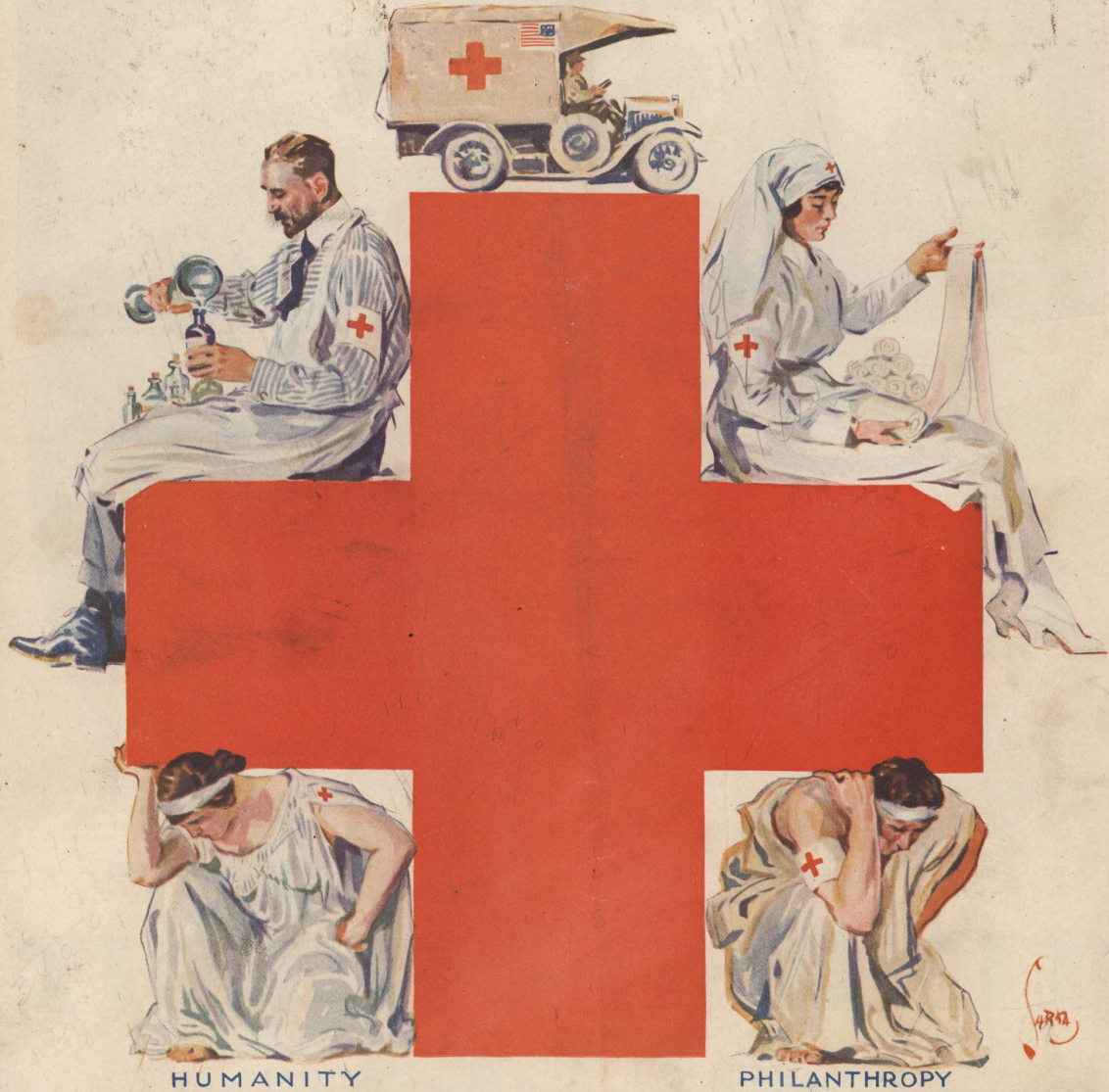


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ARMENIA'S PART IN THE WAR

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MEN OF THE ARMENIAN RED CROSS

The soldiers shown above are members of the 7th Armenian volunteer regiment of the Russian army serving on the Caucasian front near Bitlis, Turkey. No other people has suffered more in the Great War than the Armenians. Israel Zangwill, the famous writer, has written this of Armenia: "That people whose ancient realm held the legendary Eden has now for abiding place the pit of hell. I bow before this higher majesty of sorrow. I take the crown of thorns from Israel's head, and I place it upon Armenia's." For more than 50 years the Armenians have been victims of slaughter. The great nations did nothing to restrain the Turk in his desire to exterminate this Christian race. Taking refuge in the mountains the Armenians fought off the Kurds and Turkish soldiers and despite massacres and hardships unspeakable continued to increase in population up to the time of the present war. The events of the past three years have greatly reduced their number.

THE EVENING MEAL

These Armenian soldiers have a mess of which a general staff might be proud. Evidently they are near a good base and far removed from the battle-line, for the board is spread not only with many good things but also shows an excellent supply of old china. Scenes like this, however, are not common in Armenia today. Thousands of Armenians have fled in the past two years to the protection of the Russian and British lines and are now destitute.

ARMENIAN SOLDIERS AND A CAPTURED CASTLE

Here is a view of one of the oldest castles in Van, Turkey, which was built fifteen hundred years ago. After a desperate battle the city of Van was taken by the Armenian Volunteers with the Russian army. Russian and Armenian soldiers can be seen in front of the castle.





BY THE FIRE AND SWORD OF THE TURK

The skulls and other bones shown above are those of Armenians slain by Turkish soldiers. The scene is the ruins of a house in the village of Ak-Chan, in the section of Moush, in which hundreds of peasants, men, women and children, were assembled and burned. Often the Turks, after closing all doors and windows, will completely fill a house with Armenians by dropping their victims through a hole cut in the roof; then, having poured oil over the mass of struggling persons below, they apply the torch. Thousands of persons have been burned to death in this way. Mr. Frank Danielian, who took these pictures, served from 1915 to 1917 as a private in the 4th Armenian Regiment with the

American Armenian volunteers in Caucasia. He was in many of the important cities that figure in the war in that section and had many opportunities to take photographs of the results of the horrible cruelties perpetrated upon the Armenians by the Turks. It is estimated that a million men, women and children have fallen victims to the blood lust of Germany's ally, while two million helpless refugees are starving. America, through the American Committee for Armenian and Syrian Relief, has contributed much money for the relief of the Armenians, but the suffering of these unfortunate people remains one of the blackest spots in world history.