

OLGA INVITES KING'S RETURN

Queen Mother Sends Message to Constantine.

ATHENS, Dec. 10.—King Constantine was invited home today.

The queen mother, Olga, as regent, sent this message to Constantine at Lu-

The government, in obedience to the unanimous mandate of the Greek people, invites King Constantine to return to Athens again to take the throne and exercise the royal power today exercised in his name by Queen Olga.

The invitation was a reconsideration of the plan to simply notify the king of election results and leave him to decide if he should return.

'Keep the Mothers With Their Children,' Society's Trade Mark

Mothers' Aid Official Outlines Scope of Great Service to Needy Families.



A Ward of the Mothers' Aid Society.

Did you ever have to choose between paying your rent for a place to sleep or in getting something to eat? Did you ever invest your very last cent not knowing when you were ever seen money again? Were you ever one of a family of seven or eight who had not had anything to eat for four or five days? There are hundreds of such stories that come to Mrs. Henrietta Ellinwood, president of the Mothers' Aid Society, every week.

Under the direction of Mrs. Ellinwood the Mothers' Aid has grown during the fourteen years of its existence to be an institution that lends a "helping hand" to mothers and their children. Indeed, the time may come when the motto will be "we keep the mothers with their children." There is no case which comes to Mrs. Ellinwood in which she advises the mother to be separated from her ill-treatment.

However, with the high cost of living

and the approaching cold winter the society has not been able to give assistance to all who need it.

COMPELLED TO TURN APPLICANTS AWAY.

"We have been forced to give \$1 orders where at least \$3 should have been given," said Mrs. Ellinwood, in commenting upon the condition. "And we have been applying many families with rent, fuel and groceries, we can't help them all. Within the last forty-eight hours I have been forced to tell seven women who needed assistance badly that we could not do anything for them."

Mrs. Ellinwood cited as an instance of the dire need of motherless children the case of a woman who died the first of the week, leaving six children, all under working age. The mother had tried to keep boarders to pay her expenses, but had been unable to do it.

"We must educate the people to see the seriousness of the situation. When women come in and tell me they have had nothing to eat for four or five days, the time is past where charity is optional; the time is come when it is obligatory with the persons who are financially able to help the less fortunate. It is not economy to starve the people."

WORK EMBRACES 778 CHILDREN.

According to Mrs. Ellinwood, the organization is now caring for families in which there are 778 children. At the present time there is an average of 516 cases cared for every month. This does not mean temporary assistance, but includes furnishing food, fuel and lodging to whatever extent it is needed by the economy.

The cases of sickness which come to the notice of the Mothers' Aid are many times due to undernourishment. The association is now caring for a mother

and eight children, five of whom were sick because of lack of food and proper clothing.

Recently a boy of 11 years was brought before Judge Frank Lahr of the Juvenile Court for stealing. The evidence showed that he was one of six children whose mother, having been deserted by her husband, was working for

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the children. As a result the children had nothing to wear but rags. After the boy was sent to the family, the mother found a more suitable position in a laundry and is now being furnished a small pension and groceries by the association.

Often times the conditions in the house are found to be not only very poor, but

very insanitary. A family of five children, all of whom were under 14 years of age, were fed by Mrs. Carrie G. Reed, a worker, living with a family of relatives which had six members. The eleven persons were living in a three-room house.

Among the families which are being cared for at the Fairview Settlement is

one consisting of the mother and six children, all of whom are under 9 years of age, were fed by Mrs. Carrie G. Reed, a worker, living with a family of relatives which had six members. The eleven persons were living in a three-room house.

The mother is doing a little sewing to help toward her expenses and she is furnished a house, coal, groceries, clothing and incidental expenses for her family.

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