it began. Then with swift, serene quickness came the diplomatic, the naval and military agreements, the executive, legislative and judicial. These treaties are the charter of that creation like unto another that ever was. The Commission for Relief in Belgium.

Dealing With Causes. We are founded to deal not with symptoms but with causes. The nature of the relief is therefore to be a permanent one. It is not to be a mere band-aid to be removed when the wound has healed. It is to be a permanent one. It is to be a permanent one. It is to be a permanent one.

Commission 11 Days Old. The Commission was founded 11 days old. It began with the aid of the American people. It began with the aid of the American people. It began with the aid of the American people.

What It Costs. The Commission costs \$2,000,000 a day. It costs \$2,000,000 a day. It costs \$2,000,000 a day. It costs \$2,000,000 a day.

The Only Medium. The Commission is absolutely the only medium through which food can go into Belgium. An organization thinking of working independently was informed by the German military authorities that the Commission had no right to exist. It was told that they would moreover guarantee the entire consumption by the German Army of all stores brought by others.

Boy or Girl? Great Question! This brings to many minds an old and tried family remedy. It is known as "Mother's Friend." During the period of expectancy it is applied to the abdominal muscles and is designed to soothe the irritated work of nerves involved. In this manner it has such a splendid influence as to justify its use in all cases of coming motherhood. It has been generally recommended for years and years and those who have used it speak in highest praise of the immense relief it affords. Particularly do these knowing mothers speak of the absence of morning sickness, absence of strain on the ligaments and freedom from those many other distresses which are usually looked forward to with so much concern.

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All Ships to Rotterdam. All the ships go to Rotterdam. An army of seafarers discharges them into another fleet of hundreds of canal barges that carry the food to the coast.

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SAYS THIS COUNTRY CANNOT TAKE SIDES

British M. P. Thinks That Would Mean Disaster.

London Cor. New York Times. Philip Snowden, M. P. writing in the Daily Chronicle on his visit to America, and the opinions of Americans on the war, says: "I write of American opinions—not opinions of American opinion on the war is divided into two camps. An overwhelming number of Americans are enthusiastically on the side of the Allies. Pro-German sympathizers are confined to persons of German birth and descent and to a very small section of Irish revolutionaries; but the Americans who are on the side of the Allies are not pro-British. They do not sympathize with Great Britain in this war because of any affection for Great Britain, but because they believe that in this war Great Britain and her allies are in the right and are fighting for those principles of democratic liberty for which America has in the abstract such profound admiration.

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