

FAMINE IN CHINA

Official Statement of Awful Situation and Appeal.

(Issued by the Central China Famine Relief Committee, Carlowitz building, Shanghai, China.)

Two-and-a-half million people in dire need of help.

Appeals received from three main districts, aggregating 30,000 square miles, with a population of seven millions—the Hwai River district, in Northern Kiangsu and Anhui, the Wuhsi district, in the Yangtze valley, and the Hankow district in Hupeh.

The break up of families and the gradual lapse into a condition of apathy of the people in the Hwai River district, with a population of five millions, of whom a million and a half will need relief; severe famine last year, scant crops for five years past, work animals eaten last year, business at a standstill, schools closed, the weak becoming beggars, the strong becoming robbers, two to four hundred hangings or decapitations in town after town of this district during last year's famine, sale of wives and children, often into lives of vice.

The failure of the Manchu Government to keep the rivers dredged and the embankments repaired. Benevolent Chinese who have given liberally in the past now themselves ruined. The country in the throes of a revolution—due in large measures to such conditions as these which is absorbing the attention and resources of the people to the exclusion of all else.

THE POLICY OF THE COMMITTEE.

To save life is the supreme aim. To give relief without pauperizing—only in return for labor, except in the case of those unable to work.

To make this labor count in preventing future floods. Dikes and canals will be repaired, and all work will be planned by competent engineers so as to give it a practical place in a larger project of reclamation work.

To make the alleviation of suffering in connection with this famine the occasion of a great expression of international goodwill to the New China. The China of yesterday feared and hated the foreigner, and not without reason. The New China will respond to friendship.

APPEAL.

\$3,000 will support a family for one month. The entire amount necessary to provide work for the 600,000 families needing help from the middle of February until harvest in the middle of May, is estimated at \$3,000,000. Of this a large part will be raised in China.

We appeal to Canada and the United States to aid \$1,000,000. It is imperative that money begin to come in by the middle of February in order that great loss of life may be avoided. The utmost efforts will not avail to avert the whole of this great calamity.

Please send your contribution to-day. It will save life.

There should be a fund raised in your locality. Contributions may be paid into your local bank for transmission to the International Banking Corporation, New York or San Francisco, who will carry them to the "Treasurer of the Central China Famine Relief Committee." Contributions may also be sent to any foreign mission board.

Help to sent the friendship between China and the west.

The publisher of the best Farmer's paper in the Maritime Provinces is writing to us, states:

"I would say that I do not know of a medicine that has stood the test of time like MURARD'S LINIMENT. It has been an unfailing remedy in our household ever since I can remember, and has outlived dozens of would-be competitors and imitators."

THE NEXT STEP.

Postmaster-General Hitchcock, whose office is a mecca for all sorts of cranks and a general bureau for all kinds of information, was asked, says the New York Herald, to direct a young woman in a course of embalming and undertaking.

The writer is a Richmond, Va., trained nurse. Here is all she said:

"I take the liberty of writing to inquire as to how I should, or rather could, become a lady embalmer. I am very anxious to take up the study and in due course of time hope to become a full-fledged undertakeress. I am a trained nurse at present, but would like the undertaking business better."

When Your Eyes Need Care
Try Murine Eye Remedy. No Smelling—Feels Fine—Acts Quickly. Try it for Red, Weak, Watery Eyes and Grandmotherly Eyes. Price, 25 cents per Package. Murine is compounded by our Oculists—not a "Patent Medicine"—but used in successful Physician's Practice. It is a safe, reliable and effective Remedy and sold by Druggists at 25c and 50c per Bottle. Murine Eye Salve in Aspiric Tubes, 25c and 50c. Murine Eye Remedy Co., Chicago.

HE RESENTED IT.

(Cleveland Plain Dealer.)
"Did you hear about Pickleham?"
"No."
"He went home last night and broke up the furniture and a lot of dishes and cleaned his wife's room. What was the matter with him?"

"Why, some woman in one of those suffragette meetings alluded to him as a model husband."

A RACE OF HUNTERS.

The Spaniards are great hunters, and the manufacture of arms in that country is a great industry. A large number of the cartridge shells are imported.

ALPINE REFUGES.

The refuge huts of the Alps generally have telephonic communication with the monasteries and other houses in the mountains.

"Why is it that men never seem to care to go to weddings?" Madame, men are progressive. I have no doubt that the time will come when hardly any man will care to witness a laughing.—Chicago News.

CALLS THE KAISER "WILLY."

How the German Emperor and Emperors Speak of Each Other.

"The German Emperor, in absence of his consort, speaks of her as 'my wife,' says the Woman's Home Companion, 'the Empress in the home circle addresses him as "Willy."

The former alludes to his family, from the Crown Prince to the Princess, as 'my young ones'; the latter speaks of them not by title, but as 'my children,' both expressions so clearly conveying the close existing attachment.

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NEW YORK—GARBAGE.

(New York Evening Post.)

Here in New York the Sanitary Utilization Company discovered a source of profit in oil or greasy garbage. It is exclusively said that it has surpassed everything else in value. The company took this garbage from the city across at 12th street, placed it on Barnard Street, and then hauled it down to grease as well as "tankage," a kind of fertilizer basis. This grease has a market value of from \$60 to \$90 a ton, depending largely upon the range of prices in lard or hog-fat.

No wonder the Gothamites are willing to pay fifty cents a pound for butter!

CURED BY GIN PILLS.

Bridgeville, N. S.

"For twenty years I have been troubled with Kidney and Bladder Trouble, and I have tried every known remedy. I found little relief. I had given up all hope of getting cured when I tried Gin Pills. Now I can say with a happy heart, that I was cured."

DANIEL F. FRASER.

Write us for free sample of Gin Pills to try. Then get the regular size boxes at your dealers or druggists. Price 50 cents a box, 6 for \$2. Money refunded if Gin Pills fail to cure. National Drug & Chemical Co., of Canada, Limited, Dept. HL, Toronto.

THE FORGETTER.

He couldn't remember that spring-time had fled. He couldn't remember that summer was dead; he was so forgetful. He looked for a rose, forgetting that winter was piling her snows.

He couldn't remember that daylight was gone. He sang through the twilight as if it were dawn; he was so forgetful. He thought it was light while the rest of us stumbled through paths of the night.

He couldn't remember the flight of the years. He forgot to grow old and surrendered to fears; he was so forgetful. He still ran along with a boy's heart all brimming with laughter and song.

He couldn't remember that he had a date with sorrow and trouble—And so he was late; he was so forgetful. That he went to sleep when fate had it framed. He should worry and weep.

He couldn't remember that Death must draw nigh, And so he just drew back. His appointment to die; he was so forgetful. The years ran away, And left him to dream And to sing and to play.

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GRAY LEAVED PLANTS.

Next to green, gray is the restfullest and most satisfactory color to be had in foliage. We now have so many hardy plants with gray foliage that we can choose one for each month of bloom and color of flower.

Among them are the silvery milfoil, gold-dust, the white and purple rock-cress, the woolly leaved chickweed, many hardy pinks, Siebold's day lily, Fischer's horn poppy, lavender, cotton, woundwort and woolly thyme.

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LABELLING BACHELORS.

(Montreal Star.) Joseph Rogers, Assistant District Attorney of Philadelphia comes out in favor of labeling bachelors in order to prevent them from getting married. A third should be an innocent single one to distract a man because some asinine beings are at fault? How would the leading bachelors prevent from wearing the label of single? Another question is why do the unsophisticated young city women flirt with strangers, any way?

DELICATE.

(Puck.) One of the animals came up to the stork, "Er—tiger!" announced Adam. "Trifecton, Tammany or Detroit?" clarified the reporters, who were, of course, present.

Whereupon the first father perceived that he had a task of delicacy cut out for him.

Liquid Cough Mixtures Can't Cure Bronchitis

But the Healing Fumes of Catarrh ozone, Which are Breathed to the Furthest Recesses of the Bronchial Tubes, Bring Quick Relief and Sure Cure.

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The germ-killing balsamic vapor mixes with the breath, descends through the throat, down the bronchial tubes, and finally reaches the deepest air cells in the lungs. All parts are soothed with rich pure, medicinal essences, whereas, with a syrup the affected parts could not be reached, and harm would result through numbing the stomach with drugs.

"I have been a chronic sufferer from catarrh in the nose and throat for over eight years. I think I have spent four hundred dollars trying to get relief. I have spent but six dollars on Catarrh ozone, and have been completely cured, and, in fact, have been well for some time. Catarrh ozone is the only medicine I have been able to find that would not only give temporary relief, but will always cure permanently. Yours sincerely, (Signed), WILLIAM RAGAN, Brockville, Ont."

For absolute, permanent cure use Catarrh ozone. Two months' relief costs \$1.00; smaller size, 50c, at all dealers, or the Catarrh ozone Company, Buffalo, N. Y., and Kingston, Canada.

BULL TICKLED THE BISHOP.

"The late Bishop Mackay-Smith," said a Philadelphian to the Baltimore Sun, "was the life of many a dinner party—a man as jolly as he was good."

"The bishop at a dinner in Rittenhouse Square one night was describing an old fisherman he had met in Gloucester.

"Are you contented?" the bishop asked the old fellow.

"And the fisherman, taking his pipe from his mouth, piously replied:

"I am contented through and through, when I think of the glorious immortality to come."

SHE WAS SURPRISED.

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He was a leading citizen of a Southern town, according to the Popular Magazine, and the Christmas wine and dining had made him excessively nervous. He knew all about the jingams, the shocking shales and the writhing nerves. On New Year's morning he awoke with the consciousness that he had an engagement to take midday dinner with a friend famous for the strength of his alcoholic deceptions.

The leading citizen stood before his mirror, his hand trembling pitifully as he strove to bring his necktie into subjection. His wife began to voice her views on the folly of drinking during Christmas week.

"Madam," he said, solemnly and sadly, "do not annoy me. I am adorning the victim for the sacrifice."

GRASS BAD FOR TREES.

Stunts Them and Arrests All Healthy Growth.

At the Woburn experimental fruit farm a long inquiry has been conducted into the effect of the grass on trees, and the experiments which have been carried out from the substance of the thirteenth report of the farm, which has just been issued.

It has been shown that the general result of grassing the ground, either by sowing seed or replacing the turf after the trees had been planted, is the arrestation of all healthy growth and the absolute stunting of the tree.

A light and unhealthy character imparted to the leaves is one of the first noticeable results of the action of grass upon trees. With trees that are feeling the full effect of grass the fruits are found to be small and ill developed.

The variations in soil temperature are less when the ground is grassed, and this alone would be favorable to the growth of trees; but this good influence is outweighed by the deleterious effects.—London Daily Mail.

KEEPING DOWN LONDON SMOKE.

A parliamentary return, just issued, gives the total number of smoke-combining furnaces in the various police districts of London at 7,575, including 265 furnaces fitted in steamboats on the Thames. The number of convictions sought for and obtained before the magistrate in respect of smoke nuisances since the operation of the act, in 1854, amounts to 672. There are