

DESPAIR OF SAVING STARVING CHINESE

Relief Workers Admit Task of Feeding 20,000,000 Is Too Much for Them

Y. M. C. A. ENFORCING ORDER

Special Cable Dispatch. Copyright, 1920. Tientsin, Dec. 1.—Relief workers are alarmed at the increasing gravity of the situation at the famine refuge camp on the outskirts of this city, and are taking steps to counteract the spread of disease and to introduce sanitation, which is now utterly lacking.

The camp sprang up on the race track west of the Japanese concession. Each family there constructed a rude hut made of mud without regard to uniformity. The task of trying to establish order has been assigned to the Y. M. C. A., with R. S. Hall, of Worcester, Mass., in charge. He will be aided by a number of native Christians.

Mr. Hall's force is tearing down huts, making streets through the camp, staking an alignment for new huts, building latrines and compelling the use thereof. He is also forbidding the use of canal water for drinking and cooking purposes. City water is now being piped, but the supply is sufficient only to fill boiler tanks, whereas an endless line of women and girls stand with pots waiting their turn for a little supply.

It is impossible to stop the influx of refugees, many having trapped from places a hundred miles away. Most of these having small funds come down the river on boats, but this will soon cease, as ice is already forming.

Of a population of 20,000,000 in the famine area, no less than 20,000,000 are destitute. Missionaries send reports that a total of 14,248,000 are actually starving, with many counties unreported, owing to insufficient workers to make a census.

Even where there are missionaries all admit it will be possible to save only a very few. Ten relief organizations, whose operations cover eighteen counties in the province of Chihli, are providing for 120,000 until the next harvest out of grants totaling 200,000 Mexican dollars.

Bishop W. R. Lambie, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, left Tientsin for Shanghai on Friday after a tour of Chihli and Shantung. He is hurrying home to make appeals to the American people for funds.

Mr. Hall, aided by other Americans and some Europeans, is now canvassing, classifying and isolating the communicable diseases, which include every known kind. It takes rare courage to volunteer for this dangerous work, yet the colony of Americans and Europeans here is not shirking. The women are busily preparing garments for the neediest of the sufferers. They are also removing and caring for confinement cases.

Arrangements are being made to open soup kitchens but this far funds to provide for only 3000 portions daily have been provided. In the meantime, refugees begging throughout the city are roughly handled by the unsympathetic police.

Tokio, Dec. 1.—Considerable surprise was expressed by the Japanese war and foreign offices yesterday when officials were asked how many troops Japan intended to send into the Chinese famine districts. Then followed emphatic denial that Japan intends or has considered sending any troops.

Collection of a famine relief fund in Japan has been proceeding steadily, it was learned, but as yet it has not been decided when it will be distributed. In view of the unsavory pecuniary record of Chinese officials, it was stated those in charge of the fund have no idea of handing it to the Chinese direct, knowing if that were done only a few yen, if any, ever would reach the famine victims.



MATTHEW WOLL, Vice president of the American Federation of Labor and president of the International Photo Engravers' Union, who has been named a delegate to represent the American Federation of Labor at the Pan-America Federation of Labor to be held in Mexico City January 10, 1921.

MAN OF 80 REQUESTS AID OF HIS PARENTS, BOTH 106

Asks for Refuge Until Mother and Father Can Send Funds

Baltimore, Dec. 1.—When Henry Hancock, eighty years old, applied to the supervisors of City Charities to be sent to Bayview, he said he only wanted a place to stay until he could write his parents, who live near Pittsburgh, for money.

"Both my parents are living and well," he told George Schuster, clerk at the Bayview office. "They are 106 years old, with a difference of only six months between their birthdays." Hancock said he had been working on a farm in Pennsylvania near the Maryland line. Injuring his hand, he started to walk to Baltimore. At Reisterstown he met a man who paid his fare to the city. He said he sent his parents money every week.

"Just like the good boy you are," Schuster remarked, as he made out the permit to enter.

CHILDREN HELD AS BANDITS

Victim Accuses Girl of Twelve and Her Brother, Nine

Atlantic City, Dec. 1.—Edith Schultz, twelve years old, and her brother Harry, nine, were held for the Juvenile Court here yesterday on a charge of holding up and robbing Mrs. Anna Riley of her purse in the business section.

Mrs. Riley alleged that the children grabbed her handbag and darted into an alley, where, she alleged, they threw the bag away after taking the cash contents.

A quantity of toys, believed by detectives to have been stolen, was found when they were searched in police headquarters.

Has No Jurisdiction

Harrisburg, Dec. 1.—The Public Service Commission yesterday ruled that where a municipality owns a public utility but has leased it, the commission is without power to regulate the rates of service. That holds true, the commission in a formal report said, whether the plant is operated either directly by the municipality or by others under lease.

FRENCH CHAMBER FOR ENVOY TO POPE

Government's Plan to Re-establish Embassy at Vatican Gets Big Majority

BILL NOW GOES TO SENATE

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Paris, Dec. 1.—The bill re-establishing diplomatic relations with the Vatican, was passed by the French Chamber of Deputies last evening by virtually a two-to-one vote. The government's majority was 188, and resumption of relations, with the Senate's concurrence, is now believed assured. It was the discussion in the Chamber of Deputies on the bill which was the cause of Premier Leygues' return to Paris Monday. Seeing that the debate was being uselessly prolonged, the ministers remaining in Paris insisted that the premier break off the negotiations in London to appear at the tribune of the chamber, and with all the authority of the chief of the government, demand a vote upon the bill.

The measure now goes to the Senate, where the radical and anti-clerical elements are stronger than in the chamber. British Won't Quit Mesopotamia London, Dec. 1.—While the Board of Trade was considering what recommendations should be made to the cabinet in reply to the American oil note, Edwin Montagu, secretary of state for India, speaking before the members of the Constitutional Club yesterday, said the British did not intend to get out of Mesopotamia, defended the British administration there and declared that the present British force of 100,000 was in process of replacement by an Arab army.

Women Urged to End War London, Dec. 1.—An active part in world politics with a view to ending war was urged at the international mass-meeting of women here last night by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, the American suffragist.

"The enfranchised women of the world must take a political stitch in time," she said. Viscountess Astor said: "The League of Nations can be made practical only by women, and it must be their great political vision." Mrs. Schuyler, president of the French suffragists, urged the American women to use their voting power to force their country to enter the league. Alfred Noyes, the poet, predicted the enfranchisement of American women would have a tremendous effect on the whole world.

U. S. Navy Lands Crimians

Paris, Dec. 1.—From dispatches received at the American Red Cross, it is learned that the American navy is intercepting the landing of Russian refugees from the Crimea at a port on the Adriatic coast here last night. The present intention is to take the refugees into Bosnia.

Germans Resent Plebiscite Plans

Berlin, Dec. 1.—Germany's dissatisfaction with the arrangements for the plebiscite in Upper Silesia grows as the time approaches for casting the ballots to decide whether that coveted district shall become part of the new republic of Poland or remain German. The most recent outbreak of indignation has been directed against the agreement reached by Premier Lloyd George and Leygues in the London conference Saturday.

League Delegates Speed Program

Geneva, Dec. 1.—The league is pursuing the program for its third week with singular energy and feverish activity in the various league bureaus throughout the city. Everywhere, even within the commission's circle of the cautious and slow-moving council, there are evident signs of a desire to wind up the business of the assembly before the end of another week. Not only are the delegates beginning to show the effects of the heavy strain imposed by the work of the last fortnight, but there is a feeling that public interest is waning and it would be better to resume the sitting at a later date and with the renewed enthusiasm of the public rather than to permit world opinion to become bored or indifferent.

SAFE ROBBERS GET \$2150

Yeggmen Overlook Bonds and Securities Valued at \$24,000 Bloomsburg, Pa., Dec. 1.—Yeggmen who blew open the safe of the White Milling Co. yesterday obtained \$1150 in cash and negotiable papers and \$1000 in unendorsed checks, but overlooked more than \$24,000 in bonds and other securities.

Entrance to the mill was gained through a window, and a tool box just inside furnished them with all the tools necessary for the job. They even stole the tools after looting the safe. State police and private detectives are working on the case.

Deported Hero Cleared of Murder Eugene Tecce, the Italian war hero, who was deported to France three months ago by the bureau of immigration, has been cleared of the charge of murder of his twenty-one-year-old sweetheart, Rosina Cresta, in Italy, according to a letter which was received yesterday by Charles F. Squillace, a Camden attorney.

HOUSE TO ACT SOON ON BUDGET REFORM

First Step Will Be Taken Friday When Committee Names Are Suggested

WILL CUT APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, Dec. 1.—The first important step in the reorganization of the business methods of the House, as contemplated in the Republican program for budget reform, will be taken on Friday when the committee on committees will have its first meeting since June. At that time the committee, according to Frank W. Mondell, Republican leader of the House, will be asked to propose names for the prospective new appropriations committee of thirty-five members. The organization of the new committee was provided for in an amendment to the rules of the House adopted last spring. "The organization of this committee will place additional burdens on this session of Congress," Mr. Mondell said, "for we have on our hands already a

sufficient task in reducing the estimates of the executive departments for appropriations. These estimates are several hundred thousand dollars higher than they ever were before. "Within recent years Congress has not passed all of the supply bills in the short session, but we hope to accomplish that before the beginning of the new administration. The plan now is to devote most of our time to this task, and, if possible, to consider emergency immigration legislation for which there seems to be a strong demand." The House also will give consideration to a resolution calling for the repeal of wartime legislation. Mr. Mondell said. The so-called peace resolution, which was vetoed by the President and which Senator Knox has said he should reintroduce in the Senate, called for the repeal of virtually all war legislation. Mr. Mondell was positive that Congress would make reductions in the ap-

propriations asked for by the executive departments. He made no secret of his astonishment at the sums now being asked of Congress by various governmental departments. Mr. Mondell said every attempt will be made by the present Congress to facilitate the work on measures which are likely to come up in the next Congress. Some of the measures which members of Congress have in mind to begin hearings on in this session are revision of the existing revenue law and tariff law, a bill for "opening up" Alaska and the establishment of a more permanent immigration policy. Dr. Cairns Sella Home Dr. Andrew A. Cairns, chief medical director of the Bureau of Health, has sold his home at the southeast corner of Seventh street and Melody avenue, Oak Lane Park, to Abraham Silverman. The lot is 350 by 250 feet. It was sold for \$50,000.

TO DISCUSS MOTHERS' FUND Judge J. Willis Martin to Preside at Mass-Meeting Today Judge J. Willis Martin will preside at a mass-meeting to be held at the City Club at 3:30 this afternoon to discuss the necessity of an adequate state appropriation to the mothers' assistance fund. The speakers will be Miss Mary F. Bogue, state supervisor of mothers' assistance fund; Ernest L. Tunin, director of the Department of Public Welfare; Henry J. Gideon, director of the bureau of compulsory education, and George W. Norris. Judge Martin will announce the personnel of a committee of representative citizens to confer with Governor Sprout in the interest of legislation to secure an adequate appropriation for the fund.

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