Death Toll Runs Up to Over Two Thousand Daily.

WARM WEATHER NEEDED

Germ May Disappear When People Leave Winter Quarters for Open Air.

Pekin, March 2.-Famine and the plague are sweeping over China. The known deaths from the plague number 10,000, and according to the official statistics the death rate averages 200 daily. But the officials have but little information of conditions in the interior, or if they have they are not permitting the facts to be known. There are few, if any, foreigners, in the interior, and the natives are not attract-

ing much attention.

It is impossible to estimate the

modern methods of sanitation.

Not the Bubonic.

Japanese and Russians have both offered assistance, but only in a few places have these offers been accepted, the Chinese not liking to receive favors from foreigners, whose political motives they distrust.

Physicians engaged in combating the disease are of the opinion that warm weather will kill the germs, although this may be only a temporary respite. If the plague wege of the bubonic type, the summer heat would resire to augment it, bubonic being conveyed by fiesh rats and other vermin, which thrive in warm atmosphere conditions. The pneumonic type, on the other hand, is transmitted through the respiratory apparatus, and as consequence when the Chinese emerge from their winter quarters into one their things of the content one, which is entirely pneumonic, has not visited the world since the Middle Ages.

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the death struggle beside their nome steads.

A relief commission composed of foreigners at Shanghal is collecting money. So far, Japan and the United states are the only foreign countries that have contributed to ald the sufferers, but even the help that has come from America is entirely inade quate. It is estimated that 2,000,000 people are without food and are existing on roots, grasses or anything that affords the slightest possible nourishment. Those possessing grain guard it right and day.

y. ries who are distribut-The missionaries who are using relief tell of many tragic occur rences—a man on his way to mee them, dying on the road; another falling by the wayside as he was return the nucket of rice. them, dying on the constraint of the constraint of the houses of the strikers who have fixed each rate is several thousand daily.

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St. Petersburg, March 2. Women must not wear tronsers at the imperial opera, A lady, who had booked a sent, arrived in a harem skirt, and

# Want Proof?

pects that coffee doesn't agree, and they value health, it's easy to find out if coffee causes the trouble-quit and try well-

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# BANK MUST DEFEND

Sale of City Hall Under Present Terms Is Likely to Result in Trouble.

The amendments to the City of London bill, relating to the sale of the city hall site, will probably cause some

The bylaw, as ratified yesterday, means that the site 110 feet square has

teen sold to the Royal Bank of Canada, subject to any easements or rights that others may have.

This includes that parcel of land to the rear of the city hall, which was deeded to the city by the Masonic Temple Company in 1853, and also the section north of that, immediately to the south of the Smallman & Ingrain Company's store, which has been used for market and street purposes for nearly 60 years.

The Masonic Temple Company have an agreement with the city covering this point, and it is quite certain in the minds of the majority of the lawyers of the city, that it cannot be touched.

There is not so much certainty as to

It is impossible to estimate the number of deaths from lack of food. An American physician writes:

"A million people will be dead before the first crop is harvested. This harvest will be small because the people have not the strength to till the soil and no animals remain for the plowing.

The Chinese are conducting their efforts to check the plague chiefly along the railways and frontiers for the present.

Since the Russian request for permission to cross the border and quarantine Chinese towns along the Amurantine Chinese along the frontfer, but the Russian legation says that this has been ineffectual because there are no doctors there who are familiar with modern methods of sanitation.

Not the Bubonic.

Owing to the political question involved and the presence of foreigners along the railways, the plague in Manchurla is receiving greater attention than the famine, but the death rate from famine is many times greater than that from the plague.

The famine is the result of the destruction of the crop by a fall of sixteet inches of rain in two days last teen inches of rain in two days last teen inches of rain in two days last teen inches of rain in two days last the rupture of diplomatic relations that the rupture of diplomat

Springhill, N. S., March 2.— The troops stationed here on account of the strike by coal miners have at last found something serious to do. They were called out today to suppress a

mendous. Manager Sharp and other officials did what they could to protect the company's property and to preserve the rights of the men who were being assaulted. In the melee Mr. Sharp was somewhat badly cut about the head. The town police took a hand, and the arrests they made, strange to say, were of those who had been trying to preserve peace, while the men who caused the riot were unmolested.

The troops were then called out and onlet was restored. What will occur ilet was restored. What will occu-norrow is hard to predict, but it 1 pected that there will be further suble, as there is a great deal of feeling.

### CLARA GETS A LORD

Musical Comedy Miss to Wed One of the Cholmondeleys.

London, March 2.—Mrs. John A. Stirling, fermerly Clara Taylor, of Washington, whose husband, Captain Stirling, formerly of the Scotts Guards divorced her in March, 1908, will shortly be married to Lord George Hugo Cholmondele, second son of Marquis Cholmondele, who is 23 years old, handsome, and a society favorite. He is the second helr to the marquisate, the heir, the Earl of Rocksavage, being unmarried.

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Before her marriage to Captain Stiring. Miss Taylor was a chorus girl, and after the divorce she was a member of the cherus in the musical comedy, "Our Miss Gibbs," at the Galety Theatre. She and Lord George are accomplished devotees of skating, and habitues of the fashionable ice rinks of London, often skating together. The wedding will be very quiet. The Earl of Rockgavage will act as best man. Part of the honeymoon will be spent.

Part of the honeymoon will be spent in Parts.

Marquis Cholmondeley is one of the hereditary lord great chambertains of England, the others being the Earl of Ancaster and the Earl of Carrington. The three hold office alternately reign by reign. The Earl of Carrington held the office under King Edward, and the Marquis of Cholmondeley now solds it. The name is pronounced Chunily.

### IN PERIL OF FLAMES

ANY ACTION ENTERED Girls Made Exit Through Skylight at Montreal Conflagration, Montreal, March 2.—A fire which caused over thirty employees of Oliver Barwick Company, stationers and bookbinders, 148 Notre Dame street west, to make a hasty exit from the first and second floors, occurred to-

day.

Before the alarm was raised part of the cellar stairs had been burned away. Mr. Barwick hurried to the second floor, and in company with his foreman quietly warned the employees that the building was on fire. About twenty girls gote safely down the rear stairs, under which the fire was rag-ing, but about ten who stopped to don

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