

SELL CHILDREN TO SAVE THEM FROM STARVING

Terrible Scenes Witnessed in
Trip Through Suffering
Parts of China.

SLAVE MARKETS IN ALL CITIES

Conditions Almost Unbelievable
Are Described by An
Eye-Witness.

EDITOR'S NOTE.—Miss Sara Weena, who visited the famine-stricken provinces of north China in behalf of the Public Ledger for East, Scotland and southern China, Shanai and Shantung. In the course of this journey she covered more than 500 miles by rail, by Chinese cart, on muleback and on foot and visited districts to which famine relief has not yet penetrated. She marched for several days through the worst of the famine area in Hainan on the Peking-Hankow Railway to Tientsin on the Tientsin-Peking Railway. She is the first woman to have made this trip since the outbreak of the famine, and her performance is the more noteworthy because of the fact that almost her entire route lay through bandit-infested territory.

It was dark and cold and gloomy when I left the hotel to go to the Peking railroad station on the morning of January 13 enroute to the North China famine district. Despite every desire to go, an inner weak and contemptible something kept repeating, "I'll be glad when this trip's over. I'll be glad when the job's done."

Rumors of starved and of frozen people lying in heaps awaiting burial; rumors of strange and frightful diseases; rumors of desperate robbers capturing and holding for ransom; rumors who, when the fancy suited, buried their prisoners alive; these weren't pleasant matters for contemplation, aside from the more prosaic facts of bitter cold weather and vermin-infested inn-rooms. But by the time I arrived at the station, where I was joined by Miss Theresa Severin (known familiarly as "Ted"), Y. W. C. A. secretary, of seven years' residence in Peking, who accompanied me as interpreter (a corking good interpreter, too), the sun was climbing over the eastern walls and my spirits climbed accordingly.

Four hours out of Peking we reached Paoingfu, the first trench in Chihli of the great starvation battle; the distributing point for twelve counties of some 2,800,000 population of whom 500,000 are estimated to be in direct need. At the time of my visit, 40,000 were being fed. On the day I left, January 13, 300 tons of grain had arrived from the International Famine Relief Society, estimated to relieve an additional 30,000, making in all 70,000—70,000 out of 500,000! Doubtless much has been accomplished in the last three weeks, for Paoingfu, one of the first relief stations established, is well into the harness of school and industrial organization.

Slave Market.

Naturally, it was here I had my first glimpse of famine horrors. The slave markets of China are thriving these days, the brokers of her prosperous sections dealing with fresh new merchandise. At the mission hospital I saw a little girl of twelve, who, sold by her parents in a last desperate effort to save not only themselves, but her from starvation, had escaped from bondage. Perhaps she was not pleasing; perhaps she proved disobedient; of that we will never know, but her head beaten, her teeth knocked out, her nails torn from the roots, she had been brought into the hospital a few days before soaked in blood, and when I saw her remained a pitiful sight.

After a twenty-four hours' visit in Paoingfu, we went by rail half an hour further south to Pauchauchiao. Here, on a long car, drawn by two mules, we loaded our outfit and attempting to make ourselves comfortable in that invention to torture, a Peking cart, struck southwest into what was presumed to be the worst afflicted district of this locality.

It was evening when we reached our objective point, a village some thirty miles from the railroad, where a lone missionary was feeding and caring for more than 400 women and children. Asked what relief the boys and men were receiving, this good woman expressed concern. She said they, the boys, were in a bad way. Most of the able-bodied men had gone, seeking work in less desolate sections, but though some relief was coming in, not enough had yet arrived for the boys. The night before an old man after giving his soup ticket to his blind wife, had hanged himself, proving that sacrifice is not confined solely to the white race. Many of the villagers throughout the surrounding country had died and the sale of girls here, as I found everywhere, rampant.

Sell Girls.

"We don't want to sell our children," the parents cry, "but what are we to do? Without selling both they and we die."

Throughout the entire country the winter wheat showed green as far as the eye could see, promising everywhere a bumper crop. It is those endless threads of green, stretching over the thousands upon thousands of one and two acre farms of China's hills and plains, that make her people cling so grimly, so tenaciously to life. If they can only hang on, they say, till those tiny blades reach fruition—a fruition four months hence! Yet the wonder is they have held so long. Their doom was sealed months ago; any other people in the world would have succumbed.

And the tragedy of it is, I learned from Dr. Lewis, that but twenty feet distant is water, always water. Walls of thirty-foot depth, one to every four acres in this section, would eliminate forever famine or fear of famine.

A Starving Boy.

In one village, where all were starving, a little boy was brought to us,

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who, abandoned the neighbors told, lived on such refuse as he could find—a competitor with the gaunt black bags running the village streets. This hardly more than a baby dwelt, we learned, in the only place he knew as home, to which at our request he solemnly conducted us. I shall never forget the picture of that pathetic, padded little figure which, barely tall enough to reach the latch, with difficulty opened the door, revealed to our swimming eyes a room quite devoid of anything, not even a rag to protect from the bitter night cold.

Yet our entreaties, every coaxing promise of our boy that we would take him where he would be warm, where he would have plenty of food, was met with the response, as he twisted his small hands and manfully tried to restrain the tears, "I don't believe you. I don't believe you."

Little, hungry Chinese boy, in your funny, stuffy clothes, are you still alive, still contenting with those gaunt black village hogs, or in your cold mud house one morning did you fall to waken?

Racine, Wis., March 14.—A large farm implement concern here announced today a fifteen per cent cut in the prices of all its implement products, effective at once.

SIX IRISHMEN HANG IN PAIRS IN MOUNT JOY

Twenty Thousand People Surround Jail When Executions Take Place.

ERECT ALTAR AT GATES OF PRISON

Sentry in Iron Box Kept
Close Watch for Any Outbreak.

Dublin, March 14.—Six prisoners convicted of complicity with the murder of British intelligence officers and members of the Crown forces in Ireland were executed in Mount Joy prison, this city, today. The men were hanged in pairs at intervals of an hour.

Twenty thousand people gathered outside the prison during the hour of the executions were going on, and all work in the city stopped until eleven o'clock. Even the post office was closed and telegraph service was suspended.

Altar at Gate.

The crowd began assembling in front of the prison at dawn and by six o'clock the prison yard was packed. An hour later the crowd had filled the roadway leading to the prison and all the abutting streets. An altar had been improvised near the prison doors and on the walls and trees in the prison yard, sacred images and pictures had been placed.

Everywhere candles were burning, scores of persons in the heart of the dense throng holding them aloft throughout the long vigil. Here and there priests or women led in prayers or hymns in which everyone joined earnestly.

Knelt in Roadway.

Hundreds kneeling in the roadway were obliged to rise when an armored car forced its way through the crowd. From five o'clock this morning, it had

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Spracklin Says Life Threatened

Toronto Organization, He
Tells Audience, Will Shoot
Him if He Goes There.

Paris, Ont., March 14.—Threats against his life by a Toronto organization were reported by Rev. J. O. L. Spracklin here last night in preaching to the congregation of the Methodist Church. His sermon marked his first appearance in a series of addresses throughout Ontario on behalf of the "drys" in the referendum campaign. Mr. Spracklin declared the threat from Toronto had been sent to his home at Sandwich, Ont. It warned

paraded up and down in front of the prison. On the roof of the jail, overlooking the entrance, a cast iron sentry box had been erected overnight, from which a soldier kept careful watch on the crowd.

Two of the men executed, Patrick Morgan and Thomas Whelan, were found guilty of complicity in the killing of intelligence officers in Dublin on November 21st last. The other four, Frank Flood, Bernard Ryan, Thomas Bryan and Patrick Doyle, were convicted of participation in an ambush near here in January, in which one member of the attacking party was killed.



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Brandon Won From Port

Allen Cup Holders
Eliminated Opponents
Tune of 12 to 4.

Winnipeg, Man., March 14.—The Brandon team, which has been undefeated since December 1st, today resumed full time and a week's vacation on both day and night work was put into effect, which amounts to an average of ten per cent. About 1,500 employees are affected.

Local Bow

COMMERCIAL LEAGUE
Last night in the Commercial League's alleys the local Company won three out of four.

Imperial Optical	C. P. R.
C. Cunningham 72 84 96	McDonald 72 84 96
Reckwell 72 84 96	McDonald 72 84 96
Stanton 72 84 96	McDonald 72 84 96

Tonight the G. E. Baragar Refinery Co. roll.

INDUSTRIAL LEAGUE

In the Industrial League's alleys last night the Pulp Co. team of points from W. H. Thorne scores follow:

Nashua	W. H. Thorne
Archer 72 84 96	Cooper 72 84 96
Kilpatrick 72 84 96	McDonald 72 84 96
Cratt 72 84 96	McDonald 72 84 96
Doherty 72 84 96	McDonald 72 84 96
Gray 72 84 96	McDonald 72 84 96

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