

AWFUL DISTRESS IN INDIA. MINES AND MINING STOCKS

A Population of Nearly Eleven Millions in the Central Provinces in Dire Straits.

FORMERLY PROSPEROUS PEOPLE.

Men Work for Three Cents a Day, Women Two and a Half Cents—Good Management.

London, May 16.—Dealing with the famine in the central provinces of India, which have an area equal to that of Austria, and a population of nearly eleven millions, and which were formerly most prosperous, the Daily Chronicle's correspondent at Bhopal writes:

"The demand for Government assistance is unparalleled. In one district forty per cent. are dependent on the State for their daily bread. In two others the percentage is over thirty. In the whole area there are 1,500,000 people with no other source of subsistence than Government charity."

Tanks Built by Famine Labor.

Three miles off from Bhopal 1500 persons are busy doing the long and hard work of constructing tanks. Further on, stone breaking is in progress, and peasants who have never before made any implement save those of necessity, are now working manfully with crowbar and boring tool. When the rock is broken, women and youngsters busily ply little hammers. An able-bodied man earns three cents, women two cents and a half and children two cents.

"If the price of grain increases, the wage is increased, and vice versa, so that a fair day's toll secures a fair day's food. No work, no pay. The old and feeble are drafted into the various gangs, and even these receive of humanity a few pence (quarter of a cent) of their miserable pittance and startle the shrunken bodies in order to get a morsel of opium or tobacco."

There is Good Management.

"The type of relief work described at Bhopal is found by the hundreds in the central provinces. The aid given to the able-bodied people seems sufficient, and the kitchens and hospitals are well managed. But the penny wage for a weekly wage is insufficient. I am assured, however, that it will be raised."

OAK HALL TO THE FRONT.

Nobby, Up-to-Date Clothing, Equal to Custom Made, at Half the Price.

The Oak Hall stores, at the corner of Yonge and Adelaide streets and East King street, opposite St. James' Cathedral, are models of convenience, and nowhere can be found a better-stocked place. The stock is also in keeping with the times, and the Oak Hall stores are the only ones in the city where you can get a complete wardrobe of the latest fashions at a low price, and in a way that is sure to satisfy you. The goods are of the best quality, and the prices are so low that you can get a complete wardrobe of the latest fashions at a low price, and in a way that is sure to satisfy you.

In every way the ready-to-wear garments of the Oak Hall stores are equal to the best custom-made. They are splendidly tailored and made to order. Skilled workmen only are employed, and the products of the best looms of Great Britain are used. The quality of the goods is of the highest, and the prices are so low that you can get a complete wardrobe of the latest fashions at a low price, and in a way that is sure to satisfy you.

Medals Come in Instalments.

The medals for the 99 veterans are certainly coming along on the instalment plan. Some time ago Mr. Constable, 6 St. Lawrence street, secretary of the Veterans of 99 Association, wrote Col. William McMillan, 441 Yonge street, who served in the seventh military district (Quebec) in the Fenian War, had not yet received his medal. Col. Wilson has replied that the medals have not yet been turned up yet. There are 20 or 40 veterans in Toronto who are entitled to them, and as soon as they reach Quebec they will be sent on here. Veterans with claims should communicate with Secretary Constable.

Up-to-date Sleepers Between Toronto and New York via C.P.R. and New York Central.

New and elegant buffet sleeping cars now in service between Toronto and New York via C.P.R. and New York Central. The cars are equipped with gas broilers, by which patrons can obtain a nice steak, chops, chicken, etc., superbly broiled and well served at reasonable rates. Daily service from Toronto at 5:20 p.m., arriving Central Station next morning at 8 a.m. as low as any other line. Call at C.P.R. ticket office for information, etc., etc., or address Harry Parry, General Agent, New York Central, Buffalo, N.Y.

Christian Endeavorers.

Arrangements for the seventh annual rally of the Junior Christian Endeavor Union in Massey Hall on Friday evening. There are about 300 members of the organization in Toronto, and a large attendance is expected. The program will include a choir of 500 boys and girls. A flag drill, conducted by Mrs. H. B. Somers, an address by Rev. A. L. McGee, and vocal and instrumental selections and readings by Miss May Jackson, Master Bruce, Miss St. George, Miss McKendry and Miss M. L. Kelly.

Dunlop Supplied the Roses.

The chairman of the Batoche Monument Decoration Committee states that they are overlooking the name of Dunlop, the florist, who supplied the roses for the monument on Saturday last. Mr. Dunlop supplies most of the roses on that occasion.

A BIG TUSSELE.

In the London Money Market between the C.P.R. and Mann.

"What is the biggest thing in Canadian financial circles these days?" asked The World of a banker up in Montreal, and he replied:

"I would say the tussle that has been going on in London between the Canadian Pacific and the Bank of Montreal on the one side and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Mann & Mackenzie and their railway propositions and the Grand Trunk on the other. The war, as I believe, has been carried right into Africa, and the story in London is that the Grand Trunk himself went to the street to head off Mr. Walker of the Bank of Commerce and Mackenzie in their efforts to float the latter's propositions in London. It is not quite known what the end of the contest was, other than that Mann & Mackenzie, thru the Bank of Commerce and the Bank of Montreal, have got enough money to float their Nova Scotia railway and steel propositions, and that the Grand Trunk railway has been backing up Mann & Mackenzie. Mr. Hays was in London at the same time that the others were there."

Empress Winks at the Boxers.

Rev. Harvey Grant, Presbyterian missionary in China, is in the city. He thinks that the Empress Dowager is in sympathy with the Boxers, and that the outrage of the society are winked at by the authorities.

You can always depend upon a Cleveland chain, one reason being that before being passed as perfect it is subjected to a jerk test of 1000 pounds, after which it is run in a bath of oil under great strain, thus ensuring strength and evenness in running. Showrooms 117, 119, 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 137, 139, 141, 143, 145, 147, 149, 151, 153, 155, 157, 159, 161, 163, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173, 175, 177, 179, 181, 183, 185, 187, 189, 191, 193, 195, 197, 199, 201, 203, 205, 207, 209, 211, 213, 215, 217, 219, 221, 223, 225, 227, 229, 231, 233, 235, 237, 239, 241, 243, 245, 247, 249, 251, 253, 255, 257, 259, 261, 263, 265, 267, 269, 271, 273, 275, 277, 279, 281, 283, 285, 287, 289, 291, 293, 295, 297, 299, 301, 303, 305, 307, 309, 311, 313, 315, 317, 319, 321, 323, 325, 327, 329, 331, 333, 335, 337, 339, 341, 343, 345, 347, 349, 351, 353, 355, 357, 359, 361, 363, 365, 367, 369, 371, 373, 375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 397, 399, 401, 403, 405, 407, 409, 411, 413, 415, 417, 419, 421, 423, 425, 427, 429, 431, 433, 435, 437, 439, 441, 443, 445, 447, 449, 451, 453, 455, 457, 459, 461, 463, 465, 467, 469, 471, 473, 475, 477, 479, 481, 483, 485, 487, 489, 491, 493, 495, 497, 499, 501, 503, 505, 507, 509, 511, 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