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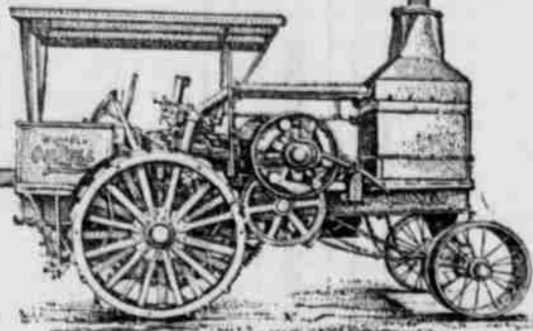
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## 800 FAMINES IN 1,000 YEARS

Charles F. Gammon Tells of  
China's Hungry Millions.

### 50,000 MILES ARE AFFECTED

Relief Fund Used Largely in Employing Sufferers to Reconstruct Dikes and Roads Destroyed by Excessive Floods—People Work For Food.

Charles F. Gammon, who has spent seventeen years among the Chinese, has written the following description of that great country's distress:

"In a period of 1,000 years China has had over 800 famines, yet practically all of these have been unknown to the world at large. The great famine of 1878, taking its terrible toll of 9,000,000 to 13,000,000 lives, aroused the attention and sympathy of the whole world, and the generous response which followed the appeal of a famine committee at that time did much to break down the barriers of anti-foreign feeling which up to then had been insurmountable.

"The present famine, unlike the drought famine of 1878, has been due to excessive rains, followed by typhoons and floods, affecting an area of over 50,000 square miles and a population of over 3,000,000 people.

"Past experience has rendered possible the distribution of famine relief on a most systematic and economical basis. The pauperizing effect resulting to some extent from relief operations in other famines, due to affording support to thousands during prolonged periods of enforced idleness, has been practically eliminated in this.

#### How Fund is Used.

"The famine fund is being largely used in employing the sufferers to reconstruct their own dikes and roads, which were destroyed by the floods. Thus the idle and despairing people are enabled to earn a living while waiting for another harvest and are at the same time helping to restore normal conditions and to prevent future occurrences of this nature. Wages are paid in food only, and this reward is necessarily so limited as to offer inducements only to those truly deserving. To save and sustain life is the object of famine relief, and since the means never equals the need the rations must be carefully distributed and those who are suffering least ignored for those whose necessities are vital.

"These extreme cases make no demonstration. They have got beyond that. They do not even beg, but are mute and motionless, the spark of life hardly struggling to retain its hold upon their emaciated forms. Sometimes when they understand that the ticket given them means food and life tears roll down their cheeks. Tickets for food are given only in the home, except in exchange for labor, the necessities of each family being judged not by the home, but by the faces of its inmates. A man may be hungry and suffering for food, but unless his face is swollen from anæmia he must be passed by for those more terribly needy. Were it not that through centuries of poverty and extreme hardship only the strong have survived half the 3,000,000 now suffering would have died in the first months of the famine.

#### Horror Difficult to Realize.

"It is difficult for us to realize the real horror of these extensive famines, confined almost wholly to China, India and Russia. Under the best conditions the Chinese live but a sordid life, devoid of many things we would regard as necessary to existence and with every form of luxury unknown. What the Chinese know as prosperity we should regard as the severest hardship, as it means a coarse and meager living, a cramped and cheerless hut and the most trying toil from the rising of the sun until the fall of darkness.

"Milk and butter are practically unknown, meat is rarely tasted oftener than once a week, and then only under prosperous conditions, and in the fat years there is little surplus to be saved for the lean years of famine. Hence when drought or flood destroys the crops there is nothing for the hard-working farmers to fall back upon.

#### Conditions Existing Today.

"In the case of a man of means, he sells first his cow, the water buffalo that plows his fields, then his farm utensils, and finally his household goods. One by one all are 'eaten up,' as he would say. Then the doors and windows are taken from the mud-brick hut and carried to market, and at last the few timbers that support the roof go to nourish the family. Left at last without a roof, they join the endless procession of refugees, some to drop and die where they fall and others to struggle and stagger onward in the hope of reaching some more prosperous region. Often they are huddled into tiny huts, hardly larger than a half barrel, cut endwise and made of cheap matting, and in these camps pestilence soon finds its way, often in the form of relapsing fever, frequently the deadly typhus, and also in smallpox.

"These are the conditions existing today over an immense area of China. It is the result of three lean years followed by excessive rains and floods, with terrific typhoons, which wiped out whole towns and villages from the map and turned the roads into bogs."

## HAMMOND FAVORS MADRAS CONDITIONS

Prominent Eastern Real Estate Man  
has Good Word for This  
City

Mr. A. E. Hammond, a civil engineer, now living in Portland, Ore., recently said:

"Some eight or nine years ago, while examining the Madras country, with a view to the extension of the Columbia & Southern Railroad from Shaniko on south to Bend, I found that no railroad line from the north could reach the interior, or what is now known as Central Oregon, without passing through, or very near, what was then known as the 'Willow Creek basin.' I saw that the surrounding country for miles in every direction sloped towards it, and that all trails—there were no roads at that time—led into the basin, and it plainly appeared to me that when the country was eventually settled, this same basin would be the most natural and the most available trading point and business center for all that immense agricultural district.

"Shortly after this examination, with the assistance of the railway company, I began to encourage settlers to go in and occupy the vacant lands surrounding the 'Willow Creek basin.' They gradually did so, and as I surmised, this basin became their common meeting point and business center. I had purchased previously 160 acres in the basin, and platted what is now known as Madras. At that time the nearest house was nine miles away, and the nearest railroad point was Shaniko, forty-five miles distant.

"Madras is a thriving little city, and any one buying land there at the prices now asked, will be making a first class investment. The territory surrounding and tributary to Madras is, without a doubt, the best farming district in Central Oregon, and when the day arrives, not far distant that water for irrigation is put upon these lands, this district will develop into a garden spot without equal in the West, and Madras will make a city equal to North Yakima or Walla Walla.

Mr. H. E. Welch, of the firm of Welch & Campbell, real estate and commission men who specialize in fruit lands, has just returned from a thirty days' trip through the state of Oregon, and writes to the Northwest News as follows:

"I believe that Madras has a great future owing to the fact of the large area of land that can be put under water, and land that is now under irrigation produces wonderfully."—(Philadelphia) Northwest News.

#### LEST WE FORGET!

That Theodore Roosevelt hauled down the tariff revision flag from the White House at the request of Senator Nelson W. Aldrich and Speaker Joseph G. Cannon.

That Theodore Roosevelt once said in a letter, "Can we antagonize the Morgan interests, which have always been so friendly to us?"

That the International Harvester company and the United States Steel corporation are "Morgan interests," that they are represented in the Roosevelt headquarters by George W. Perkins, the chief contributor to the Roosevelt campaign fund, and that Theodore Roosevelt has not mentioned any Morgan interest or friend of Morgan in this campaign except to defend it or him.

That Theodore Roosevelt refused, after he had ordered the suit filed, to permit the prosecution of the International Harvester company and that he reached this decision after a visit from George W. Perkins.

That Medill McCormick of the McCormick family is one of the most active supporters of Theodore Roosevelt.

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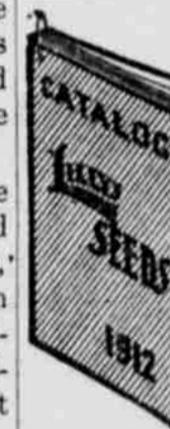
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