

CHILD LIVES SAVED BY AMERICAN RELIEF, SAY STRICKEN FIGURES

Telling statistics showing that Herbert Hoover, through the American Relief Administration, European Children's fund of which he is chairman, is actually saving the child life of Eastern and Central European countries have just been received from the cities of Lodz and Krakow in Poland.

In the city of Krakow the vital statistics show for the year ending July 1, 1919, 3,343 births and 1,698 deaths, of children of 15 years and under. The following year during which the child-feeding stations were in operation there and the children and nursing mothers were receiving the supplementary American meal provided by the American Relief Administration the number of births increased to 4,684 but instead of a corresponding increase in the number of deaths of children there was an actual decrease, the child mortality under 15 years having dropped to 1,381.

In Lodz the figures are less striking but still significant. In the 10 months preceding the beginning of the child-

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feeding under American auspices on May 1, 1920, the number of births totalled 4,515 and the number of deaths of children of 15 and under, 2,532. For the 10 months from July 1, 1919 to May 1, 1920, the number of births had more than doubled but the number of child deaths had not. The actual figures for that period are births 9,883, and the deaths, 4,109.

Had the ratio of births to child deaths that prevailed the corresponding 10 months of the previous year been maintained for the 10 months ending in May, 1920 the number of births would have been not 4,189, but 5,432. Lest one should think from the above that the need of the relief work among the children of Poland has passed and that that country is now on a healthy footing a brief study of the following statistics furnished by the health department of the city of Warsaw will demonstrate the fallacy of the conclusion:

In 1914 the year of the outbreak of the war the deaths of children under one year of age for the city of Warsaw numbered 1,640. In 1919 the number had risen to 2,809, an increase of more than 70 percent. In the same

period the number of children of 10 years and under dying from tuberculosis had increased, from 480 to 1,001, an increase of 125 percent. Last winter the American Relief Administration fed upwards of 1,300,000 children in Poland alone and this year the need is as great if not greater, for a large portion of the food supplies upon which the Poles had depended to carry them through the winter was destroyed during the invasion of the Bolsheviks who wasted one of the most fertile sections of the country just as the crops were in the process of harvesting.

Mr. Hoover has issued a public appeal for funds to carry on the child-feeding work in Poland and adjoining countries. He estimates that \$23,000,000 will be required for this purpose and if that amount is not forthcoming the American Relief Administration will be forced to abandon many of its kitchens and leave the destitute and undernourished children to their fate.

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COLLEGE STUDENTS LOSE IN INTELLIGENCE CHANCELLOR DECLARES

(By Associated Press)

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 10.—The average intelligence of college students is lower than that which prevailed years ago, according to the annual report of Dr. Frederick A. Hall, chancellor of Washington university.

This conclusion, the report explains, coincides with that of authorities in other educational institutions, as ascertained through correspondence. The number of college students has been increasing steadily, the report states. "If the present growth of numbers is indicative of what may be expected in the near future," continues the report, "the colleges will have to watch carefully in order to prevent turning out a lower type of graduate than that which has characterized colleges hitherto.

"It is only fair to say that, so far as

I can learn from the faculty, it is thought that the work of the student body has not this year been as good as that of previous years; that contrary to the people's expectations that the young would be more purposeful and earnest by reason of war experience, they seem to be less inclined to serious labor, and that an unusual proportion of students had to be dropped because of the inferior quality of their work."

The report asserts that until two years ago the proportional increase by women in the college section of the university was gaining notably in the proportional increase in the number of men, but that in the last two years the proportional increase by men has been greater. Men, the report adds, usually are reluctant to continue in classes in which they are outnumbered by women.

THANKS HARDING VOTER
(By Associated Press)
BOSTON, Dec. 10.—Miss Annie Stone, 100 years of age, who celebrated the woman suffrage victory by voting for Senator Harding has received a note of appreciation from the president-elect's secretary thanking her for her interest in public affairs. Word of the centenarian's going to the polls reached Senator Harding's office through a newspaper clipping sent by an admirer of Miss Stone.

The letter from Charles E. Hard, as-

sistant secretary said "While the senator is on his way to the Canal Zone and has not been advised of this circumstance I know he would desire me to write you and thank you most cordially in his name. He would feel it a great compliment indeed to know that you are so much interested in public affairs and have such a cordial feeling for the Republican party."

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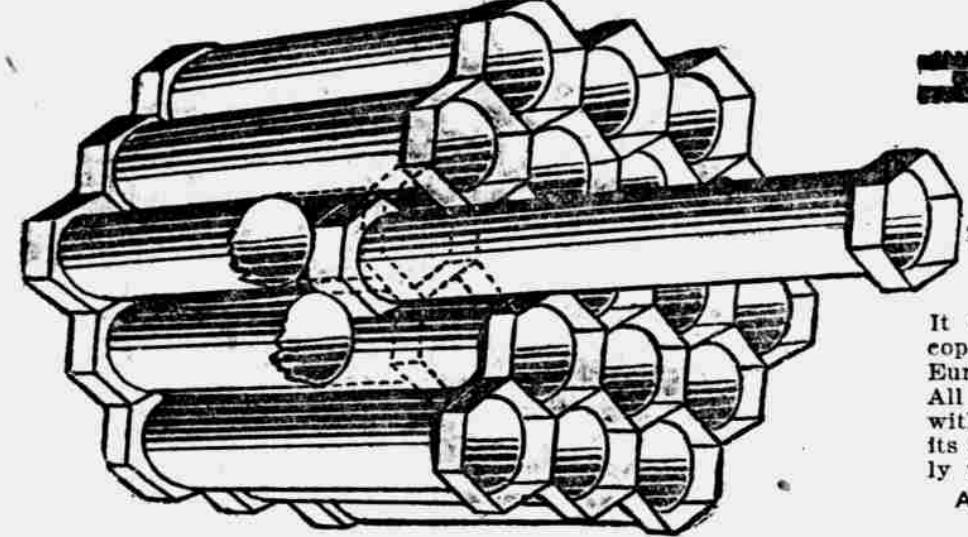
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