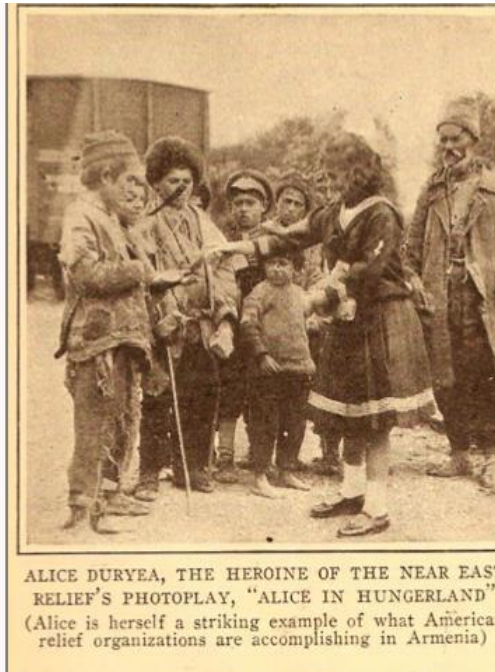
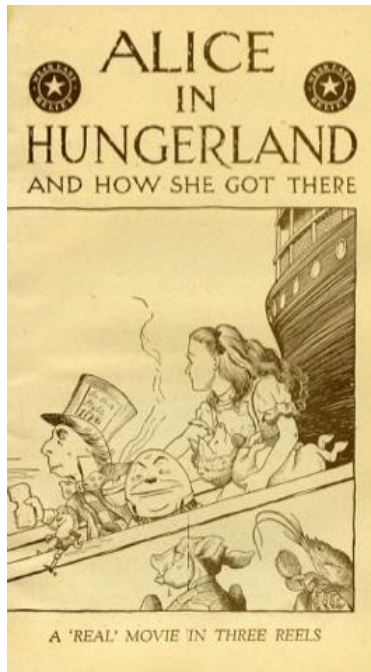




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Minnesota was an integral supporter of Near East Relief (NER), the American-led campaign that quickly sparked an international response with its unprecedented humanitarian endeavor, mobilizing all segments of American citizenry including elected officials, celebrities and laypersons alike, to help rescue victims of the Armenian Genocide in Ottoman Turkey from 1915-1930.



ALICE DURYEA, THE HEROINE OF THE NEAR EAST RELIEF'S PHOTOPLAY, "ALICE IN HUNGERLAND" (Alice is herself a striking example of what American relief organizations are accomplishing in Armenia)

destruction plaguing the region as a result of the Armenian Genocide perpetrated by Ottoman Turkey. These motion pictures were screened across America.

- Minnesota facilitated its NER efforts from its state headquarters located at 305 Oneida Building in Minneapolis.
- In order to raise awareness about the plight and suffering of the Armenians overseas and in hopes of raising funds to meet the extensive needs of its humanitarian campaign, NER filmed motion pictures in Armenia capturing the magnitude of devastation and destruction plaguing the region as a result of the Armenian Genocide perpetrated by Ottoman Turkey. These motion pictures were screened across America.
- An Episcopal Church in Minneapolis screened the motion picture "Seeing is Believing" after a shortened morning service. A gentleman in attendance was so overcome by what was screened that he facilitated the Church's Trustees to donate \$1,000.00 to NER.
- As reported in *The Pioneer* on February 23, 1922, the members of the various women's clubs in Bemidji, Minnesota, were urged to attend the lecture by NER field worker Dr. Brock of Minneapolis in the Grand Theatre immediately following the screenings of two other NER motion pictures, "Children of Sorrow" and "Alice in Hungerland."
- "Alice in Hungerland" was filmed in Armenia and tells the story about an Armenian orphan adopted by a New York family who returns to Armenia and visits the orphanages to deliver donated food and clothing. The film was an effective means of helping raise awareness about the over 132,000 Armenian rescued orphan children in NER's care who were in dire need of shelter, food and clothing, and medical treatment.



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- A mother, whose heart sank upon learning about the plight of the hundreds and thousands of orphan children living without mothers in Armenia, donated her engagement ring to support NER's efforts.

Minnesota, We Thank You!

Thanks to the generosity of the Near East Relief, its participating organizations and entities, the U.S. Government and State Governments, and especially the American people at large, over 1,000,000 refugees and 132,000 orphans of the Armenian Nation and other Christian minorities were rescued, fed, clothed, and educated. We have survived, thrived, and prospered from the horrors of Genocide at the hands of Ottoman Turkey.

For your unwavering support and unprecedented generosity in donating to Near East Relief's humanitarian efforts, Minnesota, We Thank You!



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