

FOOD HIDDEN FOR CHILDREN

Women in The Chinese Famine Districts Reduced to Desperation

AGENTS DON'T BLAME Chinaman Hanged Himself So That Wife Might Have His Food Allowance

PEKING, March 7.—Chinese women sometimes hide their little stores of food which they have managed to save for their children when the relief agents visit their homes to ascertain whether the family is in danger of starvation, say some of the relief workers.

Although the relief agents try to make sure that there is no food in the houses before they give the people any of the grain sent for relief purposes, few if any of them, blame the Chinese mothers for their attempts to conceal the fact that they have a pitifully small lot of food.

Dr. Charles F. Lewis, one of the relief workers from Pootungfu, writes in excuse of the mothers that there are few people in the world, who in the face of such desperate need, would not make exactly the same attempt.

Telling of a four-days' walking tour in one of the famine districts, Dr. Lewis said that he and his party had investigated the reports of deaths from starvation and that he did not believe there was more than half a dozen in the area his party had been able to cover.

"The leaves and bark which nearly every family we visited subsists on is not unpalatable, but their nutritive value must be next to nothing," Dr. Lewis reported. "We saw youngsters swallowing these ground leaves dry and how they did it was a mystery to us. We also found a medical case due to ground corn cob diet and were not able to relieve him as we had no medicine with us."

"One starving couple were fit receipt of relief but the amount available was such that only one in each family could be supplied. The wife was blind, and the husband finding that both could not survive told the woman she might have the grain ticket as he was going to hang himself—which he henceforth did."

In the Pootungfu area, says Dr. Lewis, a chain of schools has been established which can be expanded and developed into useful centers for gaining information. In some of them grain distribution stations have been located.

Dr. Lewis, who has lived many years in China, has helped to stem two epidemics of pneumonic plague in north central China.

ADDRESS AND PRESENTATION

On Tuesday evening March 1st, a number of friends and neighbors gathered together to spend a social evening with Miss Ida McDavitt of Latta, as she leaves her home for her new home at Massasauga. An address was read by Mr. Fred Gray, to which Miss McDavitt made a gracious reply. Following was the address:

Latta, March 1st, 1921.

To Miss Ida McDavitt:—

It has been said that "We live by admiration, hope and love." Tonight therefore finds your friends assembled together to spend a social hour in your honour as you leave this community. We would take this opportunity of expressing our admiration of your sterling qualities, your many kindnesses in the part you have played as a neighbour for many years past, your hospitality and courtesy to all who have had the pleasure of calling on you from time to time in your home, together with your unflinching interest in things pertaining to the moral and spiritual side of community life. For many years past we have admired also the successful way in which you have conducted your farm and we regret now that you are leaving, both farm and neighbourhood. A landmark in our lives is reached and we would note it not only by appreciation of the past but also by an expression of hope for the future. We trust that you will be blessed continually with health and prosperity, and the gift of many good friends. And as a slight token of our sincere appreciation and good wishes, we desire you to accept the gift of this solid leather club bag and cup and saucer, and to assure you that having known you we will continue to remember you in the future for good.

(Sgd.) on behalf of your friends,
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gray,
Mrs. Charlie Rowie.

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County and Suburban News

STIRLING

Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Elliott spent the week end in Peterboro.

Mr. and Mrs. John Moore spent a few days in Belleville, last week.

Mrs. L. E. Halliwell is spending a few days in Montreal the guest of her friend Miss Margaret McDonald.

Mr. Bruce Richardson took over the business of Mr. Malcolm Cook on March 1st.

Mrs. Dennis Welch who has been very ill of pleura-pneumonia is recovering.

Mr. T. C. McConnell returned home on Saturday accompanied by his daughter, Mrs. Laird who will spend a few days here.

Miss Lillian McGuire was home from Peterboro Normal for the week end.

Mrs. L. Halliwell is spending a couple of weeks with friends in Montreal.

Mrs. Manley Wescott, spent the week end with friends in Shannonville.

Mrs. (Dr.) A. Hall, and Mr. John D. McCann of Hornell N.Y., and Mrs. Harry Stairs of Rochester, N.Y., are staying with their mother, Mrs. McCann.

Miss Mollie L. Hall, B.A., R.N., of Rochester General Hospital staff, is taking care of her grandmother, Mrs. H. McCann, who is very ill with pneumonia.

MARMORA

Mr. Tim Clement is a patient in the Hotel Dieu, Kingston. His many friends hope that he may soon be restored to health.

Mr. Frank Grant who went out West last summer and later on to one of the lumber camps in Northern Ontario, returned home last week.

Miss K. Quinn spent last week in Toronto attending the wholesale millinery openings and returned to Marmora on Monday to prepare for the spring opening here.

Mrs. M. Crawford returned home on Monday after spending a couple of weeks in Toronto. While in the city she attended the spring openings of the wholesale millinery firms.

Miss Gignac, who was milliner for Mrs. M. Crawford for the last two seasons, was in town over Sunday and left on Monday for Enterprise, where she has taken a position for the coming season.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Pack moved from Foxboro to the last two seasons, which Mr. Pack recently purchased from his father. Their many friends will be glad to welcome them to this neighborhood again.

NAPANEE

Miss Annie Smith, Bath, spent the week end with Mrs. B. M. Charters, Sillsville.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Charters and

Bad Fire in Alexandria.

Kingston—Fire which destroyed property valued at over \$100,000 broke out in the hardware store of R. H. Cowan, at Alexandria, Ont. The Post Office, Custom House and the grocery store of J. Boyle were completely gutted. The fire was first noticed about 2.30 which had gained a good headway. The fire brigade was summoned and concentrated their efforts to save adjoining buildings. The wind carried the flames thirty feet away to the Post Office and this building was soon reduced to a mass of ashes. No idea of the individual loss of the merchants could be ascertained nor the loss to the Post Office. The fire having occurred so early in the morning it is stated very little mail was in the Post Office. Insurance was carried both by R. H. Cowan and J. H. Boyle, but to what extent is not known.

Receives Historic Jewel

Prince Edward Chapter of Royal Arch Masons has come into possession of an old jewel of Donald Ross who was in 1867 elected Grand Z. His mother chapter of Prince Edward at this time presented M. E. Comp. Ross with the jewel of Grand Z. In his later years M. E. Comp. Ross resided in Toronto and shortly before his death presented this jewel to Lt. Col. D. A. Clarke now of Ottawa. Lt. Col. Clarke, who is Deputy Minister of Health, during the recent war occupied an important position in the overseas medical service in England.

KINGSTON DOGS MUST BEHAVE

Kingston—"Dogs delight to bark and bite," reads an old saying, but all the "how-woos" in Kingston must be on their good behaviour in the future. If they do not behave the police department is going to make trouble as many complaints have been made from citizens about dogs making a great noise and disturbing them in their sleep. All owners of dogs must see to it that their canines are not disturbing citizens. Everyone will agree that it is

two children, William and Almada, of Sillsville, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Smith, Odessa.

Miss Annie Nolan, Mr. Joe Murphy, Miss Marie McMullen and Mr. Vincent Powers spent Sunday afternoon at Mr. Pat Dwyer's, Strathcona.

Mrs. D. W. Spencer, who has been spending the past two months in East Aurora, N.Y., with her daughter, Mrs. J. H. Claringbold, returned home on Wednesday.

Miss Hattie Dawson has returned to her home in Tamworth, after having spent the past month with her sister, Mrs. George T. Walters, Napanea.

Miss Jean Bell, Kingston, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. J. D. Moon, Conway, and her aunt, Mrs. E. G. Perry, Napanea, for the past month returned home Wednesday.

Mrs. J. E. Joyce, of Deseronto, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Thomas Chambers, North Fredericksburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed. Harrison and family, of Pleasant Valley neighborhood, leave next week for their new home in Newburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. Graham M. Fraser, have returned home to Dexter, N.Y., after spending some time with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Davis, Selby Road.

G. F. Rutten, K.C., has been appointed by the Minister of Trade and Commerce, Census Commissioner for the Federal Electoral Districts of Lennox and Addington.

Mr. R. E. Shier was in town yesterday, en route to his home in Winnipeg, after visiting his parents at Tamworth.

TWEED

Little Miss Anastasia Doran is visiting her cousin, Bernedette Whalen, Stoco.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Dolan and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Trudeau.

Mr. Stanley McCullough is spending the week at his home in Perth.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. O'Connell, of Rochester are visiting his sister Mrs. Simon Goulash, Bogart.

Mrs. Jas. Trudeau and her father Mr. Jno. Cassidy, Bogart, spent Wednesday in Kingston with the latter's daughter, Mrs. Jas. Whalen, at Hotel Dieu.

Mrs. C. A. Thompson, of Madoc, spent the week end and over Sunday guest of her sister, Mrs. C. J. Clark.

Miss Grace Moran is the latest victim of the mumps. Miss Ethel Frost will fill the vacancy in the public school staff during her illness.

Louis Moore, Detroit, was sentenced to eight years in Kingston Penitentiary for attempting to rob the home of A. S. Colby, Walkerville.

not a very nice thing to be disturbed at night in this manner. Some dogs are allowed to wander all over the city at all hours of the night. A clean up is promised if there are any more complaints.

Lumber Prices Decrease.

Kingston—There is a substantial reduction taking place in the prices of building lumber. Some builders of ready-cut bungalows and houses, have just issued a supplementary price list showing reductions of from \$300 to \$700 on buildings previously listed at \$3,000 and \$4,500. This is a considerable reduction and every design of house is effected.

When women were granted suffrage a San Francisco man paid his wife a salary of \$1,500 a year instead of giving her an allowance. He deducted this amount in his income tax report, and was quite indignant when the deduction was not allowed.

Industries Show Improvement

Oshawa—That the customs receipts for the month of February show a marked increase over the previous month is noted by the fact that during February they amounted to \$97,246.87, as against \$53,994.35 in January. This is undoubtedly due to the slight improvement in Oshawa and it is more than likely that substantial increases will be recorded each month and from now on.

Dr. W. S. Harper, who for the past five years has been chief medical advisor to the Vocational Branch of the Department of Soldiers' Civil Re-establishment at Ottawa, has now returned to Madoc to resume his practice. Dr. Harper was appointed to this position when vocational work for disabled soldiers was inaugurated by the Government and has held it until the completion of the work. During this period about fifty thousand soldiers with various disabilities made application for training in all kinds of trades and vocations and thousands of returned men who were eligible and received the training were enabled to increase their earnings. Everyone will agree that it is

MINIMUM WAGE FOR LAUNDRIES

Ontario Board Sets Toronto Weekly Pay at \$12 Week for Experienced Women

TORONTO, March 7.—As a result of the recent enquiry into the wages paid to women workers in laundries, dye works and dry cleaning establishments, the minimum wage board for Ontario has given out the following announcement fixing wages:

1. Experienced workers shall receive at least \$12 per week.

2. Inexperienced workers of 18 years of age or over shall receive at least \$10 per week for the first three months and \$11 per week for the second three months, after which six months they shall receive at least \$12 per week.

3. Young girls under 18 years of age shall receive at least \$9 per week for the first six months, at least \$10 per week for the second six months and at least \$11 per week for the third six months, after which 18 months they shall receive at least \$12 per week. Any worker who has been employed for a year before reaching 18 years of age shall then receive \$12 per week.

4. Not more than 25 per cent. of the total female employees shall be either inexperienced adults or young girls.

To Be Revised Annually.

The finding was the result of conferences with six employers and six employees affected.

The board states that there is considerable variance in the wages paid in the different plants, but the rates are higher than the report in the 1918-19 vocational survey of the department of labor would indicate.

The decree of the board will be submitted to a public meeting of those concerned and if no serious objection is raised it will become law. With the wage announcement the board presents a schedule of living costs as they affect the employees, and the board states that the decree will be revised annually in sympathy with the cost of living.

W. C. T. U.

Miss Agnes Sproule, missionary for the W.C.T.U., who has done work in lumber camps, said recently on her retirement:

"Yes, I could write a book I believe," admitted Miss Sproule, "for I have travelled over all parts of New Ontario, which you know is three-quarters of the entire province. I have been in some of the mining towns in the old days when liquor was allowed to be sold there, and when conditions were too awful for words. Those towns, many of them, have entirely disappeared now, they were too wicked to exist. A few years before Cobalt was started, a law was passed forbidding the sale of liquor within five miles of a mining town. It was the salvation of Cobalt and anyone who has travelled as I have, and seen those mining towns under the old conditions and the new can appreciate the difference."

When asked about the lumber camps Miss Sproule smiled and said: "Don't you think it speaks well for the class of men who go to our lumber camps when I tell you that for thirteen years I conducted services regularly, and was never offered the slightest insult. I have been in camps thirty-five miles from another woman, and I have always been treated with the greatest kindness and consideration. I have gone into camps where the wife of the foreman might be staying, and she would look as surprised to see me as she would to see a wolf walk in. I have ridden thousands of miles on the tops of loads of hay and sleigh loads of supplies. By travelling constantly it would have taken me one and one-half years to cover my entire field."

A GENEROUS GIFT

Cobourg—The Langslow Furniture Company has made a handsome gift to the Public School Board in the form of thirty Monthrop movable and adjustable chair desks. These can be moved from room to room, wherever there is the most overcrowding. This generous gift from the new company is greatly appreciated by the School Board and by citizens generally.

MAY SPEND \$60,000

Kingston—A petition bearing the names of 247 residents of Clayton, N.Y., will be presented to the village board at the annual meeting in March asking that the proposition of improving the road streets be submitted. About \$60,000 would be required for the work. A bond issue will be floated if the proposition is carried, and the bonds will be retired at intervals to be designated in the proposition.

Gordon Spence, a returned soldier, has been appointed sanitary inspector for Westminster township.

VALUABLE JEWELS IN OLD EARRINGS.

ANN ARBOR, Mich., March 5.—Howard Fellows, University of Michigan freshman from Lyons, N.Y., was "broke" and had to have \$6. for theatre tickets and a box of candy.

He took two old-fashioned earrings which he had carried for luck to a local jeweler and asked, "How much?" The jeweler, recognizing them as ball earrings, the front of which unscrewed, uncovering a jewel.

The jeweler in each earring disclosed a two-carat blue-white diamond. Each stone was valued at \$1,000. Neither Fellows nor any one of his family knew there was any value to the earrings.

PICTON

Mrs. Madden, of Napanea, has returned home after spending an enjoyable week with her daughter, Mrs. Richard Best, Wellington.

Miss Lottie Ferris, Kingston, is visiting her sister, Mrs. George Christie, Bloomfield.

Mr. J. B. Brown, of Toronto, spent last week with friends in Prince Edward county.

Mr. Albert Vandusen has sold his house on Jane street, to Mr. Thomas Ward, of Bethel.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Rootie spent the week end the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Shannon, Belleville.

Mr. A. Keap who spent the winter months at St. John's, Suffolk, England, has returned to Pictou.

Mr. W. D. Noxon, Centre Street, reports the first robin of the season, which made its appearance on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Brown, son of Rev. A. L. Brown, preached in "Northport circuit on Sunday. Mr. Brown is attending Albany College.

Mr. Denton Lovelace, Sault Ste. Marie, has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Walter Robinson, Northport, after an absence of twenty years.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miller and family, who have been spending the winter months in Prince Edward county, left on Thursday for their home at Cranbrook, B.C. Mr. Miller has not been here in fourteen years.

GEARING'S BOAT DESTROYED

Cobourg—Capt. and Mrs. Gearing of this town received word that in a collision off the coast of Panama, the United States torpedo boat destroyer, Woolsey, commanded by their son, was rammed by the steamer Steel Inventor, the destroyer being almost cut in two. There were 105 officers and men on board under Commander Henry Chalfont Gearing, who, we are pleased to say, is reported to be uninjured. Some loss of life is reported, including 1 dead, 2 injured and 15 unaccounted for in the last report. We understand that the boat had been manoeuvring when the casualty occurred.

MARRIED.

McCULLOUGH — DUFF — At St. Catharines on Saturday, Feb. 26, 1921, Minnie Duff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Francis Duff, of St. Catharines to Harry J. McCullough, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. McCullough, William St. Belleville.

DIED

FISK—In Belleville on Friday, March 4th, Harriet Emily Fisk, relict of the late Edward M. Fisk, aged 52 years, 1 month.

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MITCHELL—In Belleville hospital on Friday, March 4th, Mrs. W. C. Mitchell, aged 89 years.

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SYMONS—In Belleville on Saturday, March 5th, 1921, Margaret Symons, widow of the late Thomas N. Symons, in her 68th year.

To have the children sound and healthy is the first care of a mother. They cannot be healthy if troubled with worms. Use Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator.

Building Trade Crisis

MONTREAL—A crucial stage has been reached in the relations between the men in the building trades and their employers. The latter have announced a general wage reduction of about 10 cents an hour, to go into effect on Monday next, and whether this will be acceptable to the men or not remains to be seen. The men state that they will not stand for this reduction.

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