

The Famine Stricken Chinese Forced to Feed On Dog Meat

Conditions in Central China are Growing Rapidly Worse. Women and Children are Being Sold.

Famine-Sufferers Trap and Eat Dogs. State of Lawlessness Prevails. Supplies are Delayed by Officials.

Victoria, B. C., March 5.—Advices from Central China report the famine conditions are becoming worse.

Middle aged women are being sold for ten or fifteen dollars and children for three to ten.

Complaints are made that the officials are delaying the shipments of flour sent by the foreign relief committee.

Correspondent who toured the famine-stricken reports it denuded of animals, and the lawlessness is growing.

In some places dogs are being caught by the starving people by means of traps and hooks, and are eaten as soon as captured.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING.

Matthews Will Have Fine New School Building—To Cost \$3,500—News Notes and Personals.

Matthews, N. C., March 5.—The most progressive step that our town has taken in many years is the recent undertaking of a new school building to cost not less than thirty five hundred dollars.

The town is stirred from center to circumference over the school question and our people are determined to have the best school and school building in the county.

It is the hope of the building committee to have the new house ready for occupancy by next fall and be relieved of the further embarrassment of occupying the old "barn" that has been an eyesore to the people of the whole community.

The school at present is getting on nicely under the management of Prof. Cline from Hickory.

Rev. Mr. Harris, pastor of the Presbyterian church, with Mrs. Harris, will soon be in comfortable quarters in the new manse. The work on the building is progressing rapidly under the supervision of Mr. W. H. Freeman the contractor.

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ARMY IS MOBILIZED.

Honduras Army Now on Frontier—A Fight Occurred Yesterday

Tenacigua, Honduras, March 5.—The army of Honduras is mobilized on the frontier under the personal command of President Manuel Benilla, whose arrival at the front has inspired the troops with enthusiasm for active operations against Nicaragua.

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General Grant Arrives.

Norfolk, Va., March 5.—Gen. Grant who has been designated commander in chief of the military forces, federal, foreign and the national guard, attending the Jamestown exposition, arrived here from New York and spent most of the day with President Tucker, and the board of governors, going over and working out detailed plans in connection with the military features of the exposition.

Douma Was Opened To-day

Lower House of Russian Parliament was Formally Opened To-day at Noon. Many High in Authority were Present.

St. Petersburg, Mar. 5.—The Douma or lower house of parliament formally opened at noon in the presence of all the ministers and many high functionaries.

Limited Fast Mail Dashes From Track

Tivoli, N. Y., March 5.—The limited fast mail train from Chicago for New York was partially derailed while passing through Tivoli and ten persons injured.

The train was a limited fast mail and consisted of the locomotive, baggage car, four sleeping cars and dining car. The locomotive and baggage broke away from the rest of the train and continued on the rails. The sleepers and dining car were derailed at an interlocking switch and crashed into a signal tower.

DORMITORY BURNED.

Boys at Crescent School Have Narrow Escape From Fire—Sad Case.

Salisbury, N. C., March 4.—There was a fire at Crescent, five miles southeast of this city yesterday morning at three o'clock. The eight room dormitory for boys at the Crescent Academy and Business College was burned to the ground. There were sixteen students in the building at the time and some of them had narrow escapes. Young Charles Congheour barely getting out before the flames had enveloped the entire structure.

A number of the students lost all their clothing and one young man lost about one hundred dollars in money. Rev. J. M. L. Lively is principal of the school. The loss is partially covered by insurance. The dormitory will be rebuilt. The fire is supposed to have originated from a defective flue.

Miss Lillie Wentt, a young white girl of Spencer, who gave birth to a child several weeks ago and who, according to her story, recently buried it, the child only living for a short while, was placed in custody Friday and Saturday was given a hearing before Esquire Thomas M. Kearns, having first been held on what seemed to be a case of infanticide, and there being very little evidence she was only placed under a bond of \$200 for her appearance at the next term of Rowan Superior Court. She admits concealment of the child but protests innocence of foul play. The young woman is 20 years of age and was betrayed by a young man who has fled. It is a sad case and the young woman's father has much sympathy in his troubles.

Editor Simpson Resigns Job

Rather Than Print Apology for Criticisms of Legislative Committee For Being Unduly Influenced he Quits.

Raleigh, N. C., March 5.—Sensational developments in the Winbourn Evening Times controversy over the statement of the editor of the Times, printed regarding the joint conference committees, charging that the committee had allowed the editor of the News and Observer, to have a 60 mile limit for 2-14 cent rate, to spite Henry A. Page, brought about today the resignation of Editor R. W. Simpson from the Times, effective at once.

Editor Simpson gives out this statement: "The members of the conference committee on railroads, with the exception of Mr. Winbourn, in a letter demanded the name of my informant as to the statements concerning the committee and the Aberdeen and Asheboro Railroad. I declined to comply. John C. Drewey president of the Evening Times Company, sent down an editorial for me to print, also giving a copy to the committee. I declined to print that. When Mr. Drewey insisted I simply stated that if it did appear in editorial columns it must be done so over my protest, along with a signed statement from me that I did not write the editorial in question, that I had no apologies to make and that I had resigned at that minute."

"I have therefore severed my connection with the Evening Times, this day and want it understood that I am not responsible for the apology to the conference committee. I simply state this in justice to myself."

It is understood that the written demand on Editor Simpson for the name of his informant was that he appear before the committee and make the statement. The Evening Times this afternoon publishes the apology to the committee and it is not expected that the committee will insist on any further pressing of the matter, as to Mr. Simpson's informant.

POLICE CHIEF DEAD.

One of the Men Shot by the Negro at Fayetteville, Died Last Night.

Fayetteville, N. C., March 5.—Chief Chasin died at 3 o'clock this morning. Buckingham is not expected to live.

Court convenes on the 25th at which time the trial of the murderer will take place.

There are no further developments.

It was all right to lop some of the days off the end of February.

TRIAL OF MILL MEN.

Prominent Manufacturer Testified Today as to Scarcity of Labor—Many More Witnesses.

Greensboro, N. C., March 5.—Sumner Sargent, one of the defendants in the immigration suit, finished his testimony at noon and B. J. Dobbins was the second witness examined.

Dobbins is superintendent of the Lory Mills at Gaston and he testified that the mill was badly hampered and inconvenienced for the want of labor last year, 200 looms and 5,000 spindles being idle all the time.

District Attorney Holton gave Sargent a very severe cross examination, but he did not suffer by it, his answers being straightforward and clear. He gave full details. The defense has fifty or more witnesses, and the end of the trial is not in sight.

ANOTHER PANAMA JUNKET.

About Fifty Members of the Senate and House Will Make the Trip.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—It seems to be quite the proper thing nowadays for every one in public life, from the President down through an interminable list of officeholders, to run down to Panama on a little jaunt just to see if the work on the isthmian canal is progressing satisfactorily. If there is anyone in Washington who has not received an invitation to one of these official junkets it must have been through an oversight. Not only have a legion of public officials already taken the trip or are preparing for it, but members of their families and numerous friends have shared in the pleasures of the excursions at Uncle Sam's expense.

The latest party to make the trip is scheduled to sail from New York tomorrow on the steamer Alliance. It will be made up of about fifty members of the Senate and House, with a number of guests. The party will be gone about a month and probably will touch at several of the West Indian ports en route. During their stay in the canal zone the Congressmen intend to make a thorough inspection of conditions there with a view to being better prepared to deal with any measures that may come before them in the future in relation to the construction of the canal.

BURNED BY EXPLOSION.

Thirty-Six Burned—Fourteen of the Victims of Disaster Are Reported Near to Death.

Scranton, Pa., March 4.—Fifteen men are near death in Taylor hospital and twelve others suffering slightly from burns through a terrible explosion of gas that swept through a portion of the Clark vein of the Holden mine of the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western Company, at North Taylor.

Whether thirty other miners at work in the affected section escaped was in doubt up to ten o'clock last night when Mine Inspector David Williams felt safe in saying they were all out of the mine and alive.

This statement he made only after it was possible for searching parties to make a tour of the affected parts of the mine and who returned with the report that they could find no men in the workings who had been reported missing.

Still this news was not reassuring to hundreds who still gather about the shaft's head for the doubt and fears of the afternoon and evening were not removed and they felt certain that there were yet others whose lifeless bodies would be found later.

NEGRO SENTENCED TO DIE.

Owing to Certain Testimony, However, His Punishment May Be Commuted to Life Imprisonment.

Gaffney, March 4.—Upon the opening of court this morning Judge Aldrich sentenced Ed. Rainey, colored, to be hanged on April 12 next. Rainey was convicted last June of having carnal knowledge of and abusing a child under fourteen years of age, so severely that she afterward died.

Mr. Hardin of this bar who was appointed by the court of defend Rainey, gave notice of intention to appeal, but the same was abandoned.

Owing to certain testimony which came out during the trial, a large majority of the people do not believe that he should be hanged and it is very probable that the trial judge and Solicitor Sease will both recommend that his punishment be commuted to life imprisonment.

Trolley Dodgers Go South.

New York, March 5.—When the players of the Brooklyn baseball club board the Clyde line steamer Comanche, scheduled to sail today for Jacksonville Fla., it will mark the start on the best and most expensive trip ever planned by the Brooklyn Club. The team will remain in the South just one month and will play exhibition games with several of the clubs of the Southern and South Atlantic leagues.

Nine Men Buried in Mine From Explosion

El Passo, Texas, March 5.—Two explosions in the quarry of the Chihuahua and the Pacific Railroad at Sandoval, Chihuahua, killed and buried nine men and seriously injured nine others.

Join Against Nicaragua.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—The news received here is disquieting to the officials. It is stated that there is every indication that Salvador, Guatemala and Costa Rica will join forces with Honduras, making a combination of all other Central American republics against the single state of Nicaragua.

TO-DAY WAS BUSY DAY IN THAW TRIAL. THE PROCEEDINGS

The Defense is Making a Desperate Effort to Prove Thaw Sane Now, but Insane at Time the Murder Was Committed.

Nature of Testimony of Harry Thaw's Mother. Another Expert was Cross, Examined by Jerome at To-day's Session.

New York, March 5.—It is probable Mrs. William Thaw mother of Harry Thaw will take the stand in the Thaw trial today, for the purpose of doing what she can to save her son from the consequences of the killing of Stanford White.

She is expected to testify that in his youth her son was of a very nervous temperament and that as a child he suffered from various nervous diseases.

It has been said that she will also testify as to the strain of insanity in her family.

Dr. Wagner is expected to be on the stand a part of the day. So far as one can follow his object Jerome seems to be trying to show by Dr. Wagner's admissions that Thaw never was insane.

Delmas made a few objections to Jerome's questions to Dr. Wagner and many are of the opinion that the defense will not object to this line of questioning, while they will resist very strenuously any attempt to show that Thaw is now insane, preferring to take their chances with the jury rather than with a lunacy commission.

A point being discussed is the legal standing of the marriage between H. K. Thaw and Evelyn Nesbit.

Dr. Evans and Dr. Wagner have testified they believe Thaw of unsound mind when he signed the will and the codicil on the night of April 4, 1905.

This was the day of the marriage. If Thaw was insane at that time he was, under the law of Pennsylvania, incompetent to enter into a contract.

Dr. Wagner was recalled to the stand for his cross-examination. Jerome began reading the latter part of Dr. Wagner's testimony yesterday, regarding the characteristics of brain storms.

Jerome asked Wagner if he could cite a brain storm in which the onset took place in ten minutes. The doctor could not.

"Does the calmness and deliberation with which Thaw walked down the aisle of the Roof Garden and shot White indicate anything about his mental condition? Is it natural for a person suffering from brain storm to act in this manner?" asked Jerome.

"I have already told you that I cannot lay down any rule as to the conduct in insanity," replied the witness. "There is no natural way in which things are done. Insanity in itself is unnatural. I remember one case in which the patient was out with a walking party and suddenly jumped into a canal, climbed under a culvert and was drowned. I remember another case of a patient who took off his necktie, tied it to the bed, and lying down on the floor, rested his neck in the loop he made in the tie until he was choked to death."

"Have you ever known a person to commit an act of homicide in a brain storm by going about it with calmness and coolness?"

"There are no two cases of insanity, or even of sanity for that matter, which are exactly similar."

"Since you will not answer my question directly, am I right in assuming that you have never observed a case of brain storm or mental derangement?"

Instructions To the Jury

The Chief Interest in the Strothers Case To-day Centers in Instructions of The Judge to The Jury.

Culpeper, Va., March 5.—Judge Harrison's instructions to the jury will hold the greatest interest of today's session of the trial of James A. and Philip Strother.

These have been completed and will be given to the jury after the summing up by the counsel. While the judge made no specific reference to the "unwritten law," his instructions covered the plea of "emotional insanity" entered by the defense and regarded as of vital importance as to the outcome of the trial.

fulmination in which a person committed acts of violence with calmness?"

"I prefer to answer as I have, 'coolness and deliberation,' does not accurately fit any case I have ever known."

"You couldn't tell what was going on in the defendant's brain except what was apparent to the eye, could you?"

"No."

Jerome questioned Wagner about the various forms of insanity, including paranoia.

"Dr. Evans has testified that the defendant was suffering from paranoia, a form of adolescent insanity," said Jerome. "Do you subscribe to that?"

"Paranoia," replied the witness, "may mean a dozen different forms. Paranoia means 'like in character' and that is all. It does not mean specifically delusions of persecutions."

"Do you think this defendant ever had delusions of persecution?"

"Yes."

The witness said Thaw, when he saw him in the Tombs, had an abnormal flow of words.

Jerome asked if the ability of Thaw to smell correctly was of importance in testing that he had recently passed through a brain storm.

"I don't know as that proved anything one way or the other," replied Wagner.

The witness was questioned about the tests of the cranial nerves, and said Dr. Evans came to the conclusion that Thaw did not suffer from general paresis.

Hot Time in Court.

Dr. Wagner went into a long explanation of the nature of the illusions, delusions and hallucinations of taste and smell, which he followed with technical descriptions of the nerves, nervous diseases and affections and tests used in examining them. One of the diseases he named had a name consisting of five complicated Latin words which caused a laugh in the court room.

"Is it contagious?" asked Mr. Jerome.

The witness laughed with the others and said he did not think it was.

"In all the evidence submitted to me, which I based my opinion on," said the witness, "there was not the slightest suggestion of epilepsy."

Jerome pressed for an answer to the question if there was anything in Thaw's actions on the night he shot White. Dr. Wagner said he knew of nothing "necessarily" suggesting epilepsy.

At this point there began one of the most spirited incidents of the trial with Jerome, Delmas, Justice, Fitzgerald and the witness, all taking part.

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Very Strenuous Season For The Legislature. Much Business Done

Forty Passengers are Marooned on Island

By Associated Press.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., March 5.—Forty passengers of the government steamer Stanley are marooned on Pictou Island where they have been since last Friday.

The people include members of a theatrical company and the Abegweit Hockey Team.

The government steamer Stanley, which is used in the winter to keep up communication between Prince Edward Island and the mainland, got caught in a dangerous ice field about a mile off Pictou Island Friday.

The vessel was helplessly locked in the floe. The passengers clattered over the ice to Pictou Island.

SCOTLAND NECK TO VOTE.

Is Placed Under Watts Law and Will Vote on Prohibition or Saloons—Normal for Eastern Carolina.

Raleigh, N. C., March 5.—The Senate passed the bill to allow Scotland Neck to vote on prohibition, saloons and dispensary, by a vote of 31 to 16.

This bill puts Scotland Neck under the Watts law, instead of the present legislative prohibition.

The House passed the bill to establish a teachers' normal school for Eastern Carolina.

TO INVESTIGATE CHARGES.

Commissioner Green to Look Into Charges of Political Activity of Federal Employes in N. C.

Washington, D. C., March 5.—Henry F. Green, civil service commissioner, will begin next week an extended investigation of the charges filed by Senator Simmons of North Carolina, respecting political activity of Federal employes in his state.

Mr. Greene will begin the investigation at Raleigh.

Government of Porto Rico.

Washington, March 5.—Regis H. Post, of Bayport, L. I., has been selected by the President as governor of Porto Rico. Mr. Post is now secretary of the insular government.

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Jerome asked the witness to tell all that the defendant said to him in the Tombs, regarding the subject of epilepsy in the family.

Delmas objected on the grounds that the question was too broad.

A Great Number of Bills Were Introduced and Many Were Passed in The House and Senate To-day.

Dowd Introduces Bill to Regulate Prescription Writing by Doctors. Other Matters of General Interest.

Raleigh, N. C., March 5.—The legislature passed a great many bills this morning. Among them were the following: to order an election in territory of the proposed new county of Lee from parts of Chatham and Moore counties, on the question of establishing the county; to extend the corporate limits of Tryon; to amend the charter of Fayetteville.

To authorize Charlotte to issue bonds; to amend the charter of Waynesville Railroad and Power Company; to incorporate Kinston and the Carolina Railway Company; to permit railways to acquire lands for double tracking.

The anti-trust bill was made a special order for tomorrow at noon.

The Senate this afternoon was discussing the bill, to bring Scotland Neck under the Watts law.

In the House the following bills were introduced, by Reyster, to authorize the governor to appoint a board of auditors and treasurer for the colored Masonic orphanage at Oxford.

By Gallert, to amend the charter of Rutherfordton; to amend the charter of Hampton; to drain parts of Sandy Run, in Rutherford and Cleveland counties.

By Stevens to enforce the payment of taxes in Union county.

By Pickett, to improve live stock in North Carolina.

A bill with no name attached was introduced, to require solicitors to procure the names of all persons licensed by the United States government to sell liquor in their respective districts.

By Dowd, to regulate the writing of prescriptions by physicians.

By Lockhart, to regulate the investment of funds by insurance companies.

By Grier, by request, to amend the duties and treasurer from the colored act, authorizing the Mecklenburg board of education to contribute to a free library.

By Mull, to provide public school buildings in Cleveland county.

By Crawford, to allow Marion to issue bonds for water works and sewerage.

By Weaver, to allow townships in Buncombe county to subscribe to the case of a railroad company building a road from Rutherfordton to Asheville.

By Doughton, for the finance committee, to regulate the compensation of state department clerks, the idea of increasing the salaries of state officers has been abandoned. But, this bill proposes to increase the pay of clerks and laborers with the department.

A bill passed the House to incorporate the Southern Baptist Convention; to incorporate the Raleigh and Winston Railway company; to establish graded schools at Lilesville.

To establish public schools for Gaston.

To incorporate East King's Mountain.

Case of Green And Gaynor

Far-famed Case was Called To-day for Argument Before the U. S. Court of Appeals. History of Noted Case.

New Orleans, La., March 5.—The case of Benjamin B. Green and John F. Gaynor, charged with conspiracy against the United States government was called for argument today in the United States Circuit Court of Appeals.

This case has been pending for more than seven years in one form or another, involving arguments before the judicial authorities of this country, Canada and England.

After the original indictment had been found in Savannah in 1899, there followed about two years of preliminary examination in New York, where the defendants resided.

Then, following a brief hearing in Savannah.

They were for more than three years fugitives in Canada while the United States government carried out its case to the Privy Council in England, before finally securing their extradition.

In January, 1906, at their trial in Savannah they were declared guilty on charges of conspiracy, embezzlement and presenting false claims.

They were sentenced to four years imprisonment each and to pay a fine of \$75,000 which equals the entire amount paid them by the government for the Savannah work.

They are now in jail at Macon pending the result of the appeal now being argued.

Before the case was called the attorneys for Green and Gaynor announced that the appeal is based on nearly 200 assignments of error, classified under 15 subjects including extradition proceedings, statutes of limitations, question of whether New York or Georgia courts had jurisdiction, and the claim that the jury which convicted was not legally qualified.

Case Postponed.

The Greene-Gaynor case was postponed until the first Monday in April.

Case Goes Over.

When the case was called Marion Erwin, of the counsel for the government moved for a postponement, on the ground that the government's attorneys have not had time properly to read the brief of the defense.

P. W. Maldrin, for the defense, objected.

The court after recess announced that the motion of the government attorneys had been granted.

The case now goes over until the first Monday in April.

Thirty Injured In Explosion

By Explosion of Powder in Colliery Thirty Persons were Injured, some Probably Fatally. Much Damage Done.

Pottsville, Pa., March 5.—By an explosion of powder at the Richard's colliery at Mount Carmel, about 30 persons were injured, several probably fatally.

The business street of Mount Carmel was badly damaged and in the vicinity of the colliery the houses were badly wrecked.

Window panes were broken for a distance of 15 miles.