

MILLIONS IN CHINA MAY DIE HORRIBLY

Floods Overwhelm Thousands
and Resulting Famine Men-
aces Great Province.

(United Press Special Wire.)
Victoria, B. C., Dec. 23.—Heavy loss of life by floods and a severe famine in Anhui province, China, affecting two and a half million people, following the flooding out of the crops, is the news brought by Rev. E. C. Lobenstein, a missionary from North Anhui, who has arrived here. Rev. Lobenstein said:
"So desperate were the people, who saw starvation approaching, that thousands were banded together in robber bands, robbing any who had food supplies, and for weeks scarcely a night had passed without many murders. A reign of terror prevailed. Embankments were thrown around villages and numbers flocked to these places from the country for protection. Troops have been sent, but the soldiers are unable to keep the people driven to desperation by hunger, in the hands, and large numbers of executions are taking place. I am informed the same conditions existed to the borders of Homan.
"The floods caused tremendous loss of life. During my trip I learned that the rapid rise of water over the flat country had swept away scores of villages, hundreds being drowned. The railroad engineers at Kuchan reported that one of the bridges near here had been choked up with bodies of the drowned, and he had been imprisoned for two days in the upper part of a temple before being rescued by a boatman.
"We met hundreds of refugees. The situation during the winter will be terrible, far worse than the great famine of three years ago. The starving can be reckoned by thousands. Famine relief committees should be organized at once."

SCHOOL IS MADE UNINHABITABLE BY EUGENE STUDENTS

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The earlier classes until the odor could be partly eradicated, but it will be several days before all traces of it disappear. Besides the miscreants piled all the text books from the desks in the assembly room on the platform, wrenched the big electric bell from its fastenings on the wall, cut the wires and rendered it useless. Other minor depredations were committed.
Suspects Released.
There was great excitement in the school all day and the authorities were busy seeking information as to the guilty students. During the afternoon an assembly of the students was called and two members of the school board named four students who were under suspicion and ordered them to the superintendent's room. Two of them were the Hammond brothers, one's name is Hendricks and the other is Miller. Later they were exonerated as the evidence did not seem sufficient and it was announced that certain other students were under suspicion.
Every effort will be made, it is declared, to bring the guilty students to justice and it is certain that when their guilt is established they will be summarily expelled from the institution if not prosecuted for breaking into the building. One of the directors was heard to remark that the offenders should be sent to the penitentiary.

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who desired to murder both women. The latter theory finds more support.

So far the investigation made shows no motive, the police say, why the woman should have desired to end her own life, and there is no indication from articles found in the house that she planned her own death and that of her daughter. The house, so far as appearances go, indicates that the two women ate their evening meal as usual. The kitchen and dining room both indicate that there was nothing unusual about the meal and the fact that the women were found in different rooms, one fully dressed and the other lying on the floor, is thought by the police to show that the poison must have attacked them very suddenly.

The coroner is also investigating. His investigation will be made separately from that of the police, but both will work together.
A careful analysis of the various cooking utensils and the remnants of food found in the house will be made to find traces of poison. An autopsy will be held to confirm the doctor's diagnosis. The nature of the poison found has not yet been given out.

Oakland, Cal., Dec. 23.—William Whiteline, husband of the Chico poison victim, who is proprietor of a grocery store here, has left for Chico. He received a telegram last night notifying him that his wife and her daughter were very ill and he started at once for his home.

CLAPP WILL NOT KISS AND MAKE UP WITH HIS WIFE

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husband had testified that she had deliberately shot him when he was about to slap her face for staying out late at night.
Clapp is 33, and for 30 years has figured in innumerable escapades, which owing to his wealth and the high social position of his family, attracted wide attention. By some it was believed

he was more than a scoundrel, while others blamed his inherited wealth for his wild career.

When his mother died, about eight years ago, she left an estate valued at from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000. Owing to her son's dissipation she provided that half the income be paid to Clapp and half to his first wife, who was formerly Miss Mary Post of New York. The income divided was about \$35,000 a year, and Clapp's share was sufficient to enable him to continue the mode of life he had chosen.

After his first wife had obtained a divorce he married Miss Mary Leask. When he met her she was employed in a hotel manicure parlor. She was at the time 20 years old, and her striking blonde beauty captivated Clapp. He induced her to go to Texas with him, and there they were married.

Mrs. Clapp told the police when she was arrested that Clapp struck her and threatened her with a revolver. She attempted to wrest the weapon from him and during the scuffle it went off, but did not hit either of them. Finally she did get it away from him, and stepping back fired at Clapp.

"I didn't mean to kill him," Mrs. Clapp is alleged to say in the statement. "I shot to save myself, and I only wanted to frighten my husband."

BLAME ENGINEER FOR WRECK ON O. R. & N.

Engineer K. A. Ferguson is held to blame by the board of inquiry for the collision in the East Portland yard at 11:25 a. m. December 14, when cars and contents belonging to the Harriman lines were damaged to the extent of about \$9000. The findings of the board of inquiry were announced this morning. The report signed by seven officials of the Harriman lines and four citizens, George W. Hoyt, E. F. Westworth, George H. Nicolai and Charles Smith, follows:
"After a thorough investigation of this accident in every respect we find that Engineer Ferguson is responsible for the train not being under control,

and therefore responsible for the accident for the following reasons:

"First—For approaching East Portland yard at an excessively high rate of speed.
"Second—For failing to commence to apply the brakes a sufficient distance from the yard to bring his train under control as provided by the rules.
"Third—For failing to apply the air brakes in a proper manner, resulting in decreased braking power."

GIRL ADVERTISES FOR RANGER; FINDS HIM

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 23.—In response to a letter asking him for the name of a "true western forest ranger," such as she had read about in magazine stories, State Forester Homans has found a soul mate for Beniah Hamilton, a stenographer employed by a clay product company at room 68, 26 Court street, Brooklyn, N. Y.

The lucky ranger is Joe Mentzer, of Oroville, Cal., who she says is the man she has been looking for. Forester Homans did not fancy the idea of making his office a matrimonial bureau, so he turned her picture and letter over to a local newspaper, which brought her several hundred proposals.

Girl Turns on Gas and Dies.

(United Press Special Wire.)
Seattle, Dec. 23.—The body of Miss Jessie Wilcoxson was found in her room at her room early today. She had killed herself by turning on the gas. It is believed that Jessie, who was only 17 years old, killed herself because she had quarreled with her sweetheart, George Colins, a barber.

Chauffeur Killed; Children Injured.

Stockton, Cal., Dec. 23.—Charles Marshall, a chauffeur, was killed, and Bryan and Carl Gilbrath, 7 and 9 years of age, respectively, were probably mortally injured in an automobile accident at Tracy, yesterday. As the machine was coming into Tracy on a wide, smooth road, at top speed, one of the rear wheels collapsed and the automobile turned over. Marshall's neck

was broken. James Gilbrath, father, but the skulls of the boys were fractured. The boys were only slightly injured.



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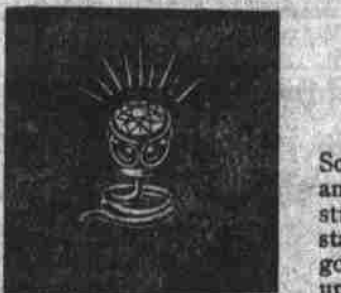
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