

MILLIONS STARVING IN CENTRAL CHINA

Famine Threatens the Lives of Thousands—Pitiable Scenes Are Witnessed

Outside the gates of many cities of Central China, in that wide area of 40,000 square miles in Kiangsu watered by the Grand canal, thousands of ill-clad and emaciated Chinese shiver as they clamor for a few grains of rice...

On the north-west side of the city, about one mile away, there are camps stretching, roughly speaking, two miles long and a mile wide over flat sandy country...



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streams of traffic and the scene is often indescribable. Again in January 16 Capt. Gerton writes: "The camps at Tsingkiangpu are in course of demolition and the people are returning to their homes."

It has followed the line of retreat taken by large numbers and have been investigated their condition and circumstances. Terrible scenes have been met with along the roads, but the people accept the position stoically. They are aware that they are returning only to die of starvation in a country absolutely denuded.

In popular imagination the Shansi famine is remembered as a period of horror; but its terrors will be dwarfed by those of Kiangsu this winter. The great walled cities, many of them containing from 100,000 to 4,000 people, will be filled with starving people...

The extent of the famine's scope is as follows: On the south it is bounded by a line drawn from the Rial through Epai and along the Rial through North Anhui. On the west the district is bordered roughly by a line from Pouchou to Kweichow...

His Excellency Viceroy Yuan Fan's estimate of the starving is 4,000,000. The district outlined covers at least 40,000 square miles, and the estimate of the starving Chinese would not exceed five as there are between 20 and 30 large walled cities in the district...

Telegrams sent by a Shanghai newspaper to many districts brought the following answer from one missionary: "Thousands are already living on one meal a day, and this meal is composed of gruel and sweet potato leaves..."

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various sources. The famine of 1788, which was very severe in the northern part of the country, produced some shocking incidents. In one village where there had been previously some 800 households, only 30 remained after the famine...

Naturally in such a state the whole country became a district of misery. Attacks were made upon rice dealers or indeed upon anyone who happened to possess a quantity of food and the authorities could no more put down the riots than they could feed the starving multitudes...

Spadey relief agents do not understand the need of the people, but they are quick to alleviate the distress as quickly as Japanese money can be procured. This being conceded he at once killed the boy, but as soon as the deed was done, the farmer, who stood by, struck his neighbor with a sword and killed him, saying he was glad to avenge his son and at the same time have double the quantity of food...

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