

Over Half Million People Will Die in China as the Result of the Spreading Famine and Disease

Dispatches from Famine Districts of Central China State that Small Pox has Broken Out. Thousands in Danger.

Revolution in Central China Grows Daily in its Seriousness. Rebellion is Imminent. Fearful State of Affairs.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—Further advices from the famine district of Central China state that smallpox has broken out.

Telegrams to Jiji Shimpo say upwards of a half million people will die of starvation or disease incidental to the terrible conditions prevailing in the famine districts.

Revolution imminent. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 4.—The steam-er Tartar brought advices that the revolution in Central China is becoming a serious menace to China.

The junction between the Rebels of Hunan and Kwang Tung is threatened, with the result that a formidable rebellion will follow.

This is "Groundhog Day."

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Today is "groundhog day" and a day of great significance to those who place their faith in the "Farmers' Almanac" in preference to the government weather reports. According to the ancient superstition, if the groundhog sees his shadow when he issues from his hole at noon today he will crawl in again and prepare for six weeks more of winter. If, on the other hand, he finds the sky overcast, no matter how stormy and cold the day may be, he will stay out, and the knowledge that the backbone of the winter is broken and warm weather will come soon. The weather bureau, which relies more on scientific observations than on omens, is of the opinion that the country will have an early spring this year, basing the prediction evidently upon the fact that in most sections the winter so far has been rather more severe than usual.

BLIZZARD ON COAST.

Fierce Blizzard Sweeping Carolina Coast—Schoner Ashore.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 4.—A blizzard is sweeping the Virginia, Carolina and Maryland coasts, accompanied by a heavy sleet.

A telegram from Ocean City, Md., says a coasting schooner was driven ashore near there and assistance asked.

Eulogies of Gorman.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 2.—Memorial exercises were held in the House this afternoon in honor of the late Senator Gorman, of Maryland. Addresses eulogizing the life, character and public services of Senator Gorman were delivered by leading members on both sides of the aisle. An amount was taken at the conclusion of the exercises as a further mark of respect.

A liquid cold relief with a laxative principle which drives out the cold through a copious action of the bowels, and a healing principle which soothes the throat and stops the cough. Pleasant to take; and conform to National Pure Food and Drug Law. Contains no opiates. Sold by C. S. Shuford and W. S. Martin.

Eternal Fitness of Things.

Tattler.

"What did you give your son for a New Year's present?" "One hundred soldiers." "And your daughter?" "One soldier."

Women as Well as Men Are Made Miserable by Kidney Trouble.

Kidney trouble preys upon the mind. Discharges and nervous exhaustion, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine smells the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

Women as well as men are made miserable by kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The moment the immediate effect of Swamp Root is soon realized. It is sold by drug, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail from also pamphlet telling all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

JOKE ON DEAD MAN.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 4.—Tomorrow Coroner Joe Wooten will hold a second inquest in the case of a negro by the name of Cordoza Williams, whose body was shipped in here from Concord several days ago, with a certificate attesting that the man had died of heart failure. The negro was a member of a freight train crew and when his body arrived here his family discovered that the man had died from some violent cause as his body showed unmistakable signs of it. Both legs were broken, the skull fractured and the abdomen crushed.

The negro's family reported the matter to the coroner who empaneled a jury, and at the inquest this morning it developed that the man had been killed by a locomotive, having his foot caught in a switch. A letter was read from the undertaker in Concord who prepared the body for shipment, stating that he had put the "heart failure" label on the box as a sort of joke on the Southern Railway.

The coroner failed to see the joke and will have the freight crew to give testimony at tomorrow's hearing.

Jacob Riis and the Pretty Girl.

Jacob Riis, whose heart covers all suffering humanity, recently engaged a pretty, soft-haired girl to work his typewriter. While her face was pretty he also saw that it was pale, and his heart went out to her as a suffering being. After watching the girl for half an hour one day he asked her in a tone full of sympathy:

"Don't you get awfully tired, sometimes, from that incessant click, click of the machine?"

"Yes sir," replied the girl, "I do. It wears on the nerves dreadfully."

"I thought so," said Mr. Riis, warming up, now that he had found a suffering soul. "Don't typewriters ever graduate from their work?"

"They do," replied the girl, as a happy light broke over her face.

"And then what do they turn their hands to?" asked the warm-hearted reformer.

"Well," said the girl, as the prettiest pink blushes suffused her cheeks, "they generally marry their employers."

Then Mr. Riis turned hurriedly to his work.—The Caledonian.

SWEDEN TO SEND A WARSHIP.

King Promises to Send His Newest Vessel to Jamestown.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 2.—The following cablegram was received today by Mr. Barton Myers, governor of ways and means of the Jamestown Exposition, from Hon. Charles W. Kohlsaat, commission general of the Exposition:

Stockholm, Sweden, Jan. 31, 1907.

Have had protracted audience with the King. He is deeply interested and will send his newest warship, with Prince Wilhelm. The commercial bodies will have a meeting tomorrow. Sweden is enthusiastic over Jamestown.

The cablegram corroborates the announcement already made that Sweden will send one of her warships to the Exposition.

President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, accompanied by Secretary Frank Morrison and Max Morris, international general secretary of the Retail Clerks' Association, will visit the city tomorrow in connection with the labor exhibit at Jamestown Exposition.

"Everybody Should Know"

says C. G. Hays, a prominent business man of Bluff, Mo., that Bucklen's Arnica Salve is the quickest and surest healing salve ever applied to a sore, burn or wound, or to a case of piles. I've used it and know what I'm talking about." Guaranteed by C. M. Shuford and W. S. Martin & Co. Druggists 25c.

Lighthouse Appropriation.

Washington, D. C., February 1.—Appropriations aggregating \$1,640,000 are carried in the bill favorably reported by the Committee of Interstate and Foreign Commerce for lighthouse establishment.

The following are among the items in the bill:

Tender for Florida district, \$200,000.

Tender for New Orleans and Mobile district \$60,000.

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300 MEN ON STRIKE.

Car Workers, Joiners and Others Employed by Railroads Go On Strike.

Augusta, Georgia, Feb. 1.—Three hundred car workers, painters, and others employed in the Georgia railroad and Charleston & Western Carolina railroads went on strike.

They demand a recognition of their respective unions.

Piles of people have Pills. Why suffer from piles when you can use DeWitt's Carbollized Witch Hazel Salve and get relief. Nothing else so good. Beware of imitations. See that the name is stamped on each box. Sold by C. M. Shuford and W. S. Martin.

Trial of Cable Power.

Georgetown, Ky., Feb. 4.—The fourth trial of Cable Powers, charged with complicity in the assassination of Senator William Goble in 1900, will probably be continued when the case is called here tomorrow.

It's the highest standard of quality, a natural tonic, cleanses your system, reddens the cheeks, brightens the eyes, gives flavor to all you eat. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will do this for you. 35 cents. Tea or Tablets. E. B. Menzies.

RUTHERFORD NEWS AND HAPPENINGS

Rutherfordton, Feb. 4.—A two weeks' term of Rutherfordton Superior Court for the trial of civil cases convened here this morning with Judge O. H. Guion of Craven county, presiding. There are seventy-five cases on the calendar set for trial. Among the more important cases to be tried are: Wilkie vs. New York Life Insurance Company, Henrietta Mills vs. Green and Western Union Telegraph Company. There are some 35 suits against the Southern and Seaboard Air Line Railways for various causes. The calendar being an extra large one it will be almost impossible to clear it at this term.

The Rutherford Hospital authorities have invited the Rutherford County Medical Society, which meets here Tuesday, to visit that institution on that day and inspect the building and equipment. At 2:30 p. m. the physicians will be given a banquet by the hospital management.

A splendid ovation awaits the visiting physicians and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance present. The hospital has been quite successful indeed since it opened for business, both in patronage and the successful treatment. Our town and county are very proud of this splendid enterprise and will give it the support it so richly deserves.

Railroad surveys are still being made in and around our town by the Appalachian and Interurban and the South & Western Railways. Your correspondent is still of the opinion that the South & Western will connect at Rutherfordton with the Seaboard Air Line notwithstanding the many conflicting stories to the contrary.

The removal of the county courthouse and jail from Rutherfordton to Forest City is a question that is being agitated by the people of the latter place and others in the lower part of the county. Forest City people are circulating petitions and we are informed will make a hard fight in the present legislature for a vote on the question. They have, our informant says, 1,500 names on the petitions, signed by non-residents, minors, etc., which will be presented to the general assembly this week for its action. The Rutherfordton people are not very much exercised over the matter, as there is not much likelihood of the county seat ever being changed. Should the question ever come to a vote, however, it will be defeated by an overwhelming vote, as there is no logical reason in the further away from the center of the county and make it inconvenient and inaccessible to the people in the upper part of the county. If the question should come before the people they will kill it so dead that it will never be heard from again.

GREENVILLE GETTING SPOITY.

Greenville, S. C., Feb. 4.—Buck Foster is matched to fight Jack Stevens of Birmingham in this city, Feb. 14. Stevens has a good record and is said to be somewhat heavier than Foster. Foster has always held his own, and local sports say he will be able to make the Birmingham youth sit up and take vigilant notice.

There is considerable interest in the match, which will be pulled off in the Grand Opera House.

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Do not be in a hurry to taste your food after eating? Taste specks before the eyes? Are you pale and haggard? Do you have pains in the back and chest? Does your heart flutter? Are you dizzy? Do you have pains in the side or back? Riseings or pimples on the skin? Are you low spirited? Is there a sour taste? Breath bad? Weak kidneys? Bilious? Constipated? Are you nervous? If so, you have Dyspepsia, and it is a dangerous condition. To cure, take Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy. It is made for just such troubles and symptoms. Tyner's Dyspepsia Remedy removes acids from the stomach, strengthens weak stomachs, and cures the worst Dyspepsia or Indigestion. Druggists or by express 50 cents a bottle. Money refunded if it fails to cure. Martin & Co., Hickory, N. C.

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ROCKINGHAM NEWS.

Rockingham, N. C., Feb. 4.—Hannibal Leak, charged with the murder of his wife at the depot here last fall, and who made his escape at the time, was arrested in Atlanta and has been brought here and lodged in jail. The case will probably be for trial in April.

James Blue, distiller of Hoffman, charged with retailing without license, waived preliminary hearing and admitted probable guilt and was bound over to the next term of criminal court before W. F. Long, justice of the peace, Rockingham township, Friday.

Mr. A. P. Jones, of Raleigh, who was connected with the firm of W. R. Bonnell & Co., died suddenly last Tuesday at Blawie Falls.

A new firm, Palmer, Diggs & Co., has been incorporated and will begin business about the middle of the month in the store recently occupied by Lassiter Brothers. They will conduct a grocery business.

Mr. Walter G. Lowry, one of Rockingham's most popular merchants and Miss Ruth Roof were married last week at Leesville, S. C.

His friends in Richmond county regret to learn of the death of Mr. Thomas W. Boucher, a very fine lawyer of Bennettsville, S. C.

The engagement of Mr. Thomas McNeill Rose, of Hamlet, to Miss Mary Belle Hall has been announced, the marriage to take place during the present month.

Mr. Stella Cameron, wife of Mr. J. P. Cameron, chairman of the Rockingham executive committee, has been appointed postmistress to succeed Mr. Robert Jenkinson.

The First Tool Invented.

We can only guess when the first man conceived the notion of trying a stick and a stone together to form a better club or weapon than he could get by using either separately. Probably this stone club was the first tool invented, says Charles H. Cochrane in "The Circle" magazine for February. It enabled the possessor to overcome a stronger man or stronger animal. The man, or man-bird, as he was then, had only to find a stone of about the right shape, break off a tree-limb to suit him, and tie them lightly together with fine roots, hair, or sinews.

From the stone club it was but a step to the stone hammer, stone hatchet and spear-head, and a long line of stone implements. It is apparent that once man began to use stones and to chip them into shapes, he learned that certain shapes were best for certain purposes. The round stone with a handle became a maul or hammer.

In fact, the very word "hammer" is from the old Scandinavian hammar, which means both rock and hammer. The flat-edged stone he used as a hatchet or ax, the pointed stones served as spear or lance-heads; flat, thin stones were chipped into scrapers, and when the paleolithic man got an extra sharp-edge piece, he used it for a knife, or the thin, pointed stone served as an awl. It is natural to suppose that men first hunted for the desired shape of stone and later took to chipping them.

Even the saw was known to these preademics, who serrated the edges of some of their stone knives and left them in their caves, where they have furnished us the evidence of their ingenuity.

The first stone implements doubtless were tied to the stick or handle; then an inventive genius learned to bore a hole in the stick and inserted the pointed end of the stone. A brighter genius bored a hole in the stone itself for the insertion of the stick, this being the highest type of stone implement.

FIREMEN KILLED.

Four Volunteer Firemen Killed and Four Injured While Working on Ruins.

White Plains, N. Y., Feb. 4.—Three volunteer firemen were killed and four injured, one probably fatally, while working on the ruins of the Mead building.

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"A jolly beggar, that Governor of Jamaica, don't you know, old chap, eh?"

"Yes, 'es a rum 'un."

The Limit of Life.

The most eminent medical scientists are unanimous in the conclusion that the generally accepted limitation of human life is many years below the attainment possible with the advanced knowledge of which the race is now possessed. The critical period, that determines its duration, seems to be between 50 and 60; the proper care of the body during this decade cannot be too strongly urged; carelessness then being fatal to longevity. Nature's best helper after 50 is Electric Bitters, the scientific tonic medicine that revitalizes every organ of the body. Guaranteed by C. M. Shuford and W. S. Martin & Co. Druggists, 50c.

Dunn to Vote On Dispensary

After Lengthy Discussion Bill to Allow Vote on Dispensary Passed. Other Bills Considered To-day.

Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 4.—A lengthy discussion was heard in the House this morning on the bill to allow Dunn to vote on a dispensary.

That town is now under prohibition laws, by legislative enactment. The bill finally passed by a vote of 39 to 24.

The House killed the bill by Winbourne, to allow solicitors of the state to take depositions outside of the state. Many lawyers made speeches, mostly in opposition to the bill and finally the bill was killed.

Yount, of Cleveland, introduced a bill to provide for an additional dormitory for the A. and M. college.

Davidson, of Iredell county, to appropriate \$150,000 for the installation of a light, power and water plant at the A. and M. college.

Harshaw, of Caldwell county, to amend the constitution to extend the limit of the grandfather clause in the constitutional amendment, extending the date of its taking effect from 1908 to 1920. Before the House adjourned he made an effort to have 300 copies of the bill printed, but this was voted down.

Buxton, introduced a bill to amend the pure food law, which passed its second reading with an amendment, requiring the department of agriculture to confer with the state board of pharmacy, with reference to the appointment of an inspector of drugs.

In the Senate Blair, introduced a bill, to amend the charter of the Greensboro Female College.

NEW INSURANCE CO. AT GREENSBORO

Greensboro, Feb. 4.—Greensboro, the insurance center of the State, has added a new company to her already long list, which was organized under the name of "The People's Life Insurance Association." J. P. Crutchfield, J. S. Phipps and Thomas McLawhorn are among the promoters. The plan is for the members to pay \$3 initiation fee and \$1 a year thereafter upon the death of a member, the assessment will be \$1,000, but there will be no limit to the membership.

Mr. C. K. Miller has resumed his position as trainmaster of the Southern Railway to accept a similar position with a Western road. Mr. P. G. Walton, his successor, has arrived to take up the work.

The colony of twenty-five English girls being quartered here, under the charge of United States government officials to be used as witnesses in the Groom building, and learned they were seen to enter the building. A search was made but the girls were not found. Early Friday morning the guard returned to the building hoping to find them, but this time, also he failed to see anything of them, and left to get breakfast. While he was gone, the girls left the building and fearing to return to their lodging house, made up their minds to leave the city. The guard was informed that several hours later they had been seen a few miles south of Greensboro and accompanied by U. S. Marshal J. M. Milliken, easily traced the girls at the home of Doc Stephenson, who lives eight miles from against the Charlotte cotton factory owners under indictment for violating the immigration laws in bringing them to the United States under contract to work in the mills, are getting restless and discontented in this city of staid and steady habits. Everybody here thought they were just enjoying themselves to the utmost and were given a great surprise when it was discovered Thursday night that two of the English lassies were missing.

Official Arrested.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 2.—Judge Scott, of the Henrico county circuit court, entered an order providing for the removal of Henry C. Pechler from the office of treasurer of the county, for using the public accounts for private purposes. At the request a respite of thirty days is granted to allow the preparation of papers leading to an appeal.

Many Killed.

Sheridan, Wyo., Feb. 4.—It is reported that many persons were killed in an accident on the Burlington Route. A passenger train went through a bridge. Fire broke out in the wreckage.

52 Applications for Licences.

Raleigh, N. C., February 4.—There are 52 applicants here today to stand examination for law license. Among the number, are four negroes.

Gasoline Advanced.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 4.—Quotations on gasoline and naphtha were advanced 1 cent per gallon by the Standard Oil Company.

Raleigh, N. C., February 4.—The spring term of the Supreme Court opened here today.

BACKACHE

"I wrote you for advice," writes Lelia Hagood, of Sylvia, Tenn., "about my terrible backache and monthly pains in my abdomen and shoulders. I had suffered this way nine years and five doctors had failed to relieve me. On your advice I took Wine of Cardui, which at once relieved my pains and now I am entirely cured. I am sure that Cardui saved my life."

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BRIDE TWO DAYS IN JAIL.

Neice of Delaware's Lieutenant Governor in Trouble Over Hat. Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 2.—Mrs. Nora Beddell, neice of I. T. Parker, lieutenant governor of Delaware, was released from the county prison by Magistrate Koehrsberger today after spending 48 hours there. A dainty hat, valued at \$21, purchased by Mrs. Beddell at a Wilmington store a few months ago, was the cause of the trouble.

The proprietors of the Wilmington store alleged that the hat was not paid for. Mrs. Beddell says that she simply overlooked the item.

Mr. and Mrs. Beddell were scarcely out of their honeymoon when on Tuesday Chief of Police Black, of Wilmington, came to this city and caused Mrs. Beddell's arrest on a warrant charging false pretense.

Lieutenant Governor Parker was appealed to, and he instructed the State's attorney general to make an investigation. This led to Mrs. Beddell's release.

DEATH OF AGED VETERAN.

Old Confederate Veteran Died Near Pineville Last Night, After Long Illness. Pineville, N. C., Feb. 4.—Mr. D. B. Adams, an old Civil War veteran, died near here last night at 8 o'clock. Death came after a lingering illness of many months. Mr. Adams lived with his son-in-law, Kell Ashley. He belonged to the 35th regiment, Capt. Hoey's company, in the Civil War and lost a leg in one of the many engagements in which he participated. He was 65 years of age and leaves a son, E.H. Adams, and three daughters, Mrs. James Cooley, Mrs. James Hoffner and Mrs. Ashley. The funeral ceremony will take place here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock.

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