

WORST OF FAMINE COMING IN CHINA

Starvation Drives Wretched People to Dig Up and Eat Dead.

RED CROSS CALLS FOR AID

Millions Now Depend on Food From American Missions and Red Cross—Period of the Great East Pinch Now Arises.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—To correct an erroneous report that has found general circulation with harmful results, the Red Cross today issued the following statement in regard to the Chinese famine:

"The famine in China is unprecedented in severity, and the period of greatest agony is yet to come. Many weeks must pass before there will be relief from new crops, and millions today are kept alive only through the contributions to the American Mission and Red Cross Society from the American people who sent their donations to Washington. These two great organizations are working together for the common cause and have furnished over two-thirds of all relief supplies sent to China.

"The following cablegram, received by the editor of the Christian Herald from the editor of the North China News, (terrible as it may seem, speaks only the truth:

"Shanghai, April 6.—Klopfch, New York.—Approaching period of severest pinch. Authentic instances of corpses exhumed, cannibalism. Foreign relief working effectively, maintaining whole districts until harvest."

"When a people have been reduced to such straits that they will dig up and eat their own dead, the severity and wide extent of the famine can be realized."

FACTIONAL ROW OVERJOYS

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large a gang of "dope fiends," "hooters," professional criminals and other disreputables as they could collect on short notice. There is in the tenderloin of every large city a numerous population of reckless castaways who are ready to perform any hazardous election fraud for a small price; and in San Francisco Coffroth and Graney are acquainted with every man of this class. Hearst's cohorts were marshaled in the Belvedere and kept there all night without liquor, in order to insure their sobriety in the morning.

Voted Stuffers at \$1.50 Each.

Graney and Coffroth went over the register of voters and selected for each of the stuffer's the particular elector whom he was to impersonate. An endeavor was made to have the stuffer correspond loosely with the printed description of the elector, but on this point no great care was taken. Each stuffer was given a card bearing the name of the voter whom he was to impersonate, and a statement of the age, occupation and other data contained in the register of voters. For the payment of the stuffer Barrett gave Graney and Coffroth \$600, the money being taken from Hearst's account.

"When the stuffer had been sobered, instructed and supplied with identification cards, they were divided into two squads, one to follow Graney and the other to follow Coffroth. At 8 o'clock on the morning of election day, the two squads marched out of the Belvedere and proceeded to the polling-places in the Thirty-eighth and Forty-third districts. They formed in line and at 8 o'clock, when the polls opened, they proceeded to vote under the names of the qualified electors. No questions were asked by the discreet election officers.

Barrett Refuses to Deny.

"After each stuffer had voted, they went to Graney or to Coffroth and received his wages—the sum of \$1.50, and all the money came out of the fund of \$600 of Hearst's money, which Barrett had given for that purpose."

When asked for a statement, John P. Barrett said:

"This is a matter for Mr. Hearst to deal with.—I am merely one of his employees. I do not care either to deny or affirm the statements of Graney or Mr. Oiler. As far as Graney is concerned, I can prove that he has been in a hundred questionable deals."

HILBERT'S FLIGHT PREVENTED

Schmitz's Partner Must Tell About Grant in Tenderloin.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—(Special)—Warned by Schmitz and Ruef to fly the country, Fred Hilbert was on the point of leaving this city yesterday on his way to Seattle and Mauna, when he was served with a subpoena to appear before the grand jury. Had not William J. Burns kept Hilbert under constant surveillance, he would now be on his way to foreign parts, but just as soon as Mr. Burns ascertained Hilbert's intention of flying on the advice of the Mayor and the "boss," he immediately set in motion a process, which will keep him in town during the pleasure of the grand jury.

Hilbert made a scene when he was served with the subpoena. When Mr. Burns' representative accosted him, his emotion was unmistakable. He turned red, then his color went to white and finally he fell in a fit, which was so carefully acted that it almost seemed real. Hilbert was summoned before the inquisitorial body today, but was excused until Monday.

He will be examined with regard to a series of transactions implicating the Mayor and Ruef, which will lead to further indictments following the trial. Hilbert was a member of the defunct Hilbert Mercantile Company, a corporation which sold liquors in wholesale quantities. It was by the co-operation of this corporation that Mayor Schmitz grew fat in the tenderloin trade.

Schmitz indulged in a series of grafting transactions so low and so squalid that only the few of Zola could do justice to them. There was nothing big about the stealings of the Mayor.

TIME TO REGRATE

United States and Mexico Move to End War.

MAY ISOLATE NICARAGUA

Conference Results in Plan for Settling All Future Disputes—If Nicaragua Holds Out, All May Unite Against Her.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Secretary Root and Mexican Ambassador Creel today decided that the time was ripe for concerted action to terminate hostilities in Central America, if the result could be accomplished by moral suasion and earnest representations, beyond which point neither the United States nor Mexico is willing to go.

A series of conferences was held today at the State Department between the interested parties. A notable fact was the absence of the Nicaraguan Minister, Senor Corra. It was suggested that the purpose of the conference was to frame an agreement for the future settlement of all disputes between Central American countries and to submit to Nicaragua and request her adhesion, failing which that country would find itself standing alone among the Central American states and without their sympathy.

BUSSE TAKES THE OATH

Peculiar Situation in Chicago Is Caused by Mayor-Elect's Action.

CHICAGO, April 6.—Frederick A. Busse took the oath today of Mayor of Chicago. He will be inaugurated April 8. This unexpected step on the part of Mr. Busse leaves in existence two Mayor-elects, Mr. Dunne, who remains in charge until his successor takes over the office, and Mr. Busse, who has been sworn in, but has not assumed office.

"This situation was the cause of much discussion tonight, but the opinion generally expressed was that complications, while possible, were hardly probable. Democratic city officials declare that Mr. Busse could not qualify until the Corporation Counsel and the City Council approve his bond, but Mr. Busse's attorneys insist that formalities is not necessary, should Mr. Busse find it advisable to assume charge of the Mayor's office before April 8. This is the date on which the City Council meets to approve the bond of the new Mayor, and always in the past the Mayor-elect has been sworn in on that night.

Mayor Busse, in explaining the date on which he is to assume office, said: "I had no desire for haste. I acted merely on the basis of the protection of my interests and those of my party, and had not intended to assume office until April 15. If my own wishes were consulted, I would wait until then, but things have happened to me so that I probably shall take hold Tuesday, April 9, at the latest. I don't understand that it is necessary for the Corporation Counsel to approve my bond, but I have not requested a special meeting of the City Council for Monday night for the purpose of approving my bond, and one is not contemplated."

Mayor Edward F. Dunne announced that he would offer no resistance to Mayor Busse's assumption of office Tuesday. He said:

"If, when I return from Pittsburg Tuesday, Mr. Busse is acting as Mayor, I shall consider my duties terminated."

Mayor Dunne will leave for Pittsburg tomorrow night to attend the funeral of a friend.

Late tonight Mayor Busse announced the following appointments: City Comptroller, Walter H. Wilson; Commissioner of Public Works, John Hahnberger; Corporation Counsel, Edward J. Bruns; Chief of Police, George J. Shippy; Fire Marshal, James Moran; Traction Comptroller, Walter T. Fisher; Commissioner of Health, Dr. W. A. Evans; private secretary, R. J. Mulvaney.

Official Plurality for Busse.

CHICAGO, April 6.—The Board of Election Commissioners today announced that the official plurality of Frederick A. Busse, who was elected Mayor last Tuesday, is 12,232.

Time to Call Halt, Says Belmont.

NEW YORK, April 6.—August Belmont, who presided at last night's meeting of the representatives of capital and labor in the mansion of Andrew Carnegie, said today that a change in the times, and a possible change in the time to strike a halt, and it is not wholly undesirable.

There is no time more important than this for a gathering of this nature. It is very easy to remain at present during prosperity, but something must be done to meet the inevitable times change, and I feel greatly impressed that the unparalleled development of our country and its prosperity have been so extraordinary that it is undoubtedly time to strike a halt, and it is not wholly undesirable.

do not wait to be either a prophet or an alarmist, but will I discuss the causes which appear to lead to the beginning of it, but it is unquestioned that we should prepare ourselves through just such gatherings as this to understand and solve the problems with which we are at any time likely to be confronted."

Mrs. Bradley's Lawyers III.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 6.—Judge O. W. Powers, of Salt Lake, who has been engaged to defend Mrs. Annie M. Bradley, who shot and killed ex-Senator Arthur Brown, of Utah, in Washington several months ago, is ill in this city and has been removed from his hotel to a hospital.

ARMY DURING THE CIVIL WAR IN THE UNITED STATES.

He thereupon ordered an expedition and planned to sail away from Sardinia. The vessel intended for the transportation of the expedition was at Garibaldi's orders, encircled with iron chains in order to protect her from the Italian galleys.

EDDY TRUSTEES SUED TOO

Next Friends Say Appointment Is Admission of Insanity.

CONCORD, N. H., April 6.—A supplemental bill in equity called forth by the recent appointment that the property of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy had been transferred to three trustees was today by the original complainants of "next friends" in the suit for an accounting of Mrs. Eddy's property.

The supplemental bill, in answer of the complainants to the motion made by the defendants last Tuesday that the three trustees, Archibald McLeellan, Joseph H. Fernald, and Joseph H. Fernald, of this city, be substituted for the "next friends," be empowered to prosecute the suits against the original defendants and to include the original defendants and to the list of defendants on the ground that the trustees are working for the same ends as the original defendants; that is, that they are endeavoring to defeat the original suit, the supplemental bill is as follows:

RAISES EMBARGO ON TRADE

Marietta Stops Nicaraguan Interference With American Ships.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Details of American naval activity on the coast of Honduras during the present war are contained in the following extracts from the report of Commander Fulham, just received by mail:

"The commanding officer of the United States Steamer Marietta has reported his arrival at Truxillo, Honduras, March 18, 1897, when he found in the harbor four Nicaraguan vessels. The Nicaraguan troops, commanded by General Estrada, were in possession of the town, which they had captured on the 12th.

"A schooner flying the American flag, having been refused permission to take on board supplies, the commanding officer of the Marietta, after conference with the general commanding the Nicaraguan forces, obtained the removal of all restrictions upon the export of supplies to the United States; and that American vessels would not be interfered with by the belligerents and would be allowed to carry on their usual business."

TIED OF FREQUENT WARS

Salvadorean Minister Predicts Union of Central America.

WASHINGTON, April 6.—The war between Honduras and Nicaragua, according to Frederico Mejia, the new Salvadoran Minister to the United States, will likely be settled without embroiling other Central American Republics. Senor Mejia said:

"The conservative people of Central America are tired of these wars, which have continued for half a century. They realize that if all the money that has been spent for slaughter and the satisfaction of the selfish ambitions of some individuals during that time had been turned to the building of good roads, schools and other instrumentalities of civilization, Central America would probably comprise one united, prosperous and happy nation today."

"Those means of communication that have been established already have brought the peoples of the country into closer relations, and the new Salvadoran government is the one best equipped when it would be possible to amalgamate them into one confederacy, either by force or convention. The nation would again break up as a result of the inefficient means of putting down numerous insurrections. But within ten years the time may come when such a plan would be entirely feasible."

ZELAYA WINS ANOTHER PORT

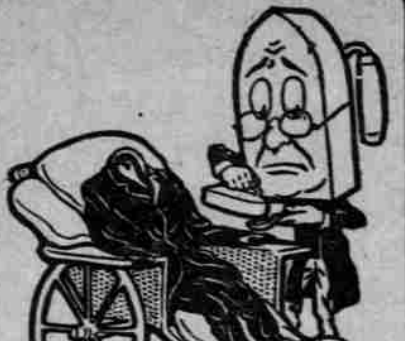
Bonilla Now Only Holds Anapapa, Where Enemy Surrounds Him.

GARIBALDI HOPED TO AID

Prepared Expedition to Fight in the Civil War.

ROME, April 6.—Colonel Fazzari, a veteran who fought with Garibaldi, has received a letter from a Mr. N. Gay, of Boston, asking about the relations between Italy and America during the early days of the Kingdom of Italy. In answer, Colonel Fazzari wrote that Garibaldi was urged to assume a command in the Northern

Army during the Civil War in the United States. He thereupon ordered an expedition and planned to sail away from Sardinia. The vessel intended for the transportation of the expedition was at Garibaldi's orders, encircled with iron chains in order to protect her from the Italian galleys.



The Sick Suit

A Monologue

DEAR me, but I'm a Sick Suit! My Collar is "Relaxed"—My Lapels have the "Bulge"—My Shoulders the "Droops"—My Sleeves the "Twists"—and I'm a regular Show! I'm in the Condition solely because I wasn't Cut from the Cloth or put together as I should have been—

And instead of going to the Operating Table and being entirely remade—I'm being "doped" by that old fakir, Dr. Goose—the hot Flat Iron instead.

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