

# SEATTLE POLISH PEOPLE TO BUILD ORPHANAGE HERE

Every Bit of Labor Will Be  
Donated, Land Is Now  
Deeded to Them and Lum-  
ber Money Being Raised.

**A**LL the Polish-American plumbers, all the Polish-American carpenters, plasterers, painters, electricians and other skilled workers in Seattle will work for nothing in order that 60 Polish children, orphaned by the war, will have a home on Bainbridge Island after their arrival in Seattle on the liner Fushimi Maru October 11. Forty-five acres on the island have been turned over to the National Polish Committee of America by Mrs. Walter Gradle, now of Chicago, but formerly a resident of Seattle.

Arrangements for the building of a haven for the homeless children were made yesterday afternoon at a mass meeting held in the Polish Home at 18th Avenue and East Madison Street. A committee is now at work obtaining lumber, paint, furnishings and other material.

Dr. Joseph Jakobkevich, representing the Polish Relief Committee of Vladivostok, today told how the farm on Bainbridge Island was obtained for the refugees.

## Farm Offered Free.

"I went to Chicago, where I told of the sufferings in Siberia and how the war had deprived these children of their parents and how at the time I spoke the children were without shoes, clothing and sufficient food," said Dr. Jakobkevich. "Mrs. Walter Gradle, a noble woman, stepped up to me and said she had a farm on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle; that it was 45 or 49 acres, she wasn't sure which, and that she would be glad to deed over the entire farm for the benefit of the children, provided we found the means to erect a school and proper housing facilities. With such a generous offer I naturally hurried to Seattle.

"At the meeting yesterday in Seattle I was informed that Polish-American carpenters, Polish-American plumbers, painters, electricians and other men will solve the cost of labor. They will donate their services and will perform all labor necessary without charge.

"On the farm are nine buildings, sheds, tool houses and so forth. The farm is equipped with the necessary tools and has been cultivated. It will be a paradise for the children.

"Our only problem now is the obtaining of lumber, plumbing fixtures and furnishings. We hope to raise

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