

AMERICAN PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION.

HARRY PRATT JUDSON, DIRECTOR.

No. 18.

Teheran, Persia.

November 23, 1918.

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American Consul,

Kasvin.

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I have seen the Syrian committee to which you refer and have also conferred with Colonel Kennion. He wishes one of our Commission to be at Kasvin to take charge of relief work during the winter but it seems to me rather doubtful whether we can detail anyone for that purpose although I am trying to do so. If not the matter of relief there must be left in the hands of a British officer. Meanwhile I have asked Colonel Kennion to let me know what will be involved in the way of relief work at that place so that we may decide on contributing towards it.

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November 24, 1918 - 10 A.M.

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even date reading:

" am Leaving via Europe. Have
appointed A. C. Boyce, Teheran
Treasurer with authority to sign
or draw our account with you".

Signed "Judson", American Persian
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Therefore I would kindly request you
to honor any checks or drafts or telegraphic
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Those poor people, especially those from Urumia, must have suffered much hardship, and the outlook for them; with their homes undoubtedly looted if not destroyed, is certainly not too cheerful.

It seems evident that had I attempted to remain at Tabriz, the Turks would have carried out their threat that the American Consul was to be the first arrested. I don't feel that I have been able to accomplish much here towards helping our people who did remain, for events did not turn out as we hoped in the matter of the relief of Urumia, and my efforts with General Dunster-ville resulted in nothing, but had I been arrested at Tabriz I should have become little but an embarrassing diplomatic incident for the State Department to deal with, and at a time when the Department could hardly have been seeking such incidents.

I am still as much in the dark as ever regarding when, how and under what circumstances I may be expected to return to my post at Tabriz. Nobody here seems able to enlighten me, but General Champaign told me some days ago that a Major Eadie (if that's his name) was coming here from Bagdad on a mission to Azerbaijan, and yesterday he told me that Major Eadie might reach here to-day. He said that he (the Major) would not go to Teheran, so it may be inferred that the British Consul, Mr. Bristow, will come here. Our friend the Governor, whom I saw yesterday, said that Ain-ed-Dowleh, who had been appointed Governor-General at Tabriz, had not, he understood, accepted. In the meantime I learn that the road from here to Zenjan (the best part of that between here and Tabriz) is almost impassable for motor-cars, and in any event, neither cars nor any other wheeled transport can get beyond the broken bridges between the Kaflonkuh pass and Jemalabad and Mianeh. It is possible that a car might get as far -they say- as Sarchan (about fifty miles beyond Zenjan), and even that would be quite a lift on the road to Tabriz (about half way). Should it be possible to get motor transport as far as that I would send my horses, servants and pack animals on in advance; provided always I had sufficient notice. It has been suggested that it might be possible to return to Tabriz via Baku-Tiflis, but there seems to be no assurance that the route from Tiflis to Julfa, and from the latter to Tabriz, is practicable. In any case, it is probable that little baggage could be transported by that route, and as we are returning to an empty house, I shall have to take back all such belongings as we brought here.

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Whatever form my return may take, I shall have to take my wife with me, for she declines to be left behind. She is far from well, and indeed I have some anxiety as to how she will stand such a hard journey. That would be an additional reason for my desire that such a capable and entirely reasonable person as Mrs. Jessup should be of the party.

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Could you manage to learn whether the honorary Spanish Consul at Tabriz, Monsieur Franssen, was really arrested by the Turks, as I have heard, and, if so, whether the archives, etc. of the Consulate that I confided to his care were taken, for, if so, there are certain supplies that I must order replaced (such as consular seals, etc) at once by the Department. I cannot be sure that the Legation will advise me, since I was not advised of the arrest of Dr. Vanneman and Mr. Jessup, (save by some drivers that passed here on Oct. 24th) until Nov. 5th, when a copy of a reply to a note written by the Legation on Oct. 1st, to the Persian office, was sent me without further explanation. Mr. Caldwell said nothing to me about the arrest when he was here on October 9th, and 16th.,

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Please remember me to the other members of your party and believe me,

Very sincerely yours,

Ernest Innes.

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I should be interested to hear -

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*Received
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DIPLOMATIC AGENCY AND CONSULATE-GENERAL,
CAIRO, EGYPT.

November 25, 1918.

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way home, and with very good wishes for all of you, I am,

Hon. Harry Pratt Judson, LL.D.,
Chairman of American Persian Relief Commission,
American Embassy,
Paris.

Dear Dr. Judson:

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Alfred D. Jones





Samsâm es-Saltaneh's

Translation of the ~~Sardari~~ ~~Spah's~~
Speech on the occasion of the Dinner given
by ^{the} Bakhtiari Khans to Dr. Judson
and the American Relief Commission.
Teheran, November 25th 1918.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The members of the Bakhtiari
family in Teheran and myself, "fa-
voured by Fortune" as our name
would imply, consider ourselves es-
pecially fortunate tonight in wel-
coming you, Dr. Judson, and your
friends of the American Relief Com-
mission, as our honoured guests.

We Highlanders, — true sons
of Iran and offsprings of the "Im-
mortal Horse" of Xerxes, — are
more familiar with deeds than
words; therefore do I apologize
for not being able to express
in

in adequate terms the warmth
and sincerity of the feelings with
which those who have never hesitated
to lay down their lives for the liberties
of their native land grasp the hands
of prominent citizens of ^{the} ~~the~~ Great
Republic ~~country~~ whose free institutions are
the most admirable and highly
developed in the world.

I can only regret that the enter-
tainment is unworthy of the oc-
casion, and that the days you
have yet to spare among us are
numbered.

If, however, on leaving our
shores, with the blessings of a

people whose sufferings you are so
nobly helping to mitigate, the recollec-
tion you carry away with you of
your brief sojourn here ~~be~~ as ^{vivid} ~~deep~~
and pleasant as the impression
you will certainly have left behind,
then we can be hopeful of a brighter
future for Persia and the adjust-
ment of her wrongs.

Ladies & Gentlemen, I drink
to the health of Dr. Judson and
of our other distinguished guests.

Teheran,

November 25, 1918.

Amconsul,

Bagdad.

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British Military Headquarters ,
Baku.

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Teheran

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Holmes

American Commission,
Hamadan.

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needed Baku stop Caldwell will arrange passport and permit travel
Atlantic Vaile yourself stop Wilfrid Post sails from Bombay this
week destination Teheran hospital stop Will telegraph him
regarding transport missionary supplies stop See my telegram
Allen regarding arrangements general direction Persian relief
after our departure stop Boyce fully familiar financial affairs
stop Render reports to him

Regards all

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American Mission,
- Hamadan.

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currency contribution to Holmes from sixty thousand to one
stop Repatriation dangerous and inadvisable until order restored
hundred thousand stop This amount with gold covers in
which will require considerable time Governor not yet appointed
specie entire appropriation including above twenty thousand
stop Care for Syrian sick needy and Armenian orphans out of
loans and provides twenty thousand for Hawkes requirements
appropriation made in Hamadan for contingencies stop Regarding
which should be covered by Vanneman funds or borrowed from
loans have authorized in last telegram to Holmes twenty thousand
Holmes stop After our departure general direction all our
tomans as additional appropriation to be used when time for
relief work in charge central section of Commission Tengeran
repatriation comes stop Regarding wheat purchases reduce same
Caldwell Chairman Boyce Treasurer Wilfrid Post
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executive Secretary stop Refer to them as you would to me
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Mar. 25, 1918
Tehran

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Next month also we are expecting another member of our Commission to come up from Bagdad with motor transport and we shall recommend also that loans be made from that source.

It is my hope that in this way we may be of some specific service to you. With all best wishes for the success of your important work, I am,

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and by ~~Nov 25, 1918~~
sent to
London

In appeal to
The venerable Representative
of the American Mission,
We have the honour
by this, to invite the attention of
the honourable Mission concern-
ing a handful people, who are
without receiving an assistance,
misfortunately, wandering in
the wastes of Persia, suffering
from hunger, heat & cold, in a
word by all the horrors of nature
& men. The said people are
composed of the inhabitants of
Salmast & Uroomia, of whom
you have been associated for some
times in the past.

We have received aid during
six months in Uroomia, through
the late Sir Shed only, of no one else,

Considering the benevolent
American people as well as the go-
vernment in your person of
the Mission, by this we intreat
you, most earnestly, according
to your traditional habit, to ap-
proach most kindly, to relieve
us fr. famine & suffering, feeding
in open air, & giving daily tens
of victims in the fields of Sul-
tanabad village.

Again & again beseech you
the famine stricken 700-800 souls
to lend a helping hand, as soon as
possible, The hope & fainting eyes
of the famine stricken are directed
to you every moment.

With much respect
Representatives of the refugees.
(Signed by the following.)

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Hagahi Brigorian

Megardik Mangasarian

Bogus Bagdasarian

(Hilil)
Alek Geghigian

Gen. ~~Thomson~~ ~~Adams~~

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To your every command,

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AMERICAN PERSIAN RELIEF COMMISSION.

No. 24.

Teheran,
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Dear Mr. Jordan:

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We have had many interesting times in Teheran and have succeeded, I think, in accomplishing all that we set out to do. We are planning now to leave here next Monday (December 2nd) for Baku, hoping to get through to Batoum and Constantinople fairly soon. I shall probably see you, therefore, in Kasvin.

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Military Attache's Office.

TEHRAN. No B.I429.

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The President,

American Persian Relief Commission.

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Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that the following telegram has been despatched under to-day's date as requested.

" Following from American Mission begins.

Our two Representatives named ELMER and MAYNARD who were proceeding from BACUBAH to ENZELI at General THOMSON's request are held up at RUZ lack of transport. Would appreciate your facilitating their progress. JUDSON. ends"
Addressed Percom, KERMANSHAH Repeated Linecom HAMADAN and Norperforce KASVIN.

Yours faithfully,

Lieut-Col. G.S.

Military Attache.



No. 30.

Teheran,

November 26, 1918.

The Honorable

M. Mossadegh,

Teheran.

Dear Sir:

It is with great pleasure that I beg to acknowledge receipt of your valued photograph and of the book on Mussulmanic law which you so kindly sent. I shall cherish the former among my souvenirs of Persia and shall no doubt be able to use the latter to advantage.

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EXTRACTS FROM LETTERS OF REV. JACOB DAVID

Hamadan, Persia, Nov. 27, 1918

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On the eight day after the evacuation of Urmia they, (Turks and Kurds) entered the Catholic premises and killed the saintly Bishop Sontag (legate of the Pope) his priests and thousands of refugees. They massacred all the Christians who could not flee away. Many villages did not hear about the evacuation and have been massacred. We hear that they looted the houses of the American missionaries, and that all the missionaries are taken prisoners to Tabriz. What became of my family there is no word. (See later)

The Turks are leaving Persia. It is one of the terms in their surrender. God be glorified! The war is over. Germany and Turks, the enemies of mankind, are defeated! I'd rather see my dear wife and daughter being killed than taken captives by the savage Kurds. I want to die before I hear such a word about them. Ask all my friends to pray for me in this time of my misery and despondency.

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Urmia, Persia, Aug. 9, 1916

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It has been my privilege to see the Russian army suffering privation, often loss of life, in order to protect the handful of Christians. "May long live the Czar of Russia!" is the prayer of all Christians in this locality. If it was not for him, there would not be one single Christian left to tell the tale.

It has been an awful experience for me to see so much bloodshed and misery, yet I think God has privileged me to do some good in my own capacity, to comfort the widows, orphans and unfortunates. Most of our pastors are either killed or dead (from disease).....Within five months I have conducted about 210 funerals.

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Another cause that adds more to the wretchedness of this community is the overflow of the refugees from all over Kurdistan into Urmia villages and city. There are thousands upon thousands, hungry, dirty, naked, homeless and destitute, going from one house to the other begging for a piece of bread, sleeping in bare streets, stones for their bedding and the clear sky for their covering. Typhoid is sweeping them by hundreds into eternity.

Our school started on Oct. 3, and I have been excessively busy because I run it and have the whole responsibility.

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Our money is to be sent through Mr. Cleveland H. Dodge, Treasurer of the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, who can reach Mr. David readily by cable. Time has been consumed in looking matters up and organizing a committee. It is hoped that funds may now be promptly raised. Contributions will be sent by committee members to Dr. Henry B. Williams, Treas., Auburn, Maine.

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I note that the final shipment of material has been made.

Mr. Caldwell will write on the matter of the bills to which you refer.

Please tell Mr. Holmes that his letter of the 18th instant is received and I think that all points in it have been covered by our telegrams.

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