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MOTHERS TRIED TO SELL BABES.

Three Million Chinese Affected By Famine.

Washington, March 18.—Recent advice from pestilence stricken China have caused great activity and alarm in official and semi official circles. Grave fears are entertained for the safety of the American colony in Peking and other large Chinese cities, and diplomatic circles have been stirred to their depths by reports from that plague ridden land which bode ill for all those detained within its boundaries.

Through semi-official sources it became known today that the recent appeal of President Taft, here of the Red Cross Society in America, for funds to alleviate suffering in China, was due to authentic reports from that country stating that three million Chinese are affected by famine and plague, two millions of whom are dying for lack of food, and that while deaths, so far, have been few among Europeans the bond of pestilence and famine was ever drawing closer to the community of whites, who are compelled in the country.

The appeal for aid issued by the President in behalf of the American Red Cross, has brought in over \$33,000, of which \$8,000 were invested in food supplies and hurriedly shipped to China from Seattle, aboard the United States army transport Buford, on March 5th. The remainder of the sum collected, over \$25,000, was cabled to Consul General Wilder, at Shanghai, by Secretary of State Knox. It is said that the money has already been distributed by the consul general among the relief societies operating in the famine district.

Mr. Cochrane, an American medical missionary of the Presbyterian church, reported, that in the district where he was at work the most conservative estimate was that 80,000 were in dire distress, and that in the whole afflicted region to say there were two million starving would be nearer the mark than an estimate of one million.

The following is a summary of the official census. Of the first class, those who had plenty, there were 2,326 families, totalling 18,996 people. Of the second class, those who could sustain themselves until harvest, there were 33,712 families, containing 209,837 souls. Of the third class, those who would require aid with in a month there were 33,788 families, containing 156,901 persons. Of the fourth class, the absolutely destitute, there were 39,431 families, including 197,681 persons.

The famine is the direct result of the great flood which inundated the provinces of Kiang-Su and Anhui last summer, ruining the crops. Consequently there was no harvest, and the supply of food on hand was sufficient to sustain the people until the harvest of the coming summer. "During the first days of the famine," said Secretary McGee, "mothers endeavored to sell their babies to provide food for themselves, and save their other children from starvation. Now they are trying to give the children away in the hope that those to whom the babies are given will be able to feed them. Along the banks of the Grand Canal the victims of this terrible calamity are living in mud and water, with only shacks of matting over their heads, hoping against hope that they may exist until boats bearing the necessities of life come up the canal to relieve their distress.

"The plague is creeping southward towards the famine district. It has already ravaged Manchuria and thousands of refugees, who have fled to Chefoo, in Chantung Province, have carried the dread scourge with them. Hundreds of deaths occur daily. The frozen ground prevents the burial of the dead, and long rows of coffins lie on the roadside. Persons stricken with the plague are dying by the thousands, and it is of so fatal a nature that its victims die quickly. The people have at least consented to the cremation of the bodies of the plague victims and the stricken land, if it could be viewed from the clouds, would be lighted constantly by the burning eyes of thousands of bodies of the victims.

Borrowing to Build.

The advantages of borrowing from an association are worth a word or two. For one thing, a man with a loan mortgage sleeps nights, for as long as he keeps up his monthly payments his loan cannot be called; whereas, when money is borrowed from an individual, there is always the chance that the lender may suddenly ask for his capital, and it will be necessary to go out seeking another lender, perhaps in time of stringency, and to pay the legal fees for a new mortgage, and perhaps a premium or a higher rate of interest. Again, the home bought under a building-association mortgage will be good value, for the association's appraising committee probably includes a practical builder and the amount of money loaned is governed by the solid character of the property. As the borrower cannot get enough on mortgage to make an extravagant purchase, he will not overload himself in taking on the obligation.

Some of the largest associations have never foreclosed a mortgage, indicating that the amount of the monthly payment each borrower can meet has been shrewdly gauged. Furthermore, in buying through a building and loan association the purchaser of a home has the counsel of men thoroughly experienced in every detail of real-estate transfers and careful to see that there are no "jokers" or neglected points in the deal. The average loan committee in one of these associations may be trusted further in real-estate knowledge than even an experienced realty attorney. The latter looks chiefly to points of law; the loan men look beyond the law and into the human nature of the deal. For a building and loan association is essentially a human-nature institution. -Saturday Evening Post.

A Child's Idea.

Unfamiliarity with money gives children a queer idea of the value of certain coins. A 50-cent piece dropped from the pocket of a visitor in a downtown school and was returned by a small girl with the remark; "Here sir, is your \$10."

The man laughed in spite of himself, but the teacher looked sad. "Poor little things, she said." "How can you expect them to know any better? They never see a piece of money bigger than a quarter. They are as sharp as a coin collector on cents, nickels, dimes and quarters and can almost tell the date across the room, but a piece of money bigger than that is such a rarity in their homes that they are apt to call anything from one to a hundred dollars.

"When I first took charge of this class there wasn't a child in the room who could name the denomination of a coin above a quarter. They had heard of big money, but had never seen it. They have had several lessons in identifying Uncle Sam's money, but that particular girl happened to be absent, so it is not so strange that she should take your half dollar for \$10." -Boston Herald

Half Angel And Half Animal.

My idea of a boy? He is half angel and half animal; he is wide awake all night camping out, but falls to sleep in church; he is superstitious, giving a dandelion three puffs to see if his mother wants him; he carries a lucky stone in his pocket; he cures warts by burying a dish-rag; burnt feathers, pins, and father's barn make a whole day's show; he stones the dogs, but will work for hours over a dog that limps with a broken leg to the back door; no kinder heart ever cared for a motherless lamb; he disturbs family worship, but who makes us think more of heaven when he kneels and prays? He is half angel and half animal. -Sydney Star.

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BAD FOR THE PEACH CROP.

Lost At Southern Pines Reported To Be \$40,000

"It looks very unfavorable for the peach crop in North Carolina," said State Horticulturist W. N. Hutt, yesterday afternoon. "Mr. J. Van Lindley, whom I saw stated that his crop at Southern Pines was damaged to the extent of \$40,000." Mr. Hutt stated further that Mr. S. H. Shaw, his assistant, reported the crop injured in the vicinity of Statesville. As to the apple crop, it has not been injured by the present cold spell, as the blooms of the apple trees are not yet full.

The cold wave reached here in full force yesterday morning at 7 o'clock, when the temperature fell to 24 degrees. A special cold wave prediction was sent out from Washington Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock to the effect that the temperature would fall 30 degrees within 24 to 36 hours.

The lowest temperature on record on or after the 16th of March occurred on the 16th, 1890, when the thermometer registered 20 degrees. The temperature yesterday was 18 degrees below normal.

The freezing line yesterday morning extended into Georgia, and in parts of New York zero was almost reached. The lowest temperature in North Carolina occurred at Asheville, where the thermometer registered 14 degrees. -News & Observer

Rural Life Schools.

The bill providing for the establishment of "Rural Life" schools is, as we said last week, one of the few constructive measures the late Legislature had to its credit. A brief synopsis of the provisions of the bill may be of interest, not only to North Carolina farmers, but also to those in other States.

Twenty-five thousand dollars annually is made available by the State for the support of ten of these schools, \$2,500 to each school. Before the State funds can be had, however, the country or township in which the school is located must furnish buildings and equipment, including dormitory room for at least 25 boys and 25 girls, and an arable farm of at least 25 acres. The county and townships also required to contribute at least \$2,500 per year for the support of the school. Provision is made for bond issues by counties and townships wishing these schools, and their control is vested in a board of trustees, one member from each township in the county, with the County Superintendent as Secretary of the Board. The State Superintendent must inspect and approve all buildings and equipment.

The course of study differs from that of the ordinary high school chiefly in the greater attention given to agriculture and related subjects and to domestic science. Indeed, it may fairly be said that the courses of study for such schools are yet to be worked out.

"To insure a truly rural atmosphere, provision is made that the schools shall not be located in towns of more than 1,000 inhabitants, nor nearer than three miles to a town of more than 5,000 people, except that buildings already constructed in such towns may be used if suitably located.

No Hope From Law.

A big gathering of tobacco farmers at Danville on Thursday resolved to follow the example of the tobacco growers of Kentucky and pool their tobacco. The speakers paid their respects to the American Tobacco Company, which has the farmers at their mercy. The statement was made in the meeting that Kentucky farmers made a branch of the trust pay eighteen cents a pound for their crop by pooling, and it was stated that before the tobacco was pooled the same grade of tobacco had been bringing only five cents. Mr. Fort, a speaker from Kentucky, referred to the United States government and its battleships, also their sailing around the world, and scaring the different nations; of how the government can convict a poor man, but says they can't touch a man worth a million; that if he was convicted the skilled doctors of the land would examine his head and swear that he was insane. He also stated the farmers of Virginia and North Carolina should get together, be men, and stick.

The tobacco farmers of North Carolina have come to the resolution that as to any help by the State, none is now in sight. They listened with approval to the severe roasts of the tobacco trust by men now high in office and they thought the strong arm of the State would protect them from the robbing trust that has grown rich while paying them starvation prices for their crops. But they saw that the harsh criticisms and earnest pledges to put trust magnates in stripes was merely for campaign purposes, and not to carry out. Therefore, the farmers are organizing on their own hook to fight for fair prices.

It is a disgrace to the government that a trust can "take from the mouth of labor the bread it has earned," without even being prosecuted. It shows that the Trusts are bigger than the People, and that Greed governs where Justice should reign.

Temperance Forces Should Respond.

The North Carolina Anti-Saloon League has just closed its legislative campaign. The near-beer nuisance has been made illegal after the first of July, 1911, and the anti-club liquor bill is already in effect. As to the efficiency of the latter, we are not exactly clear in our minds. The "dentists" evidently drew some teeth and they thought they had done some efficient doctoring; but it was the best he could get through the Legislature, and the Superintendent says that it "will not allow clubs to handle liquor in any shape." In securing this legislation the Anti-Saloon League did a good deal of work and necessarily entailed considerable expense. A special call is being issued to the churches to contribute to the liquidation of the debt thus incurred, and we trust the call will meet with a generous response. -Christian Advocate.

"Going Some"

The recently appointed Chief Justice is a pretty good story-teller. He was formerly a Louisiana sugar planter, and this is one of the stories attributed to him: Two negroes on a Louisiana plantation became involved in a row with another Ethiopian who was handy with a gun. The two started to run about the time the bad man began to shoot. The fleeing ones had proceeded about a hundred yards when the following dialogue occurred: "Sam, you hear dat bullet?" "Yes, I hear it—two times!" "How you mean two times?" asked the questioner, as he quickened his pace.

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THE COCA COLA HEARING.

Experts Testify As To The Properties Of The Beverage.

Chattanooga, Tenn., March 15.—In the hearing of the case of the United States against a certain number of barrels and kegs of Coca-Cola, in the Federal Court here today, some of the most interesting testimony yet brought out was given by Dr. Lyman F. Kebler, chief of the Bureau of Chemistry, Washington, D. C. Dr. Kebler is the chemist who made a test of Coca-Cola, and today he testified that Coca-Cola contains caffeine, and declared that to each ounce glass there was one and one-fourth grains of caffeine, which he says is poison.

Dr. Kebler cited many eminent authorities in proof of his statement that caffeine is a poison, and referred to a number of deaths reported as being caused by its use. One of the writers had reported a case where four and one-half grains of the drug had produced death, and he declared that about three glasses of Coca-Cola contained this amount of caffeine.

Government chemists stated that Coca-Cola contained neither cocoa nor kola, and the effort of the government was to prove that the drink is misbranded.

Dr. Kebler testified as to the finding of vermin and bugs in the vats, as the result of his inspection of the Coca-Cola plant in Atlanta. He further testified that caramel and brown sugar were added, and, because of their opaqueness, tended to conceal impurities in the Coca-Cola syrup.

A Burning Shame.

There was a time in the good old State of North Carolina when only the very rich could commit the crime of murder and come out of the crucible of the courts unscathed. If the present tendency of our courts continues, the time will come when any poor devil will be able to kill his enemy, have a farce trial, be acquitted and have his name enrolled in that peculiar hall of fame frequented by criminals and near-criminals. Human life is entirely too cheap in Davidson county. How long will court trials continue to be a mere farce in murder cases where the defendant, or his people, happen to have a little money? -Lexington Dispatch.

The Bride's Look.

A girl about to be married worries so much she begins to look like an old married woman. In addition to worrying about her clothes and coaxing her folks to give her a new outfit, she sits up too late with her young man, and the result is an anxious, careworn look a week before the wedding that cannot be told from the look on the face of a woman who has been married a year or two. Look at the next girl you meet who is soon to be married and you will remark that she has "aged rapidly." -Atchison Globe

Texas Outlets.

Mr. D. A. Walker of San Antonio owns and operates six onion farms, aggregating 300 acres, near Asherton and Cotulla, Tex. According to the San Antonio Daily Express, Mr. Walker expects to gather from 200 acres of his farm in April and May 4,000,000 pounds of onions, which will require 100 cars to get them to market. The farms are irrigated, each one having a pumping station and an earthen reservoir with a capacity of 5,000,000 gallons of water, tenant-houses and packing and storage sheds. -Manufacturers Record.

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