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THE GREEK GOVERNMENT HAS SENT THREE SHIPS TO ADALIA TO EVACUATE TEN THOUSAND CHRISTIANS WHO ARE BEING EDPORTED UNDER KEMALIST "INVITATION" EIGHT SHIPS ARE EXPECTED TO LEAVE WITHIN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS FOR GALLIPOLI FOR THIRTY THOUSAND REFUGEES THROWN INTO A PANIC BY THE TURKISH FOUR MILE ADVANCE INTO THE NEUTRAL ZONE. THE NUMBER OF THESE CHRISTIANS IS INCREASED BY THE FACT THAT THOUSANDS OF REFUGEES FROM EAST THRACE HAVE TAKEN REFUGE AT GALLIPOLI BELIEVING THAT THE NEUTRAL ZONE OFFERED SAFETY, EVACUATION FROM ADALIA AND GALLIPOLI WILL BE CARRIED OUT UNDER THE PROTECTION OF AMERICA DESTROYERS. THE MOVEMENTS OF REFUGEE SHIPS ARE UNDER THE ORDERS OF REV. A. K. JENNINGS OF THE Y.M.C.A. NOW WITH THE NEAR EAST RELIEF. JENNINGS WHO DIRECTED THE ENTIRE SMYRNA EVACUATION SO SUCCESSFULLY WILL ALSO HAVE CHARGE OF ALL EVACUATIONS FROM THE BLACK SEA. HE ARRIVED YESTERDAY FROM CONSTANTINOPLE ABOARD THE DESTROYER BAINBRIDGE WHICH WAS PLACED AT HIS DISPOSAL BY THE AMERICAN NAVY. HE SPENT THE DAY CONFERRING WITH CHARLES W. FOWLE GREEK MINISTERS POLITIS AND DOXIADES AND REPRESENTATIVES OF THE GREEK ARMY AND NAVY FROM BEIRUT: MANY REFUGEES ARE ENTERING SYRIA FROM THE NORTH. ALEPPO? BEIRUT TRIPOLI AND OTHER TOWNS ARE SWAMPED. RAINS ARE BEGINNING, NEED OF THE REFUGEES IS DESPERATE NEAR EAST RELIEF IS ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN CARING FOR THEM. LANDS ARE OFFERED THE REFUGEES IN THE INTERIOR OF SYRIA IF PROVIS-

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ION CAN BE MADE TO CARRY THEM THROUGH TO HARVEST. FOUR HUNDRED FROM ZEITOUN ALL WOMEN AND CHILDREN, THE REMNANT OF A THOUSAND DEPORTEES ARRIVED AT JERABLOUS WITHOUT MONEY OR FOOD, EXHAUSTED. THEY HAD WALKED THREE HUNDRED MILES FROM CHERMOUK MANY DIED ENROUTE. WE ARE PROVIDING FOR THEM TEMPORARILY. A MESSAGE FROM AINTAB BEGS HELP FROM NEAR EAST RELIEF FOR THREE THOUSAND DESIRING TO LEAVE. THE MESSAGE SAYS THE NATIVE CHRISTIANS SPEAK OF THE TURKISH INVITATION AS A MASSACRE AND EVACUATION ORDER ALL OUR ADVICES FROM THE INTERIOR INDICATE A STATE OF TERROR AMONG MINORITIES FROM SALONICA GORDON BERRY ARRIVED ACCOMPANIED BY AN OFFICIAL REPRESENTING DOXIADES TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF PLACING TEN THOUSAND REFUGEE ORPHANS IN OLD MONASTERIES ALONG THE COAST BETWEEN SALONICA AND MOUNT ATHOS THE NEW GREEK GOVERNOR GENERAL WELCOMED BERRY AND OFFERED HIM THE HEARTIEST COOPERATION STATING "THE MANNER WHEREIN THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED US IN CARING FOR THE HELPLESS CHILDREN OF THIS GREAT EXODUS IS A COMFORT AND INSPIRATION TO THE WHOLE GREEK NATION. YOU CAN BE ASSURED THAT EVERY GREEK WILL DO ALL IN HIS POWER TO ASSIST THIS ALLIANCE OF HUMANITARIAN EFFORT."

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