

Nage wrote from Beirut asking if we could come down for a week. As I told before, we are allowed two weeks vacation days vacation a month ~~to~~ Dunaway & I have obtained permission to go down if work is not too rushing. We had one week in Marash, & expect to take the other near Beirut. Nage is arranging the trip & is hiring a Ford to take us to Haifa, Tyre, Sidon, Beirut, Damascus & then will camp on the sea of Galilee. I don't know whether or not I need to apologize for taking a vacation when on a relief expedition, but we don't think we do. We are working much harder at \$25 a month than many of those who just came over here with all expenses paid & good salary besides. Our "anticrabbing" society just made things so uncomfortable for three non-producers of our party (all well paid) that two have gone home & the third is being asked to. Those of us who are willing to work aren't letting the other variety have much peace. As a result we can't find anything more to eat about - except the British attitude towards the Armenians. They practically stopped our rescuing of Armenian girls - contrary to General Allenby's command. Must stop now. Will enclose some photos. Many of the photos I send I cannot replace, so please keep them unless I send duplicates. Love from Stanley.

under Allied military control - and not French control. The Arabs will not have the French & if they come there will be fighting. The last I've heard is that the French troops would not occupy the north Syria. I don't have much doubt but that there will be trouble whichever way it goes - fighting if the French come, & massacres if no Allied troops come. An American occupation would please everybody - Arabs, Armenians, Turks.

The "bloodless revolution" in Turkey has apparently succeeded. The new party marched into ~~the~~ Ionia one day, took over the railroad & city government while the British sat by & looked on. They have occupied several other cities & now, I hear, have overthrown the old cabinet at Constantinople & are in power. In north Turkey our A.C.R.N.E. friends write that young Turks are drilling. Many say that the British are releasing these ~~pr~~ war prisoners from Egypt to

help in recruiting for this new army.

Jimmi Mage, our Penn friend from Beirut who went hunting in Marash with Dunaway & me just wrote up his telling of his trials & troubles. There is a feud on between the Druses & Christians in his district. First a Druse is killed, then a Christian, then another Druse, etc. etc. The Druses are quite a bit ahead. Mage's own messenger was shot & stabbed a few nights ago & died. The Druses fire on French autos passing thru, & as the French use Fords, Mage had to doll his Ford up so it wouldn't be mistaken for a Frenchie. He has big Red Crosses painted on both sides, an American flag at the top, & Arabic inscriptions saying "This is an American auto."

In Aleppo there hasn't been any trouble yet. A good deal of artillery has passed thru here.

My lab was robbed a few nights ago by some fool who took the beam ~~from~~ the balance & left platinum riders he ~~was~~ untouched. It was a fine analytical balance, the only one we brought over, but now is useless. They also took a fine set of weights & a rough set, & a small spectroscope. I thought the burglars might find out they didn't get a complete balance, so in case they were coming back for more I slept in the lab with intentions of giving them a few .38 longs, but Mr. Burglar didn't come back. Last night Dunaway & I slept on over a quarter of million in gold lira, & Lambert feared an attempt at robbery, as it was known this money had come, so we were prepared to give burglars lead instead of gold.

Today Dunaway found (in Aleppo) the sister of Aurora (author of "Revised Armenia") & got her story. Apparently the man who is exploiting Aurora is an extraordinary liar because Aurora's story is not true. Aurora's mother was not killed, but died of disease. Several of her ~~brothers~~ ^{relatives} & sisters are alive whom she said killed. Will write more of this when I hear more about it.



sending the Armenians to Adana is to make it seem that the French can't handle the job - merely by sending so many that they can't be cared for. Moreover - the British are releasing thousands of Turkish war prisoners & thousands of these are being shipped to Adana. I've seen them going there every time a train goes thru. This is already causing trouble. Dunaway was in Adana a few days ago & while there witnessed a big scare among the Armenians. Turks or brigands came down on a village near Adana & killed all they could find there - about 10 people. The report caused great excitement in Adana & hundreds of Armenians rushed to the A.C.R.M. & hospital for protection - all shops closed, & three people were killed in the city in the rush - two Turks & one Armenian. It turned out later that the Turks went on to Dort Döl & killed over a hundred Armenians there. ^{& stopped only when British artillery was sent.} The Armenians everywhere are scared at the thought of the British leaving. America may be right in not wanting the mandatory, but it is a crime to leave this country without some

Aleppo, Turkey.

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Dear Mother,

For a wonder I have nothing to do for the rest of the afternoon so will write a letter and then loaf. I've had a couple of letters from home in the last week and was very glad to hear from home. Some literary digests came, too, & nearly everybody here has read them. So you have another cat! A remark you made in one of your letters was rather significant - it was about how having been killed while you were away - then you asked "Do you ever see pet cats in Aleppo?" I read that passage to some of our crowd one evening & you should have heard the howl. - It just happens that diplomatic relations between the British & Americans in Aleppo were strained - to say the least - on account of a pet cat I saw in Aleppo. In fact I was responsible for the death of Col. Bell's cat here & haven't heard the last of it yet. Here's how it happened. Col. Bell's little girl's little cat came into the lat one day & chased the guinea pigs around until some one came to the rescue. I told Pichon - my little Armenian boy - that the cat was doomed to die if it chased the guinea pigs

any more. A few weeks later I entered the lab & found one pig dead & the other scared stiff. Pickon said "Cat - how kill pig." I said "Well why didn't you kill the cat?" He said - "Him die - one hour. Face finished." Sure enough, in an hour Col. Bell's orderly appeared at the door & was about to thrash the kid when I butted in. (The Bells live over the lab). The orderly promised trouble when the Colonel returned, & sure enough trouble arrived. Bell ordered the kid sent to the Arab police to be thrashed with the regular Arab thrashing - which isn't any joke. He telephoned to American headquarters announcing that he had done this, so I went to him & told him I'd see to it that the kid wasn't touched. The chief of detectives of the Arab government is a friend of mine & promised that Bell wouldn't accomplish anything thru the police, & then Dunaway told his friend the British administrator of the Arab govt. about the affair, so in a few days the story of Bell's cat was all over town & Bell got so sick of being kidded about his old cat he hasn't mentioned it since, but his wife still tells anybody about it who

will listen. Pickon is famous as the boy who killed the Colonel's cat.

Aside from that I haven't seen very many pet cats except one that swings - or used to swing - outside my bedroom every night in the tree, until I tried to see how good a shot I was in the dark. Another cat went to cat heaven. The Arabs keep cats in the shops - they help to keep the dust of the boards of bread, etc.

Nothing terribly exciting has happened lately. A wedding in the city provided about six parades & dances. The political situation is interesting. The British are sending all Armenian ^{from places as west of Haifa} refugees to Adena which is making great congestion there & slackening the work here. Several reasons are being given for this. One is that when the British leave (which is soon) the Arabs will kill the Armenians, so they are sending them out of Arab territory. Altho the Arabs don't love the Armenians, I can't believe the British have such a fine motive behind the move as this. The British hate the Armenians - all of them do - and their hatred seems to be without reason & also seems to come from one source. The British also seem to want to put the French in wrong, so a good many have said that the real reason for