

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 Wuhu district, in the Yangtze valley, and the Hankow district in Hupoh.

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 daughters, often into lives of vice.

The failure of the Manchou 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 measure 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. Dykes and canals will be repaired, and all work will be given 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. \$3.00 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 \$5,000,000. Of this a large part will be raised in China.

We appeal to Canada and the United States to give \$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 cable them to the Treasurer of the Central China Famine Relief Committee. Contributions may also be sent to any foreign mission board.

Help us save the friendship between China and the west.

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

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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."

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It is told from the Emperor that in Rome, when he was selecting a gown to take home as a present to the Empress, a relative advised as choice an elaborate creation, mainly of lace. 'Impossible!' he answered. 'With the children constantly clambering over her it would soon be in ribbons.'"

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THE FORGETTER. He couldn't remember That spring-time had fled, He couldn't remember That summer was dead; He was so forgetful 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 surrender to fate; 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 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 ducked His appointment to die; He was so forgetful The years ran away, And left him to dream And to sing and to play.

Shiloh's Cure STOPS COUGHS. PRICE, 25 CENTS

THE SKATERS. (Minna Irving, in New York Sun.) The lake was like a crystal floor, The air was clear and keen, When in a gay toboggan cap He scooted on the ice, The exposure of every eye, He sought at once to show Some fancy figures on the ice In gliding to and fro.

He cut the alphabet entire, He cut a figure eight, He cut a seven pointed star With but a single skate; He cut an anchor and a heart With daring skill and grace— And then he cut a pigeon-wing And landed on his face.

Pat's Anna is a charming girl, A goddess slim and tall, Each winter when a spell of frost Sends up the scarlet bill; She always says she cannot skate, And all the beaux in sight Around her throng and volunteer To teach her with delight.

She learns to skim the lake at last Untroubled for miles, But not until her tutor falls A victim to her wiles, So ask that artful maid again Next year, and she will state She'd love to go upon the ice But never learns to skate.

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

LABELLING BACHELORS. (Montreal Star.) Joseph Rogers, Assistant District Attorney of Philadelphia comes out in favor of labelling bachelors in order to protect girls from married flirts. Why should an innocent single chap be designated by a sign because some asinine benedict are at fault? And how would the guilty benedict be prevented from wearing the label of his single prettier? And why do the unsophisticated young city women flirt with strangers, any way?

DELICATE. (Puck.) One of the animals came up to be named. "Ez-licker" announced Adam. "Fritzen, 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."

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Every sufferer from coughs, colds, bronchitis and all throat and chest ailments needs a soothing, healing medicine which goes direct to the breathing organs in the chest and lungs, attacks the trouble at the source disperses the germs of disease, and cures the ailment thoroughly. And this medicine is "Catarrh-ozone."

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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 I'm a fisherman, taking his pipe from his mouth, piously replied: 'I am contented through and through, sir, when I think of the glorious immortality to come.'"

SHE WAS SURPRISED. When Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills cured her Chronic Liver Complaint

Mrs. R. Smith, of Winnipeg, Man., tells an interesting story of relief from almost intolerable sufferings:

"I can hardly tell you how great my sufferings have been. Chronic liver complaint accompanied by biliousness was a daily source of trial to me. Every day experienced the sickening effects of the ailments. I longed for some medicine that should permanently drive them away."

Hearing of Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills, I thought they were worthy of a trial. My surprise was indeed great. From the very first I experienced relief. Continuing with them I found my troubles were slowly but surely leaving me, and before long I once more knew what it was to be free from the harassing effects of the ailments that had long sickened and weakened me. So great is my faith in Dr. Morse's Indian Root Pills that I shall never on any account be without them."

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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, goldstuck, the white and purple rock-rose, the woolly leaved chickweed, many hardy pinks, Siebold's day lily, Fischer's horny poppy, lavender, cotton, woundwort and woody thymus.

Some of these are decidedly silvery. Others incline to a blue cast, which is most pronounced in the globethistles and seahollies. Such colors are so unusual in nature that it is easy to overdo them in gardens.—From Country Life in America.

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HIGH COST OF LIVING. (New York Herald.) "There is a little girl in Washington who has very decided notions with reference to the 'high cost of living,' whereof we hear so much."

This child has a weekly allowance which her mother employs rather ingeniously as a means of correction. For every little naughtiness the culprit is fined—in other words her allowance is diminished.

One morning the child was in a peculiarly contrary mood. She did something out of the way and was fined a cent. In a few minutes she cried again, and a second fine was imposed. For the third time the offence was committed.

"Now, Marie," said the mother, "I shall fine you two cents this time, and if you disobey again, I shall make it four cents."

"Dear me," said Marie, "I think this is a pretty expensive place to live in."

However wretched a mortal may be, he is still a member of the common species.—Seneca.

A Collection Suited to Varied Tastes of Readers. He was a leading citizen of a Southern town, according to the Popular Magazine, and the Christmas winning and dining had made him excessively nervous. He knew all about the jinnams, the shocking shakes 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-consuming 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 magistrates in respect of smoke nuisances since the operation of the act, in 1854, amounts to 672. There are 54 different constructions of apparatus, the various manufacturers, works, etc., in the metropolis, all of which work well and prevent nuisance from smoke. The number of furnaces in the city of London is 397, the convictions two, and five persons are employed as examiners of furnaces.

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OLD ENGLISH MINEE MEAT.—One pound of finely chopped suet, one pound of currants washed and picked, one pound of raisins, stoned and quartered, one pound of apples, chopped, one pound of sugar, one-quarter pound of minced peel, shredded, two lemons, scant 1-4 teaspoonful each of nutmeg, mace and cinnamon. Pare lemon thinly and simmer in a little water until perfectly tender, then pound and mix all ingredients together; press closely in a jar and cover. Keep one month before using.

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PUFF PASTE.—Into 1-2 pound of flour chop six ounces of cold firm butter, and when like a coarse wet powder, wet with a small cupful of cold water. Mix with paste and turn upon a chilled board, roll out quickly and lightly, handling as little as possible. Fold and roll out three times, then set on ice for several hours before making into pies. Always bake pastry in a very hot oven.

QUICK PASTE.—One and one-half cups flour, 3-4 teaspoon salt, 1-4 cup cottole or coconut butter, cold water. Mix with flour, cut in shortening with knife. Moisten dough with cold water. Toss on floured board, pat, roll out, roll up like a jelly roll. Use 1-3 cup of shortening if richer paste is desired.

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