

THAT FAMINE IN SWEDEN

What Has Been Done for the Starving

Swedes of the United States and Canada Are Subscribing Liberally.

Stockholm, Jan. 30.—Details of the suffering of the inhabitants of the famine-stricken area in northern Sweden are coming slowly. The people who are watching for accurate reports from their friends or a reliable source find little to cheer them in the meager tidings from across the sea.

The governor of the northern province, in which there is the largest number of sufferers, has made an estimate to his government to the effect that 1,000,000 crowns, about \$1,680,000, will be needed for the care of the cropless area. Based on this estimate the national committee, which has charge of the distribution of funds, has sent out appeals to all parts of the world. That appeal reached the United States and was published the latter part of the week in the Swedish papers.

While there are no definite figures to show the exact number of sufferers from the crop-famine the reports indicate that all the inhabitants scattered through the vast territory in the northern part of Sweden are with out food. What are considered reliable estimates by Swedes in this country who are acquainted with the territory in which the people are undergoing the greatest privations places the number at 70,000.

More is being done by the Swedes of this country to aid their suffering brethren than anywhere else. This is true partly to the large Swedish population of the United States, approximately 2,000,000 persons. They are doing all they can, and have sent nearly \$50,000 to the central committee in Stockholm. Of this sum \$20,000 has been contributed by the Swedes of this city. Consul John R. Lindgren being the treasurer of the local committee. He forwards the funds as rapidly as they are turned over to him.

While the Swedes are doing all they can, the relief fund up to the present time has come from them entirely. Although they do not complain, they feel that it would be no more than justice for the people of Chicago to aid them in increasing the fund, which they hope to keep pouring into Sweden until next August, the earliest the native Swedes will be able to receive any assistance from their own efforts as the crops will be harvested then.

A resident of Chicago at the time of the great fire pointed out that Sweden sent \$100,000 to the destitute citizens, the donation being forwarded promptly and at a time when it was of greater benefit than a sum several times as large would have been if it had been sent later. This liberality on the part of the Swedish government and its people is urged as sufficient claim upon the benevolence of the people of this city now, when funds are so greatly needed for the famine sufferers.

Every effort is being made to increase the sum that is being forwarded weekly by the patriotic Swedes of the city. Entertainments are being given by which small sums are being added to the gross receipts. But this is a slow way of raising money, and the necessity for prompt assistance is deemed greater than it will be later in the year, when the forwarding of funds will have been made possible by a general movement throughout the country.

President Robert Lindblom of the local relief committee sent a personal letter to the heads of the great packing firms requesting them, or suggesting, that they should make up a train load of provisions to be sent to New York, and thence transported to Stockholm for distribution. His object was not so much to secure the contribution of provisions, because it is recognized that money will do more good than food, which will require too much time for transportation, but rather for the moral effect the donation of a train load would have, since it would be a recognition of conditions in Sweden which the quiet transmission of funds could not bring. Mr. Lindblom expects to pay a personal visit to the packers this week and renew his appeal, in the hope that they will give as liberally as they have when cities and stricken areas in other parts of the world were suffering from famine, earthquakes or devastations by storm.

The Swedes of Chicago and the United States generally are doing everything in their power to aid their people," said Mr. Lindblom, "but their efforts are not sufficient to supply the ready relief that is necessary. They have contributed nearly \$50,000 thus far, but when the population of this country and the prosperity which we are enjoying is taken into consideration it must be conceded that sum is not what we should contribute. "While our reports are meager, everything that comes to us from the authorities in Sweden indicates that

there is great suffering, which must be alleviated promptly or the loss of life will be frightful. I would like to see the \$50,000 which has been forwarded in the last month increased by Chicago alone to \$100,000 as promptly as possible. Fifty thousand dollars from Chicago's riches would not be much, and its influence on the rest of the country would carry the sum well into the hundreds of thousands. When it is taken into consideration that Sweden purchases a large amount of American products annually, I think it has some claim upon us in the hour of need."

F. A. Lindstrand, publisher of the Swedish-American, said that, while the governor of the stricken province had placed the needs of the people at \$1,000,000, he thought it a conservative estimate, based entirely on the reports he had received from the stricken territory.

"The inhabitants of that territory are scattered through such a broad area that it is practically impossible to reach them all," said Mr. Lindstrand. "Agents must be sent into every section of the province, and until their reports have been received it will not be possible to judge the extent of the suffering."

"The people are poor and the failure of their crops meant that they would be without the customary supplies for nearly a year. During this time they will have to subsist on the charity of the state and what is sent into it from other sources. Their small farms will be stripped of stock, the section in which they live must be robbed of everything that can be converted into food. Not only will they have to be supplied with provisions to keep them until their next crop has been harvested, but their farms must be restocked otherwise the harvest will be as barren as the last when the season was unfavorable."

"The work of the relief committee is made harder because of the large area through which the food and supplies must be distributed. This naturally means increased expense. It cannot be compared to the distribution of relief through any section of this country, because here we have adequate railroad facilities, with a rich territory from which to draw supplies. Sweden is poor, the government itself being in a position which makes it difficult to extend the relief necessary. If Sweden recovers promptly from the effects of the famine it must be through aid contributed by outside sources."

RESOLUTIONS

Passed in Memory of Joseph Reilly.

The following resolutions were adopted by the Judge Council of the Y.M.I., and the Literary and Debating Society of the same organization: "Judge Council of the Young Men's Institute.

"Dawson, Y.T., Feb. 15, 1903.

"Whereas, It has pleased an all-wise and loving Providence to call to the threshold of His kingdom our beloved brother Joseph M. Reilly, who departed this life on Thursday, February 12th, 1903, at 8:30 p.m.; "Therefore, be it resolved, That we take this opportunity of expressing our sincere appreciation of his energetic work, his worthy and successful efforts in founding and organizing this council, and that we express our heartfelt grief and sincere sorrow and regret at his decease; that we extend to his mother, wife and children condolence and sympathy in their sad bereavement;

"And be it further resolved, That we place these resolutions in the minutes of this meeting of the Judge Council of the Y.M.I. and that copies of the same be engrossed and sent to his wife and mother and to the papers of the town of his former habitation, and to the Dawson papers; "And be it further resolved, That this meeting now adjourn out of respect to our deceased brother."

"Literary and Debating Society of Judge Council of the Young Men's Institute.

"Dawson, Y.T., Feb. 12, 1903.

"Whereas, The omnipotent Creator has seen fit to take from our midst our beloved friend Joseph M. Reilly, whose death took place this 12th day of February, 1903, at 8:30 p.m., who was a devoted member of our society and whose death we sadly deplore for by it this society has lost one of its most devoted and respected members; "Therefore, be it resolved, That this society do most heartily deplore the death of our departed and respected friend and extend to his mother, wife and children our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in their sad bereavement;

"And be it further resolved, That these resolutions be placed in the minutes of this meeting and that copies be sent to his wife and mother and to the newspapers of Dawson and Anacortes, Washington, where his family resides; "And be it further resolved, That this meeting owing to this sad event do now adjourn."

See Mrs. P. Mullen as "Ruth" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

There are about 5,000,000 farms in the United States, of which 3,000,000 produce corn. The average cost of producing an acre of corn is \$5.73.

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ST. ANDREW'S FINANCES

Work of the Church During Last Year

Recommendations of the Board of Managers to Reduce the Debt.

In a neatly printed pamphlet St. Andrew's church has published its annual report of the church up to the close of last year. This shows a net liability at the beginning of last year of \$23,768, as against \$28,307 the total liabilities at present. As against this the present assets are: Church building \$19,480.00; Manse and equipment 9,108.00; Church equipment 4,589.89; Grounds and other bldgs. 4,085.42; Organ 6,725.00.

The report of the board of managers, with its recommendation for this year, is as follows: The attendance at Sabbath services during the year has been good, except the morning services towards the close of the year. The average morning attendance has been 90 and for the evening services 230.

The weekly offerings indicate the interest of the congregation in the work and show a marked increase over the previous year. The loose collections averaged \$45.00 and the envelope contributions \$58.00.

The board experienced considerable difficulty in financing the building fund, owing to the fact that at the beginning of the year there were many bills outstanding and due payment for which no means had been provided, necessitating the borrowing of money at comparatively high rate of interest.

The difficulty was somewhat increased by the congregation early in the year authorizing the purchase of a pipe organ at a large cost. This together with insurance and the rapidly accruing interest charges make it imperative that the congregation should provide for consolidating the floating indebtedness by a second mortgage at a fair rate of interest.

The congregation deserves commendation for the liberality and cheerfulness with which the necessary demands made by the board have been met. Although over \$500 has been raised by special contributions, the actual indebtedness has not been

reduced, owing to new liabilities that have been incurred.

The board submits the following recommendations:

1st. That some action be taken to provide for and consolidate the floating debt.

2nd. That a vigorous attempt be made as soon as practicable to reduce the actual liabilities by \$6000.

3rd. That an earnest and persistent effort be made at the beginning of this year to secure sufficient revenue from envelope and loose collections to fully cover the ordinary expenses including all interest and insurance charges.

The board further desires to call the attention of the congregation to the method adopted for the raising of funds for the sustenance of the work. Sittings in church are free and contributions entirely voluntary, as approved by the last annual meeting. It is confidently believed that a faithful adherence to this plan is calculated to bring about the best results, but in order to attain this end, it is imperative that more general interest and attention should be evoked, in order that all should contribute according to their several abilities, without leaving an undue burden to devolve on any. Investigation of present conditions indicates clearly that if all regular attendants were to adopt and faithfully carry out the system of weekly offerings, there would be no difficulty in fully meeting the current expenses.

MEDICO-LEGAL CURLING

Legal Lights Get Badly Beaten by the Merchants.

One of the hospitals was the better for a \$10 bag of flour yesterday morning, as a result of the curling matches on Saturday evening between the merchants and the lawyers, and the lawyers, for this once at any rate, will have to pay. Each had two rinks, those of the merchants having as skips Phillips and Cornell, and the lawyers Bell and Crisp. All of these had proven themselves competent slips in the bonspiel. But the merchants won by the big score of 13 points.

Greatly Interested

The department of Mr. Justice Craig was well filled yesterday morning by persons interested in the various judgments that were to be rendered. There were an unusually large number of barristers on hand, there being no less than 23 of the learned gentlemen of the bar present. Two judgments were also handed down by the court of appeals, Mr. Justice Macaulay occupying the bench along with Mr. Justice Craig.

See the opera "The Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

THREE HAD GLANDERS

Horses Ordered Shot by Dr. Strong

Two From the City and One From the Stewart Belonging to Mounted Police.

Two more horses were shot yesterday for glanders by the orders of the government veterinary surgeon, Dr. Zeta Strong. One of the animals belonged to C. L. Woodworth and the other to R. H. Delaney, and both had been kept in Davidson's stables on Third avenue, between Duke and Albeit streets.

These animals were quarantined some days ago, the doctor waiting until he received from the government a quantity of salicine for making proper tests. This drug arrived on Friday, and all the horses of which he had the least suspicion have all been tested. While all of them yielded to the test and showed that they were glandered, not all of them had the disease in an infectious form. These latter will be allowed to be worked under the close observation of the doctor.

The two mentioned, and one belonging to the police, brought here from Stewart given at the doctor's orders, were ordered to have the disease in an advanced and infectious form, and were ordered shot. The duty was entrusted to Constable Taylor, who had the animals driven to the garbage dump and there killed. Their bodies were immediately buried so as to avoid the spread of the contagion. The stables where these three horses have been are quarantined for three months, or until into May.

Dr. Strong says there are still some cases scattered over a wide area but not many, and he thinks it will be stamped out in a short time. He is making every effort to accomplish this as soon as possible.

Bonanza Social Club.

A meeting of the Bonanza Social Club will be held at the Social hall, Friday evening, 20th inst., at 10 p.m. All persons having accounts against the club will please present them on that date. Address Bonanza Social Club, Bonanza City.

See the beautiful dances in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

CHECK FOR \$1,000

Maud Westwood Puts Up the Coin for Her Release.

Maud Westwood and Maggie Richardson, the two women brought in from the Forks a few days ago charged with rolling Edward Cairns, were arraigned Saturday before Mr. Justice Craig. The Westwood woman made an application for bail and was allowed her liberty upon furnishing two sureties in the extent of \$500 each and herself in \$1000. Victor Gibille and John A. Dugas went her bail and she put up a certified check in the sum of \$1000 in her own behalf. Her companion is still in jail.

Now Sergeant Bates

Corporal Bates, for so long the right hand man of Major Wood in his office at the barracks, has been promoted to sergeant, and as a consequence the major loses his valuable services. He is to go to Whitehorse as hospital sergeant, no other man in the force possessing such ample experience and capability for the position. Sergeant Bates has studied medicine and has occupied a similar position before.

Amaranth Dance

The Amaranth Social Club had an offer of their very enjoyable dances Saturday evening at the Eagle hall. The young folk are not only the best dancers in the city, but they can also give their elders a few pointers upon how to extract the greatest enjoyment out of the least possible time. About 30 couples were present.

See Mr. A. M. Thornburgh as "Samuel" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

Monogram Hotel AND STORE

No. 6 Below Chicken Creek, Alaska.

Good meals, good beds, good bar. See Mrs. A. T. Matterson as "Kate" in the opera "Pirates of Penzance" at the Auditorium on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Feb. 18-21.

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CHANCES AT CIRCLE CITY

Sid Wilson Gives Sourdoughs the Tip

Really Valuable Mining Properties at Circle Can be Snapped Up Cheap.

Sid Wilson, an old sourdough whose word is said to be as good as a bond, wrote a letter to John Joslin which came to hand yesterday having some bearing on the Tanana strike. Sid has not been there himself, but he is mining on Eagle creek in the Circle mining district, and has probably seen many good and coming from the new strikes.

He says there has as yet been little prospecting done but that pay has been found on four creeks. He does not refer to any very rich pay, but rather dwells upon his general opinion that it will prove a very large district that can be profitably worked and that it will employ a large population.

Mr. Wilson writes this letter to his old friends who, stamped with him from Circle to the Klondike, and a particular aim of it is to draw their attention to the chances there are now offered at Circle and to advise them to get in on the ground floor while the opportunity offers itself. So many have gone to the Tanana, he says, that good properties near Circle can be acquired at low figures, and he says to tell Bill McPhee, Joe Burke, Ben Levy and the little gang of old timers to come along with their liquors, sawmills, and so on as soon as they can make it.

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