

SCENES IN CHINA ARE TOO APPALLING TO PHOTOGRAPH

Thirty Thousand Die Together in Vast Field After a Vain Search for Food.

IS AN ACCOUNT OF AN ENGINEER

New York, Feb. 14.—There is no question that more than 10,000,000 Chinese will starve to death this winter and spring unless help through the China Famine Fund is their one hope.

This is the statement of E. S. Glines, distinguished American engineer, who recently returned to New York after a six months tour of investigation in China. When interviewed at his office, 50 Broad street, Mr. Glines weighed his words and made his statements in the careful, measured fashion of the engineer giving a professional opinion. He backed his statements with authoritative figures and he used the most conservative of the figures telling the appalling famine situation with the engineer's instinct of leaving nothing to chance.

Mr. Glines speaks with authority on China. His firm has such high connections in the country that he is given the complete confidence of that usually secretive and baffling people. The senior partner of the firm, V. Fong Lam, is the nephew of Wu Ting Fang, the famous former Chinese Minister to Washington. The firm, Lam, Glines and Co., does engineering construction work in all parts of China. Its engineers and technical men are Americans and Chinese trained in American universities.

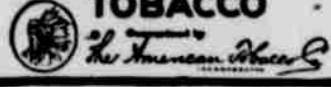
Too Pitiful to Photograph.

"Conditions were so pitiful," said Mr. Glines, "that I had to stop when I was taking photographs of some of the famine victims. I am not sentimental, but I honestly did not have



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the heart to take pictures of such utter misery.

"I wish now that I had taken pictures of the most extreme cases. There is nothing like a photograph to convince people of the facts. If the American people could have seen what I saw, or could even see photographs of it, they would do their utmost to get food to these dying millions. The American Committee for China Famine Fund was not thought of when I was in China, so I did not know that photographs would help those people. Now that I learn that the committee appointed by the President is enlisting American help, I deeply regret that I did not bring back the photographs that might have added them to show the American public the true situation.

"Let me tell you just two of the things from which I turned away my camera: 30,000 people gathered in a great bare field just outside of Tientsin, in the last stages of starvation, and a roadside, with the bodies of a whole family, father, mother, and five children, stretched out along it, a few yards apart, where they had dropped and died—first, the youngest child, which had been the least able to live without food; then the other children in the order of their weakness, the father, and finally the mother.

Thirty Thousand Die Together.

"The great crowd at Tientsin had been gathered there because it was believed food could be brought to them there more quickly than it could be distributed to them in the country. The food did not come, and they died, all 30,000 of them.

"The family that had died along the road was on its way to a relief station for food. As its members had given out, one by one, the sur-

vivors had grieved for a moment, then struggled on until the next one went. It was so long since any of them had had food that none of them was able to reach the goal.

"The crop failures have been almost complete in the five great provinces that make up the northern part of China proper, Chihli, Shantung, Shanai and Honan. This the part of the country around Peking, south of Mongolia and Manchuria.

"My detailed information shows a long string of zeros for the amount of crop raised in the townships of the famine district. The reports were collected with the greatest care and accuracy and are reliable. The famine district has raised practically no food since 1919.

"China is largely an agricultural nation. Ninety per cent of the population lives on the tiny farms into which the country is divided. The Chinese practise rotation of crops and work their land to the limit, but they cannot raise more than enough to feed themselves. The districts are self-supporting. Each one can raise barely enough food to support its own people. That is why the 'prosperous' provinces have been able to do so little for the famine stricken ones. They have not food enough to send. If the provinces that have had good crops last season were exporting food anywhere, to the famine districts or for sale abroad, it would have to pass through the custom house at Szechwan on the Yangtze river. Trustworthy men on the spot told me that scarcely a pound had passed through.

Died Like Flies.

"The crops in North China have failed since 1915. The people have had no food. They have been unable to get more than scraps of it from other parts of China. They have been unable to get much from outside because food has been high priced all over the world. They have tried to move to better districts where they could raise crops but such districts are so far and they have had such poor resources that they have died like flies on the way.

Mr. Glines says frankly that millions will die despite aid. He says the population of 45,000,444 is in such dire straits that it will be a physical impossibility to rush them food enough to save all.

"But every dollar sent to China will save a life," he said. "The Chinaman can make a spoonful of rice go a long way and these famine sufferers have learned to make worse foods than grain serve. They are eating grass and leaves. Any food will seem manna to them."

For permanent relief from famines in China, Mr. Glines says great irrigation projects, control of the flood producing rivers and improvements of transportation, more railroads and better canals and roads, are the necessary things.

EMBEZZLER BLAMES BULL

Farm Bureau Secretary Says Pride Led to Theft of Funds.

Chicago, Feb. 14.—Pride of owning "the greatest bull in Indiana" brought about the downfall of Ralph M. Davis, former treasurer of the Newton county Farm Bureau of that state, he declared today, following his arrest on a charge of having embezzled \$1452 from the farmers' organization.

Davis fled from Newton county two weeks ago, after his fellow-farmers, made suspicious by his purchase of the bull, Pledge Duke de Kol Weisrip, said to be worth \$7000, demanded an audit of the bureau's books.

"The idea of owning the bull proved too great a temptation for me," he said. "I embezzled the money to buy it, figuring that I could replace the funds through using the animal for breeding purposes."

SLAUGHTER OF RATS URGED

Survey Bureau Says Rodents and Humans Equal in Number.

Washington, Feb. 14.—It keeps 200,000 men working full time to support the nation's rat population. That assertion is made by the Biological Survey Bureau in figures issued today showing that there are as many "common brown rats" as humans in the United States, and each of the 100,000,000 or more destroy \$2 worth of foodstuffs a year.

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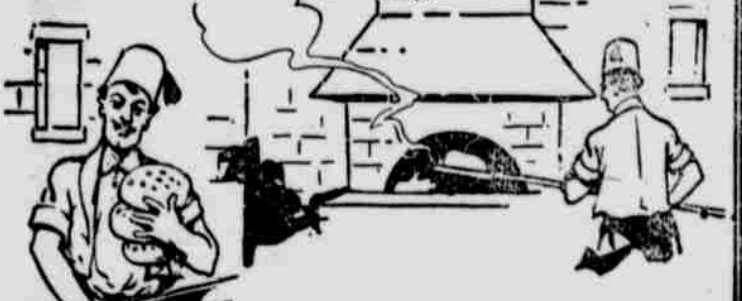
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All persons indebted to said estate will please call and make prompt settlement.

This January 7, 1921.
JOHN C. SIKES, Executor of V. T. Chears, deceased.
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