

CHINESE OUT HOME IN SEARCH OF FOOD

Men Abandon Famine Zone to Appease Hunger.

FAMILIES LEFT BEHIND

Women and Children Subsist Upon Leaves of Trees and Starvation Spreads Throughout China.

PEKING, Nov. 20.—The correspondent of the Associated Press, who has just visited the famine district, met long processions of men carrying little bags of food along the roads. They were leaving their homes to seek food elsewhere. The women and children were left behind. The correspondent saw many dead bodies lying on the roads. The famine is spreading throughout China.

Asked why they had not brought their families, one man produced what looked like a slab of bread. They were made of millet, chaff, and weeds, with no salt or sugar. "Can little children and old women walk all day with such food to eat?" he asked.

Farmers Sacrifice Lands. In half a dozen villages along the Grand canal nine out of ten farmers have sold their land at one-fifth to one-tenth the normal price. Wealthy business men from the market towns were said to have bought most of the parcels of land, driving hard bargains with the owners, who have no recourse but to sell.

The Chia Hwang village was a row of young chins and locusts, from which the leaves had been stripped for food. Four or five hundred people were in the village, two of hunger. Here the children have been dying from lack of proper nourishment. Eight had succumbed in the previous ten days. The sale of clothes has been the chief means of support. Every few days some man would appear with a bundle of old clothes, and the women would come as selling agents for four or five families and with the meager returns bring back a few more days' rations.

For the most part there have been few of the outward, physical signs of advanced starvation; but in the village of Chia Hwang I saw babies with the faces of old men, children whose ribs were pitifully visible under the bluish skin. Here there had been a 100 per cent crop failure. All who could have gone and those who were held by extreme poverty.

At a village near Wu Cheng I met an old man over 60. He had been to the market town and sold two long coats and some boots. The proceeds he carried in a basket on his arm, about six pounds of rice, millet, corn, wheat, and some other food. He said, had gone somewhere north, where he didn't know. At home were his wife and his sons and wives and their seven children. He had no leaves and clover, he figured that his purchase of millet would last several days. "After that if we die, we die," he said. The Chinese peasant takes his hunger smilingly, as he does everything. Despondency is remarkable rare.

The only practicable way to save a majority of the sufferers seems to be to open food kitchens all over the stricken district on a gigantic scale. Road and canal projects intended to afford work for the population, even were it not attended by too much delay, will only partially meet the requirements.

FIANCEE STILL DETAINED

BOARD REFUSES TO FREE GIRL WHO WOULD BE BRIDE.

Case of Russian Maid Will Be Appealed to Washington by San Francisco Sweetheart.

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Cupid lost the first round with Uncle Sam this morning in the fight of Lloyd Jacob of San Francisco to gain the freedom of Miss Eva Prinz, Russian girl, his fiancée, held by immigration authorities on the charge that she violated the passport regulations when she stole aboard the ship Cross Keys at Vladivostok to join her sweetheart here. A special board of inquiry, while sympathetic with Jacob's quest, predicted this morning that the girl must come from Washington, D. C.

Petitions are being sent to both the secretary of state and the secretary of labor by E. L. Wenin, representing Jacob, asking for Miss Prinz's release. He predicted this morning that the girl's release is only a question of time and is certain to follow presentation of the facts in the case to higher government authorities.

Miss Prinz arrived here on November 6 and her case was considered by a special board and records were ready to forward to Washington, D. C. Jacob, however, arrived Thursday night from San Francisco hearing of the girl's plight, and obtained a reopening of the case. He was not disheartened by the decision.

THEFT CHARGED TO POLICE

11 Members of Boston Force Held in Alleged Plot.

BOSTON, Nov. 20.—Eleven members and former members of Boston police force were held today on charges of larceny and conspiracy to steal as a result of a grand jury investigation. Three of those indicted already were in jail serving sentences for thefts.

Charges upon which the men were indicted have to do with the theft of large quantities of liquor and candy and in case of a diamond ring valued at \$100.

ISADORE LANG INJURED

Prominent Portlander Breaks Arm in Automobile Accident.

ASTORIA, Or., Nov. 20.—(Special.)—Isadore Lang of Portland left for his home by train this morning suffering from a broken arm and numerous bruises, the result of an automobile accident on the Columbia river highway about five miles east of here last night.

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"Eye" a Selenium Cell. Of course, the mechanical eye is a selenium cell which bridges a gap in a telephone circuit. As our readers doubtless know, the electrical resistance of selenium is carried by its exposure to light; the more intense the light, the less the resistance. The selenium cell, therefore, acts as a light-operated valve to control the flow of current through a circuit.

A pulsating light strikes the selenium bridge, a pulsating current will pass through the telephone receiver, producing a sound which may vary all the way from a ticking noise up to a high musical note, depending upon the frequency of the pulsations.

Some years ago it occurred to Dr. E. Fournier d'Albe, a French physicist, that if he could make the selenium cell, he could let light shine into the black world of the blind, and he would be able to see through the telephone receiver. Next to sight, hearing is the most delicate sense possessed by man. When deprived of eyesight all the other senses are acutely developed, particularly the sense of hearing, and Dr. Fournier sought to make the ears of the blind the place of their eyes.

His first aim was to produce an instrument which would enable a blind man to distinguish objects around him, as we do with our eyes, by noting the various shades of light reflected by such objects. The outcome of his experiments was the optophone. In this instrument, he used a selenium cell to control the current passing through the telephone receiver. The current was interrupted by means of a clock-driven mechanism so as to produce a buzzing noise in the receiver. With this the blind operator could distinguish shades of light by the loudness of the buzzing sound.

This was a rather crude attempt at converting sight into hearing. Since then, however, Dr. Fournier has perfected the optophone with the special purpose of enabling the blind to read ordinary type matter. The instrument is a decided success. It has been tested out in actual practice and a number of blind operators are now able to read any ordinary printed matter. The optophone has opened up to the whole of the world's literature.

However, the possibilities of the selenium cell have not yet been fully realized. Now that the blind are enabled to read by ear may not further experiments be performed along the lines of the first instrument so as to give audible vision to the sightless?

It is quite conceivable that an optophone instead of being read with a single cello may be furnished with a mosaic of selenium cells in much the same way as the human eye is composed of light sensitive rods and cones. In this way the world of color

might be translated into a world of music and the blind would be enabled to see with their ears.

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CONDENSED REPORT OF THE United States National Bank

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RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts.....\$19,836,707.02

United States Bonds and Securities.....3,668,684.75

Other Bonds and Securities.....2,677,885.76

Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....75,000.00

Bank Premises and other Real Estate.....1,073,873.94

Safe Deposit Vaults.....83,450.04

Customers' Liability Under Letters of Credit, and Acceptances.....1,266,899.58

Interest Earned.....138,244.26

Cash on Hand and Due from Banks.....8,045,265.61

Total.....\$36,962,010.98

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock Paid In.....\$1,500,000.00

Surplus and Undivided Profits.....1,963,885.05

Reserve for Interest and Taxes.....155,688.44

Circulation.....1,028,200.00

Letters of Credit and Acceptances.....1,266,899.58

Unearned Discount.....39,158.72

Federal Reserve Bank (Govt. Secured).....571,000.00

Deposits.....30,437,169.19

Total.....\$36,962,010.98

CONDENSED REPORT OF THE Citizens Bank

Submitted to the Comptroller of the Currency at the Close of Business, November 15, 1920.

RESOURCES. Loans and Discounts.....\$43,264.72

U. S. Bonds.....186,250.00

Other Bonds and Securities.....14,010.62

Furniture and Fixtures.....26,249.29

Cash and Due from Banks.....290,116.70

Total.....\$1,156,891.33

LIABILITIES. Capital Stock Paid In.....\$100,000.00

Undivided Profits.....7,115.45

Discount on Bonds.....13,026.46

Deposits.....1,036,738.42

Total.....\$1,156,891.33

DEPOSITS. November 17.....\$274,676.81

December 31.....361,860.82

February 28.....517,254.07

May 4.....668,288.16

September 8.....829,238.95

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