

## DOGS FOOD OF STARVING CHINA

Million Natives Will Die Unless Help Comes at Once.

## ARE PRAYING FOR FOOD

Missionary Says Crops in Famine District Will Not Be Ready For Harvest Until June.

Pathetic details of the sufferings from famine in Anhwei and other provinces of China reach the mission boards in New York in every mail.

A letter came to the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church from Rev. Thomas Carter, a missionary stationed at Hwai Yuen, in Anhwei province.

"I never really knew what the Lord's Prayer meant until today," he writes. "We came to a village where some Christians gathered for worship. To hear that company of men say 'Give us this day our daily bread' had a strange sound when we knew that not one of them had so much as seen bread for many a day, unless you call pressed sweet potato vines bread. Somehow that prayer must be answered. We cannot let these people starve."

A million persons in the region just north of his station, Mr. Carter says, are to die of starvation before summer unless help comes from outside. He writes of the scene, as it impressed him, in the following terms:

"It would be hard to draw a picture of the famine district that would not be altogether misleading. The country looks much the same as any stretch of country looks anywhere in China. Long stretches of good rich fields are just beginning to be green with winter wheat.

"It is only as we look closely and ask questions that we find out the real state of affairs. We look at the fields that looked so prosperous with the winter wheat, and we realize that those fields were all under water last summer, the fields of over 2,000,000 people, and that the wheat that we see will not be ready until June, and before that time, unless help comes, the larger part of the people that planted the wheat will be beyond using it.

"And now we look again at the people who have come down to meet us with their rice bowls; in the bowls there is no rice. The bowls contain chiefly hot water and some weeds gathered from the fields, mixed with a few grains of precious wheat bought with the relief money just given by the government, relief that amounts to about three cents gold given only to the very poorest, that is to about half of the population.

"This is something of what famine means now. What it is going to mean soon we scarcely dare to think, for it is still five months before wheat harvest. Already in many places the bark is taken from the trees and eaten.

"The country is perfectly peaceful, more so than usual it seems to the stranger, for there are no dogs to bark at the passers-by. They are all starved or eaten, or both. The same is true of all the animals."

### Boy Frozen Along Road.

Marshall, a nine-year-old son of J. Frank Vanbuskirk, was frozen to death near Lewistown, Pa.

The boy had accompanied his father in moving household goods from Lewistown Junction to Alfarata, when a spring broke on the wagon. The boy was left with the wagon while the father proceeded to Alfarata with a borrowed wagon.

On returning he found the boy unconscious from cold. The boy died shortly after reaching Alfarata.

### AT SAN ANTONIO.

Aeronauts Ready to Make Flight; Troops on Parade Ground.



## USES RAZOR TO SLASH SON TO DEATH

## Insane Mother Horribly Cut Lad After Tying Hands and Feet.

Only recently returned to Potts ville, Pa., from a private hospital at Lebanon, Mrs. Benjamin J. Granger aged thirty years, a close reader of the Albany child murder case, went suddenly insane and killed her only son, John Edward Granger, aged seven years.

The woman was discharged from the hospital apparently cured of her mental trouble, but her sister has kept close watch upon her. The mother took advantage of the temporary absence of her sister to carry out the crime.

The unfortunate boy, a bright lad had been at school. After the midday meal the mother took her boy out to an isolated section known as "The Pines." There she tied his hands and feet and stuffed a handkerchief down his throat to stop his cries.

Using a razor, while he lay helpless, she cut his throat from ear to ear. The sharp blade was then used to slice the child from the neck down his chest to his abdomen.

The boy made a vain fight for his life. In his struggles he wrenched one hand loose from the ropes, with which it was pinioned.

Just as the police and hospital authorities arrived the mother was apprehended in the vicinity of a public school house. Her face and clothing were covered with blood. The woman shrieked and screamed. She proved a terrifying spectacle to several hundred children as she ran up and down the street.

### Riders Renew Raids; Burn Barn.

The night riders, who struck terror to the hearts of tobacco growers during the big tobacco war four years ago, have reappeared near Paris, Ky., burning a big tobacco barn and destroying 15,000 pounds of tobacco. The victim of their visit was J. C. Keller, a wealthy farmer, who has opposed the movement for an elimination of the white burley crop this year.

## TROOPS WON'T CROSS BORDER

Mobilization in Texas a Precautionary Movement.

## READY FOR ANY EMERGENCY

Will Be There In April, and If Invasion of Mexico Takes Place It Must Be at Will of Congress.

There is no intention on the part of the administration to order the troops now in Texas to cross the Rio Grande river. President Taft has never thought of issuing such an order.

Under the constitution he is commander-in-chief of the army and navy but under the constitution also it is the right of congress to declare war. He never suspected, one of his close friends said, that anybody in the country would think that he could contemplate such a step without the authority of congress.

The paramount reason for sending the troops to Texas was to be ready for any emergency which might arise. The entire movement has been precautionary. The president acted solely with a view to protecting the lives of Americans in Mexico and of keeping intact the hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property there owned by United States citizens.

The troops will be in Texas when congress meets in April. If the revolution in Mexico grows and American interests are threatened congress will have an army of 20,000 men within easy moving distance of the trouble. The president believes that he has done his part. He has gone as far as he could go and hopes that it will not be necessary to go any further. If later congress feels that the lives and property of Americans in Mexico are in danger and interference is necessary, the president will follow its will. Until congress gives the word, though, there will be no movement of troops at the president's direction except on the American side of the Rio Grande.

The president has paid not the slightest attention to reports that insurgents in congress, and notably in the senate, intend to make political capital out of this movement of troops. He told friends that he cared absolutely nothing for any adverse effect politically which his action might have. He thought that American lives and property might be in danger, and he acted. If some insurgents in congress wish to kick up a row the president will not seek to call them off. He told callers that he merely did what he regarded as his duty under his oath of office. He has not thought of the political effect his order might have.

The reports that the troops are to be withdrawn from Texas and the border at the request of Ambassador de la Barra was denied by the president in conversation with friends. Senator de la Barra, it is said, never requested that this government withdraw the troops. In the eyes of government officials he could not have made such a request properly. The troops are in the United States and for the present it is intended that they shall be used in maintaining neutrality.

The statement which has appeared from time to time that Wall street figured in the sudden dispatch of the troops to Texas also was discredited by men close to the president.

### REVOLT MAY END SOON

Limantour Will Suggest Compromise to Diaz.

With certain powerful influences now at work it is believed the civil war in Mexico will end this week.

Jose Vyes Limantour, minister of finance, arrived in Mexico City and will begin with President Diaz a series of conferences, which it is expected will result in the announcement within three or four days of a reorganized cabinet.

Minister Limantour will present an explanation of the demands of the revolutionists and the changes in the official family of President Diaz, as well as the institution of certain reforms are confidently expected to appease the insurgents.

In the meantime President Taft will confer with Ambassador de la Barra, and there is good ground for the assumption that the troops now concentrated in Texas immediately will begin a series of maneuvers and return soon to their posts. In addition to this, when conditions are normal in Mexico a complete statement of things which actuated the mobilization of the troops will be issued by the White House.

The hope of peace in Mexico also is strengthened in the manner in which the revolutionists have commented on the magazine article of Ambassador de la Barra and the significant spirit of expectancy with which the results of Senator Limantour's conferences in Mexico City this week are awaited by organs of insurgent sentiment.

## WASHINGTON'S ASSAILANT HELD

Man Who Beat Colored Educator Waives Hearing.

## NO DATE FOR TRIAL SET

Head of Tuskegee Makes a Sweeping Denial of Misconduct—Received Hundreds of Messages of Sympathy.

Booker T. Washington, the noted colored educator, did not take the stand in the trial of Albert Ulrich, a white man, accused of attacking him in the hallway of an apartment house in West Sixty-third street, New York Sunday night.

Instead, Ulrich waived examination, on advice of counsel, and was held for trial in the court of special sessions at a date not made. The charge of felonious assault was abated to one of simple assault, and bail reduced from \$1500 to \$500.

As Ulrich walked out of the court after furnishing the \$500 bail, he said: "I guess nothing will ever come of this."

Dr. Washington rode away from the court in a city automobile with the borough president, McAneny, and William J. Flynn, deputy commissioner of police.

As for the circumstances leading up to his West Sixty-third street experience and the charges that have been made against him, Dr. Washington said solemnly:

"As I am a man of honor, I spoke to nobody, either on my way to the house or in the vestibule. I certainly followed no white woman, and I would not know Mrs. Ulrich if I saw her. I do not recall that any one passed me in the vestibule. I did not peep in a keyhole, as I am accused of doing. I did not go into the house at all. I think, to do him justice, that the man who struck me perhaps thought I was a burglar. But I certainly will prosecute him."

In speaking of the assault Ulrich said:

"About nine o'clock Sunday night my wife took one of our dogs into the street. We live on the ground floor of the house, 11½ West Sixty-third street. When she returned she said that she had seen a colored man in the hall and that he spoke to her. Mr. and Mrs. Ravette and Mrs. Knowles, friends of ours, were in the house at the time. I went out and saw a man in the hall. The man went out of the vestibule door ahead of me when I came out."

Ulrich said he saw the man re-enter the hallway and later saw him "bending down at my door peering through the keyhole." Ulrich said that the colored man swung a blow at his jaw when he asked him what he was doing and that then he went after the man, who fell twice in his efforts to escape.

Dr. Washington said he has received hundreds of letters and telegrams from prominent persons from all parts of the country expressing sympathy. The communications, he said, were from financiers, politicians, philanthropists and others.

Among those who called in person were Jacob H. Schiff, W. J. Schieffelin, Borough President McAneny, Rev. Leighton Parks, Bishop Derrick (colored), Alfred T. White, the Brooklyn philanthropist, and Isaac Seligman. Andrew Carnegie called up on the 'phone later and called and spent half an hour in conversation.

### BABY SICK SHE SHOUTS FIRE

Woman Sends In Alarm to Get Aid For Choking Infant.

When baby becomes suddenly ill send in a fire alarm.

This was effectively tried in Chicago by Mrs. Mary Rothschild when her baby had a severe coughing spell. She rushed into the street shouting "Fire!" and the neighbors sent in fire alarms.

Two companies responded. When a battalion chief asked where the blaze was, the reply of the mother was: "Never mind the fire! Baby's choking! Don't stand there doing nothing; help me!"

The fireman called a doctor and baby was soon himself again.

### Sings as He Is Hung.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 22.—Singing the hymn of his childhood as he walked between two guards through the corridors of the Allegheny county jail, Steve Ruscic was hung for the murder of Mrs. Beta Domboy, whom he shot Jan. 15, 1910, as she lay beside her sleeping husband and babe, because she refused to accept his attentions. The strong full notes of the song continued during the march to the gallows and while the noose was being adjusted and wear only stopped when the trap was sprung.

### BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Noted Negro Educator Was Assaulted in New York.



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### Steel Business Shows Increase.

The annual report of the United States Steel corporation for the year ended Dec. 31, 1910, shows a volume of business done by all the subsidiary companies during that period of \$793,691,414, as compared with \$648,382,251 in 1909.

Expenditures by the corporation for its main subsidiaries included about \$16,000,000 for the Gary plant, about \$3,900,000 for the Tennessee Coal and Iron properties, and for all other properties a total of \$33,000,000, making a grand total of expenditures for additional property, extensions, construction and development work at mines of approximately \$53,000,000.

The average number of employees in the service of the corporation and subsidiaries during 1910 was 218,435, an increase compared with the previous year of 22,935. The aggregate amount of payrolls for the year was \$174,955,139, an increase of \$23,291,745, or 15.3 per cent over the previous year.

### Murder Suspect Arrested.

Frank E. Heidemann, a German, twenty-seven years of age, was arrested on an Atlantic City express just before it pulled into the Red Bank station, charged with the murder of Marie Smith, the ten-year-old school girl, who disappeared on Nov. 9 last, and whose mutilated body was found four days later in the woods along Deal lake.

Heidemann was taken from the train, placed in an automobile and hurried to Freehold, where he was placed in a cell in the county jail.

In a confession alleged to have been made by the young German, he declares the murder was deliberate, and that his employer, Max Kruschka, had absolutely nothing to do with the crime. It is understood that Heidemann says the crime was committed where the body was found. Details of the confession haven't yet been made public.

### Toll of Death in Mines.

It cost the lives of 1125 men to mine 231,966,070 tons of coal in the state of Pennsylvania last year, according to the report of the chief of the state department of mines, which gives the following statistics:

Bituminous coal produced, 148,696,776 tons; persons employed, 187,711; killed, 527.

Anthracite coal produced, 83,269,294 tons; persons employed, 167,927; killed, 598.

Loss of life in the bituminous districts for every 1,000,000 tons produced was 3.54; in the anthracite districts, 7.18.

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