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RUSSIA'S GREAT FAMINE Life Saving Men Attribute Brutality

Whole Families Trying to Exist on Child's Rations.

ELIZABETHGRAD SUFFERS MOST

People of That District Become Blind As Sun Goes Down-Many Dying of Starvation As Result of Hunger Typhus.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 5.—A traveler chancing into the district of Elizabethgrad, province of Kherson, South Russia, would find men and women who, endowed with serviceable visual powers as long as the sun is visible, become totally blind the moment twilight sets in and must be led home. This is one of the queerest diseases known to medical science, and is one of the camp followers of the famine which is not officially admitted to exist in this district.

In correspondence from here men-tion has been made from time to time of the dearth which has visited many, though not very large, districts of Russia and of the efforts made by the government to alleviate suffering re-sulting from it. The ministry of the interior repeatedly declared the famine had been conquered, food had been distributed and seed corn provided for the current year. Newspape here received during the last few months occasional letters depicting the situation in anything else than the rosy colors which the government or-gans used. The government answered by a communique recapitulating what had been done, and repeating former assertions that all was well as could be expected, and then the newspapers received a secret circular forbidding further mention of the subject.

The existence of famine was an in-convenient fact at a time when negotiations were pending for foreign loans. Access to the famine districts was made difficult for non-residents of them, and the charity workers who were not directly under the control of the state were sent back to their homes, and the agencies they had created were placed under the Red Cross, which is as much a branch of the government as any ministry. These measures did not still the natural curiosity to ascertain the truth about the matter, and certain people with influential connections which could not be ignored sent a trustworthy young man to Elizabethgrad to investigate for himself. He has just returned. Without going into details, he reports the following facts:

The city and districts of Elizabeth-grad, with a population of 600,000, are suffering now from famine and disease incident upon famine. The investigator found:

1. General destitution.
2. Many cases of acute destitution.

Some people dying of starvation. "Spotted" or hunger typhus prev-

Hunger typhus is an unfailing indi-

cation that poverty has sharpened into Whole families are attempting to exist on rations allowed for a single

child. The government is still making an unavailing effort to alleviate the suffering.
St. Petersburg has been planning to

celebrate the two hundredth anniversary of her foundation by an exposi-tion in 1903. Minister De Witte has, to step in and absorb a little General Knowledge that is to be found in a really down to

> Omaha, Neb., Aug. 5.—Mrs. Millie Lighthawk, an actress, known on the stage as Millie Allen, was fatally shot afterward turned his revolver on himself, sending a bullet through his heart. Mrs. Lighthawk is dying in the Clarkson Hospital, with no chance for recovery. Jealousy is said to have been the motive for the deed. The tragedy occurred at a rehearsal of "The Arizona Female Bandit," of which the dying woman was the

Actress Shot At Rehearsal.

Adair had discarded his prison garb and was in his underclothing, supple-mented with a long coat which some

Dumont, Aeronuat, Fails Again. Paris, Aug. 5.—M. Santos-Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, made another unsuccessful attempt yesterday after-noon to win the prize of 100,000 francs offered by M. Deutsch, of the Aero Club, for a dirigible balloon. He only succeeded in covering about half the distance to the Eiffel Tower. DETECTIVE WAS CRUEL.

Pennsylvania Railroau Official. Trenton, N. J., Aug. 5.—Leon Bray, John Welsh and William Welsh, who claimed to be members of the United State Life Saving Service, charge Con-stable Dennis Frawley with cruelty and unjust arrest. Frawley is a Pennsylvania railroad detective and met the men at the coal shute just outside of Trenton. Bray and the two Welshs were among 64 men whom Frawley arrested last week on the charge of trespassing on the railroad company's The men were taken before Justice of the Peace Humphreys, who sentenced them to the county work-house for 30 days.

Bray and his two companions insisted that they were not on the tracks and Frawley is charged with having kept some of the men chained to telegraph process for expending the p graph poles for several hours before taking them to the justice for a hear-

TOWN SPRINGS UP IN A NIGHT.

Lawton, Oklahoma, Already Has 10,000 Population.
Fort Siil, O. T., Aug. 3.—A town of 10,000 people, to be known as Lawton, has grown up just outside the Fort limits, almost within a night. Following the close of the land lottery at El Reno, thousands of homeseekers, who drew blanks, started for the three points picked out by the Federal government for town sites in the country, namely, Anardarko, Hobart and Lawton. A majority of the people favored Lawton, which is 25 miles in-land, and last night thousands are camped in about the proposed town site awaiting the sale of lots on Aug-

Already Lawton has 400 temporary business houses, including a grocery firm and a newspaper, and three streets have been laid out. A national bank has been projected. Every form of gambling known on the frontier is being run wide open, side by side with fake shows of various descriptions. To add to the picturesqueness of the scene, a thousand Comanche Indians have pitched their tents nearby.

JAPANESE STRUCK, TOO.

Oriental Feature Added to San Fran-

cisco's Big Strike. San Francisco, Aug. 3.—Conferences were held yesterday with a view of bringing the local strikes to a close. While no appreciable result has been reached, Mayor Phelan, who is laboring to bring about an adjustment, expresses confidence that the controversy will end with the week. The new features of the day involved Oriental labor. The Japanese labor union voluntarily called upon Japanese em-ployed upon the water front to stand with the strikers, and the Chinese crew of the steamer Coptic was pro-hibited from working ashore by the Federal authorities, in pursuance of

STRICKEN IN HIS PULPIT.

Asbury Park Pastor Meets Death At

Morning Service.
New York, Aug. 5.—The Rev. Geo.
E. Hancock, pastor of the West Park M. E. Church, of Asbury Park, N. J., was stricken with paralysis at the morning service yesterday. He was carried into the rectory and died at 2.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Mr. Hancock complained of not feel-ng well before he went into the pulpit, but attempted to deliver the sermon. He had not spoken more than five minutes when the fatal stroke came. The funeral will be held on Tuesday evening at the church, the Rev. George L. Dobbins, presiding elder of the Camden district, officiat-

unt Assinibolne Still Unconquered. Banff. N. W. T., Aug. 5 .- Mount Assiniboine, the Matterhorn of the Canadian Rockies, after seven attempts in as many seasons is still unconquered. Walter D. Wilcox, of Washington, D. C., and Henry G. Bryant, ex-president of the Geographical Society of Phila-delphia, accompanied by two Canadian Pacific Swiss guides, were defeated in an attempt to reach its summit, although an altitude of 11,125 feet was attained.

Pekin Populace Becomes Unfriendly. Pekin, Aug. 5.—American and European residents assert that the demeanor of the Pekin populace is stantly becoming more unfriendly, and that as the allied troops depart the Chinese resume their old habits of jostling and cursing foreigners in the

London, Aug. 5.-The Reuter Tele gram company has received the following dispatch, dated Aug. 4, from Curacao: "Advices from Caracas say that 6,000 revolutionists were defeated after 30 hours of fighting on July 29 and 30, with a loss of 800 men, the government loss being 300."

British Torpedo Destroyer Wrecked. London, Aug. 5.—The British tor-pedo boat destroyed Viper struck a rock off the Island of Alderney, in the English Channel, and is a total wreck.

Within a Week Shaffer Will Call Out All Union Men.

NO COMPROMISE WILL BE ASKED

Every Mill of the Steel Corporation Will Be Closed, It Is Said-Amalgamation Said To Have Many Surprises Ready.

Pittsburg, Aug. 5 .- "Within a week every union man and every union man at heart in the employ of the United States Steel Corporation will be asked to join in the strike now being waged by the Amalgamated Association. We must settle whether unionism is to stand or fall.

"There will be no more conferences with the United States Steel Corporation unless the meeting is asked for by the officials of that corporation. The Amalgamated Association will not request a peace meeting."

These and several other significant statements were made last night by Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, upon his return from the fruitless conference with J. Pierpont Morgan and others in New York.

It is now a fight to the bitter finish between the great billion dollar steel trust and organized labor. Mr. Shaffer says that he is ready to employ every peaceable means within the power of man to win a victory. No quarter is to be given and none will be requested. The entire management of the battle has been placed in the hands of President Shaffer. He has absolute power to call out every man who is connected with the organization, and he intends to do it. He is satisfied with the progress of the fight to date. He finds that none of his battle lines have been

Mr. Shaffer was asked this question: "Do you think you will be able to close all of the mills of the Steel Corporation?

'I am of the opinion that every one of them can be closed. We have some great surprises in store for the trust. The men have been organized in some of their mills that they never dreamed could be touched. We have the sym pathy of the workmen, and they will

pathy of the workmen, and they will not throw any straws in the way of our account victory."

"Don't theme Mr. Morgan for all this," said Mr. Sciaffer, as he went on. "Mr. Morgan knows accolutely nothing about the true condition of the mills except as he is told by others. He has their word and is guided by it enginely. I believe that Mr. Morgan is a farminded man and is only acting on his minded man and is only acting on his judgment based on information of others whom he looks to."

Mr. Shaffer said that the stories that Mr. Morgan had been ugly during the conference on Saturday were untrue. He said the gentleman had been courteous and business like throughout the entire meeting, and if he had lost his temper it was after the adjournment of the gathering.

"Are you afraid of southern negroes being brought in to break the strike?"
"Not in the least. The negroes of the south are thoroughly organized.
We have not been overlooking that
detail. They make the best kind of
union men. The 300 colored men
brought from the south to assist in starting the plant of the Latrobe Steel starting, the plant of the Latrobe Steel company, in Chicago, were all members of the union. When they discovered what was wanted of them they returned to their homes."

COULD NOT ACCEPT THE TERMS.

Would Have Meant Association's Death Blow, Says Rees. Pittsburg, Aug. 5.—Vice President David Rees said this morning:

"As anxious as the members of the executive board of the Amalgamated Association are to settle the strike, their refusal to accept the terms of Mr. Morgan was the only alternative left them at the last moment. From the association side to have agreed to the proposition that would have de-clared all of the hoop combine mills now idle as non-union would have meant the desertion of the thousands of workmen who were employed in them and who organized and came out on a strike since the trouble began. To have deserted these men now would have been the death blow of the organization and it would have died in dishonor. To fight the trust in an honorable battle, with a good chance to win, means at least a chance for life, but if beaten a demise of the Amalgamated Association with honor.

Rain Maker a Dead Failure Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 3.—Without producing the desired result of a fall of rain, W. N. Wright yesterday abandoned his bombardment of the sky temporarily. Mr. Wright said he was convinced his mortars were too small and the powder charges too light.

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Escaped Convict Recap. d. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 5.—Of the three convicts who escaped from the pent-tentiary on Friday morning, one, Adaire, was captured by the sheriff of Hall county near Grand Island yes-terday. Posses are pursuing the other two with bloodhounds from Lincoln.

one had given him.