

### Appalling Conditions In Famine Stricken Japan.

Famine conditions now prevail in the northern districts of Japan, including the Island of Hokkaido.

The scarcity is due to the unseasonable weather, which prevailed last summer and autumn and resulted in the almost entire failure of the rice crop. Added to this the catch of fish on which a large part of the people depend for their living was very small. The afflicted territory stretches northward from the town of Fukushima and includes the provinces of Fukushima, Miyagi, Iwate, Aomori and the Hokkaido.

In a report given out as official, it was stated that 9,375,326 people were in need of food. This was explained to mean that, in order to tide over until the new crop came in, rations sufficient for that number of people must be provided. The extent, therefore, of the present distress is very great.

In the train of distress from the failure of crops there has followed a paralysis of business, besides which the population is menaced in certain localities with the spread of epidemic diseases.

#### Reports Not Exaggerated.

The reports of those who are on the ground leave no doubt as to the pitiable condition of the people. Writing concerning the famine district in the Hokkaido, Rev. W. T. Johnson, says:

"I have seen the official report and have talked with others who sent a committee to visit the worst places mentioned, and I know that the official report is very conservative and pertains to the suffering at present and not to the suffering that will be in a month or two."

"A summary of that report is as follows: There is a famine district in Hokkaido covering an area of 456,231 cho, or 1,141,577 acres. Of this district 50,249 cho are devoted to rice culture and 405,982 cho are devoted to general farming (hata). The estimated loss is 20,491,191. There are 12,331 households or 66,679 persons in need of help. The last summer and fall were cold and the rice crop was practically a total failure. For the past three years, the immigrants, who must work hard to clear up their land, have had poor crops, and the failure this year leaves them in a pitiable condition."

#### Men Eating Straw.

"Men are subsisting on straw, the bark of trees, unmaturing daikon, acorns powdered and made into gruel, buckwheat chaff powdered and made into gruel by pouring hot water."

"Mothers living on such food have been unable to feed their babies and have made a milk substitute for the babe out of the hulls of rice which they heat into a powder and mix with boiling water. The young men have left home in search of work, while the aged and the children are left behind to freeze and starve, unless outside relief is brought to them. The committee that went from Sapporo to examine the conditions in three of the worst villages found one woman out of fifteen who was unable to nurse her infant."

"Dempun, a starch used by confectioners, is made out of Irish potatoes. When the starch is taken from the potato, very little nourishment is left in the dregs; still one of the delicacies of the famine district is a dumpling made out of straw and this dempun dregs. To flavor, and the food certainly needs flavoring, brine of last year's pickles is used while the dregs of the daikon pickle, takuan no nuka, is a delicacy."

Writing from Sendai concerning conditions in the province of Miyagi, Rev. E. K. McCord makes the following statement:

"There are nine hundred families, 28,000 people, with absolutely no means of living. Having some means, but insufficient to maintain life, there are 3,700 families, or 9,800 people. Without work, and if uncared for who will soon be destitute, there are 8,900 families, or 47,800 people. As far as possible, work will be provided for these people. It is manifestly the purpose of the Ken provincial government to do its best to look out for these people without outside help, which will not be possible on the whole."

Writing from Moroika to one of the local newspapers, Rev. J. C. Ambler gives to the public the following information concerning the epidemic of typhoid fever:

"On January 27, the Rev. Mr. Shiga was informed that there were thirty families in distress, for want of rice, at the village of Shikawa in Minami Tsugaru Gun. Also, in addition to the scarcity of food, an epidemic of typhoid fever is raging in the same village, there being as many as sixteen persons afflicted in this way, with the probability that the disease will spread throughout the village."

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### New Postmasters Appointed In Stokes.

The following appointments of postmasters in Stokes were announced the past week:  
Sandy Ridge, Caleb Hall; Campbell, Mrs. H. C. Watkins; Germanton, Miss Fannie Davis.

#### SALE OF LANDS FOR TAXES.

I will sell at public auction for cash at the court house door in the town of Danbury, N. C., on Monday the 4th day of May, 1914, the lands named below for taxes due for the year 1913, to-wit:

**DANBURY TOWNSHIP.**

Carter, W. T., one lot, Piedmont Springs,	\$1.90
Gilmer, J. A., one lot, Piedmont Springs,	1.90
Johnson, P. B., one lot, Piedmont Springs,	1.90
Walker, W. A., one lot, Piedmont Springs,	1.90
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Lemmons, Burrell, one lot, Danbury,	\$4.23

**MEADOWS TOWNSHIP.**

Mast, Griffith, 250 acres mountain,	\$5.84
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Hickman, Alice, one lot Germanton,	2.50
Kirkman, Jesse, (honest workers), one lot Germanton,	2.21
Good, Tom, one lot Germanton,	3.73
Kent, Elmina, one lot Germanton,	2.52

**YADKIN TOWNSHIP.**

Kirby, H. L., 1 lot King,	2.76
Watts, R. T., 218 acres Little Yadkin,	13.64
Waldon, E. L. and W. R., 3300 acres mountain, D. tax,	51.13

**QUAKER GAP TOWNSHIP.**

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Dearman, Dan, 23 acres Big Cr.,	2.56
Lash, Wm. Estate, 63 acres Brushy Fork,	5.31

**PETER'S CREEK TOWNSHIP.**

Moore, F. L., 30 acres Peter's Creek,	2.90
COLORED.	
Moore, Jesse, 41-2 acres Smith,	3.95

**SNOW CREEK TOWNSHIP.**

Hutcherson, M. L., 56 acres S. R.,	4.99
Newman, J. R., Mica Mine S. R.,	2.12
Poor, S. H., dec'd., 5 acres Snow Cr.,	1.60
Smith, W. O., 11 acres S. Cr.,	1.85
COLORED.	
Sheppard, Anna, 12 acres S. Cr.,	2.49

**BEAVER ISLAND TOWNSHIP.**

Martin, T. B., dec'd., 39 acres Salem Road,	\$3.00
COLORED.	
Gibson, J. H., estate, 130 acres B. I. Cr.,	\$9.63

**SAURATOWN TOWNSHIP.**

Carruthers, T. E., 25 acres Bull Run,	2.67
Winfrey, C. H., 33 acres Dan River,	4.42
Withers, W. E., 27 acres Dan River,	7.48
Withers, W. B., 37 acres Dan River,	8.28
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Bailey, Harrison, 19 acres Panther Cr.,	2.49
Dalton, J. Lindsay, 154 acres Belevs Cr.,	15.54
Hainston, Henry, 2 acres Bull Run,	3.67
Hainston, Ernest, 80 acres Belevs Cr.,	7.94
Hylton, Rufus, 1 lot W. C.,	2.79
Wall, Sallie, 10 acres Belevs Cr.,	2.49
Warren, J. L., 16 acres Belevs Cr., D. tax,	3.19
This March 23rd, 1914.	
W. C. SLATE, Sheriff.	

**SALE OF LANDS FOR TAXES.**

I will sell for cash to the highest bidder on the fourth day of May, 1914, at the court house door in Danbury, Stokes County, N. C., the lands named below for taxes for the year 1912:

**YADKIN TOWNSHIP.**

Lewis, Abram, 44 acres Capella, taxes and cost	\$3.05
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**MEADOWS TOWNSHIP.**

Bransom, W. C., 54 acres F. S. Creek, taxes and cost	3.98
This 24th day of March 1914.	
C. M. JONES, Ex-Sheriff.	

### BIRTHDAY DINNER

Two Hundred Of The Friends Of Mr. James Boyles Entertained.

#### SCHOOL CLOSES

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington Give Egg Hunt—Other News of Pinnacle.

Pinnacle, April 13.—On Sunday, April 12th, the relatives and friends of Mr. James Boyles gave him a surprise birthday dinner. Mr. Boyles was expecting only about six people to share his birthday dinner and was completely surprised when about 10 o'clock the people came in from every direction until about 150 or 200 people had assembled. The table was prepared on the lawn and was the most beautiful one ever seen in this part of the country. It was about 50 feet long and loaded with almost everything imaginable good to eat. About 2 o'clock in the afternoon the crowd began leaving, after wishing Mr. Boyles many more happy birthdays.

Those who attended the birthday dinner of Mr. Boyles from Brim Grove were Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington and children and Miss Minnie Roberts.

The Brim Grove school closed Monday, April 13th, instead of the 16th, as formerly announced, as the teacher, Miss Minnie Roberts, was called home to see her sister, Mrs. D. H. Carter, who is very sick with pleurisy.

Mrs. A. A. Finney has gone to Florida to spend a month or two visiting friends and relatives.

An egg hunt and social was given the young people by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Covington Easter Monday in honor of Miss Minnie Roberts. It was quite a pleasant affair and enjoyed by all present.

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### House-Cleaning Time.

This is the season of the year when many housewives will revive the old custom of cleaning house, though fortunately the sanitary conveniences available make this annual performance not the bugaboo it formerly was. During the winter months, however, much useless material was thrown in garrets, closets, outhouses in order to get it out of the way until a more suitable time. This rubbish should not be burned on a windy day, it should not be piled up near build-

ings and set on fire, and it should not be left to smolder through the night. A few sparks of fire falling on a dry roof are generally destructive. The better way to treat rubbish and refuse is to dispose of them promptly, without waiting for them to accumulate. This would make spring cleaning easier and lessen the risk from fires.

Miss Grace Taylor, a student of Guilford College, spent Easter at her home here. She was accompanied by her school mate, Miss Stacy Willard, of Jamestown.



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