THOUSAND DYING DAILY NEAR PEKIN

\$200,000,000 Needed to Buy setting up of a federal licensing sys-Food for Starving.

BABIES ARE DESERTED

Five Provinces Swept by Starvation and Many Refugees Die by Roadsides.

Pekin.-The area and extent of the famine situation in China has recentings which it believes should be elimly been brought out in a number of inated and it suggests that the hanreports, reaching here. The region dling of these products be surroundchiefly affected extends east and west from the Gulf of Chihli to Han-chinga in Shensi and north and south from storage periods and provisions for a resolution asking the legislature of Mongolia to Shang-ching in Honan.

-Forty-two years ago China was swept by a memorable famine in which millions of persons perished from cold producers to ship freely into the cenand hunger. In 1878, however, conditions were less serious than at present, for at that time a wheat crop preceded areas have produced even the scantiest yields. The reports have told how the trees of entire districts have been stripped of their leaves for use as food. The starving people mix them with millet chaff, clover or weeds, with a minimum of grain, and bake them into cakes which resemble clay.

Thousands of refugees who are endeavoring to migrate afoot from the late the handling of the food sup- native of Illinois. famine areas are said to be living on plies. Although co-operation of state such "food," hoping to reach the more fortunate cities where they may pos- might accomplish the ends sought, wibly purchase necessaries of life.

Extraordinary means to obtain money for food are reported from all sections of the five provinces. Little children are found deserted in the streets, and many have been rescued FIUME BOMBARDED; from the rivers into which they have been cast by their impoverished parents.

The sale of children is often re ported, much despised girl babies being offered for sums as low as a dollar. A boy of 5 years, whose mother Milan correspondent of the London had died and whose father was ill, was if no one would feed him he intended ed, was officially denied. to "throw him into the river." There have been suicides of entire families.

will require \$200,000,000 worth of the The wounded included several caraplainest food to avert the greatest loss bineer officers. The rebel forces of life, have been received.

One thousand deaths from starvafor a song because of lack of fodder ing two colonels mortally wounded. to keep them and fuel to cook them D'Annunzio flew over the lines Sunif slaughtered: every road northward day, dropping leaflets from his air valley Wednesday, the first of the sea from Chanteho, in Honan, swarms with plane, calling on the regulars to de- son, offering \$7 a ton for good hay procession to die by the roadside.

Consolidation Wanted.

learned from Berlin that it is reported in political circles a manifesto has been prepared by Austria asking the league of nations that Austria be attached to Germany. Dr. Walter Si- in evidence at the state department mons, German foreign minister, and Monday that there was no desire on Count Otto Kar Czernin von Chudenitz, the part of the American government but which was not completed in time former Austro-Hungarian foreign min- to make what in the language of diplo- for use, is expected to begin running ister, are said to have drafted the macy is known as an "incident" out document.

recent treaty signed by Italy and Jugo to a member of congress. The embassy Slavia provides for reciprocal support wrote directly to Chairman Kellogg, the government and the purchasers to provisional restoration of the mon-denying that the British authorities imarchy either in Austria or Hungary.

Business Damage Small.

Cleveland.-The fourth federal re-

surprising developments to many," near Kansas City, Kan. Police said ing but what students of business con- drafts which was taken from an Amerditions had expected.

"A substantial liquidation has taken place and the damage done as compared with the good accomplished has been surprisingly small," it said.

Belgium Refutes Claim.

nounce her rights to confiscation of an automobile on August 18, 1920. German property in Belgium, as provided in the Versallies treaty, following the example of Great Britain,

It is said Belgium considers recial point of view.

Trade Commission Would Regulate Perishable Foods.

Washington, D. C.-Establishment of central markets for perishable food tem applicable to all dealers in such foods at those markets is proposed by the federal trade commission in its annual report to congress.

many months and it declares that federal action is necessary to obtain fair and wasteful practices, with the consequent effect on prices. In the present system the commission sees the consumer certain intertrade dealed by numerous regulations and restrictions such as the recording of auction marketing.

Facilities should be made adequate, the commission says, to enable the tral markets and "with proper protecsystem should be so governed that of transportation facilities should be the Pacific coast. accomplished to make deliveries cerain when required.

and local authorities and railroads the commission believes this plan does not hold out much hope for a satisfactory solution of the problem.

D'ANNUNZIO INJURED

London.-Gabriel D'Annunzio was slightly wounded, according to the Times. The report that D'Annunzio rescued from the father, who declared had been killed, the correspondent add-

The casualties sustained by the regulars in the fighting with D'An-Reports from numerous points in nunzio's legionnaires were reported to blew up four bridges over the Recina.

Fierce fighting was continuing Montion are occurring daily in the Pekin day night in the environs of Fiume, district; farm and draught animals said the London Times dispatch from in Tehchow and Slaochang, in Shan- Milan, and the losses to the regulars been issued during the last two tung, have been sold by their owners were heavy, among the casualties be-

barricades.

No Fuss Will Be Made.

Washingon, D. C.-Indications were of the transmission of a communica-The Petit Parisien declares that the tion of a reply of the British embassy posed a censorship on cable messages, long.

\$50,000 Loot Abandoned. Kansas City, Mo .- A strongbox conbusiness conditions said business has drafts which was taken fom an Amerarmed bandits held up the vehicle, was

Capitalist Faces Jail.

San Jose, Cal,-Frederick M. Smith, young San Jose capitalist, was sen tenced here to pay a fine of \$1000 or to serve 250 days in jail. He was convicted on a charge of running down,

Mining Measure Passed.

which renounced its right to take over until July 1, the time for doing 1920 more giuten content and apparently German property in the United King- annual assessment work on mining claims in public land states of the 35 bushels to the acre this year of West and Alaska, was passed Monday this variety, about ten bushels in exnunciation necessary from a commer by the house. The measure now goes cess of other wheat yields of the to the president.

STATE NEWS IN BRIEF.

****************** Eugene.-Ten sawmill firms and one plumber of Lane county are sued by products in all large cities and the the state industrial accident commission to recover fees alleged to be due the commission, some of them dating as far back as 1916.

Seaside.-It is reported that the Crown-Willamette Paper company will The commission's conclusions are resume its operations near Seaside based on an investigation covering within a short time. The Seaside camp employs several hundred men.

Cottage Grove.-The iron foundry effective regulation and to avoid un- established here by John Feeney, for merly of Tillamook, is now in operation, the first heat having been put on Monday night. There is a large as a hindrance to the proper passage amount of business here for this indusof perishables from the producer to try in connection with the sawmill

Albany, - Legislation to compel farmers to destroy Canadian thistles before they bloom is desired by the Pomona grange of Linn county. The available supplies, the dating of cold grange at a meeting last week adopted Oregon at the coming session to enact such a law.

Salem.-That the hop market has reached a state of uncertainty that should discourage the expansion of tion of his interests." The marketing this industry in Oregon at present, the drought, whereas today, due to two objectionable hoarding would be L. Bents of Aurora, one of the best eliminated and proper co-ordination known dealers in this commodity on

> Salem.-Mary Ann Chapman, 92, for The commission says that "the 66 years a resident of Salem, and a needed reforms can hardly be expect- cousin of Robert E. Lee, leader of ed to be accomplished by the initia- the armies of the confederacy, died tive of the dealers" and asserts that at her home in West Salem last Fristate and municipal authorities lack day night. Lee was the maiden name adequate power to effectively regu- of her mother. Mrs. Chapman was a

> > Roseburg.-The bridge spanning Pass creek at the outskirts of Drain, 30 miles north of this city, collapsed last week while J. Spaulding and his two sons were crossing the structure with a team and wagon. All three were thrown into the creek, but no one was seriously hurt. A decayed beam caused the accident.

Medford.-The home of C. C. French, son of Major L. H. French, of fame as an author, soldier, engineer and hunter of big game, near Table Rock, was destroyed by fire of unknown origin early Christmas morning about 2 o'clock. The loss is esti mated to be \$70,000, with insurance of about half that amount.

The Dalles .- Lumber prices have decreased more than 40 per cent in the famine area which, it is estimated, be 30 killed and about 100 wounded. The Dalles during the last three months, according to John G. Odell, district manager of the Tum-a-Lum Lumber company. Despite this big drop in the market, building in the city is virtually at a standstill, no building permits for houses having

hunger-pinched humanity, many of sert. The poet's troops have trans- Farmers are holding for more, but it whom fall exhausted out of the weary formed the houses in the public gar- is expected that a compromise may dens into machine gun nests, which be made at about \$8 a ton. Nearly have been effective in stopping the all hay raisers have their crops on government forces. All the main hand, and with uncertain prospects Paris.-Le Journal said Sunday it streets were defended by barbed wire for sale. Being off the railroad, it is impossible to ship hay from here at a profit.

> Albany.-The big sawmill which was erected at Toledo by the spruce production division during the war. soon. This is the statement of Lee Wade, a member of the commission of the port of Toledo, who is in Albany. The mill was sold recently by

Salem .- The Canyon creek arch, the last unimproved link in the Paserve bank in its monthly summary of taining a large amount in checks and cific highway, was completed Friday, according to information received at weathered the storm of 1920 and that ican Railway Express company motor the offices of the state highway dean era of stabilized business conditions truck Monday morning, when five partment here. This stretch of road has long been known to the traveling While the year "has been one of found by detectives this afternoon public as Cow Creek canyon, and is situated a few miles south of Rose said the statement, "there was noth they found \$50,000 in checks and burg, Or., in Douglas county. Until recently the road was almost impassable during the winter, and was considered dangerous at all times of the

Klamath Falls.-Experiments by John Sprolek, Malin farmer, have given the Klamath basin a new va Paris.—Belgium, says a Brussesis dis. fatally injuring and abandoning Rich- riety of wheat, especially adaptable patch to Le Journal, intends to re ard Buelina, San Jose, while driving to this climate and possessing exceptional milling qualities, according to J. D. Howard, local miller. The wheat matures earlier than other varieties. Washington, D. C .- A bill extending contains approximately 15 per cent yields heavier. Mr. Sprolek harvested neighborhood.

The GRE By A Conan Doyle AUTHOR of THE ADVENTURES of SHERLOCK HOLMES"

"WE SHALL SEE."

Synopsis.—Writing long after the events described, Jack Calder, Scot farmer of West Inch, tells how, in his childhood, the fear of invasion by Napoleon, at that time complete master of Europe, had gripped the British nation. Following a false slarm that the French had landed, Jim Horscroft, the doctor's son, a youth of fifteen, quarrels with his father over joining the army, and from that iscident a lifelong friendship begins between the boys. They go to school together at Berwick, where Jim is cock boy from the first. After two years Jim goes to Edinburgh to study medicine. the first. After two years im goes to Edinburgh to study medicine. Jack stays five years more at Ber-wick, becoming cock boy in his turn. When Jack is eighteen his cousin Edie comes to live at West Inch and Jack falls in love at first inch and Jack falls in love at first sight with his attractive, romantic, selfish and autocratic cousin of seventeen. They watch from the cliffs the victory of an English merchantman over two French privateers. Reproached by Edie for staying at home, Jack starts to enlist. Edie tells him to stay, Jack promises to stay and marry her. She acquiesces. Jim comes home. Jack sees Jim kiusing Edie. Jack and Jim compare notes and force Edie to choose between them. She chooses Jim. Jack gives up Edie to Jim. The downfall of Napoleon is celebrated. A half-dead ship-wrecked foreigner drifts ashore at West Inch. He sayshe is Bonaventure de Lapp, a soldier of fortune. ture de Lapp, a soldier of fortune. He goes to live with the Calders. A man of mystery, and evidently of high position, he wins all hearts.

CHAPTER VII .- Continued.

Jim Horscroft was at home all that summer, but late in the autumn he went back to Edinburgh again for the winter session, and as he intended to work very hard, and get his degree next spring if he could, he said that he would bide up there for the Christmas. So there was a great leave-taking between him and Cousin Edie, and he was to put up his plate and to marry her as soon as he had the right to practice. I never knew a man love a woman more fondly than he did her, and she liked him well enough in a way, for indeed in the whole of Scotland she would not find a finer-looking man: but when it came to marriage I think she winced a little at the thought that all her wonderful dreams should end in nothing more than in being the wife of a country surgeon. I was never very sure at that time whether Edie cared for De Lapp or When Jim was at home they took little notice of each other. After he was gone they were thrown more Halfway.—A hay buyer was in Pine together, which was natural enough, he had taken up so much of her

time before. Well, the summer and the autumn and the best part of the winter passed away, and we were still all very happy together. We got well into the year 1815, and the great emperor was still eating his heart out at Elba, and all the ambassadors were wrangling together at Vienna as to what they should do with the lion's skin, now that they had so fairly hunted him down. We never thought that wha all these high and mighty people were doing could have any bearing upon us, and as to war-why, everybody was agreed that the great shadow was lifted from us forever, and that, unless the allies quarreled among themselves there would not be a shot fired in Europe for another fifty years.

There was one incident, however, that stands out very clearly in my memory-I think that it must have happened about the February of this year-and I will tell it to you before I go any further.

You know what the Border peel castles are like, I have no doubt. They were just square keeps, built every here and there along the line, so that the folk might have some place of protection against raiders and moss troopers. When Percy and his met were over the Marches, then the people would drive some of their cattle into the yard of the tower, shut up the big gate, and light a fire in the brazier at the top, which would be answered by all the other peel towers, until the lights would go twinkling up to the Lammermuir hills, and so carry the news on to the Pentlands and to Edinburgh. But now, of course, all these old keeps were warped and crumbling, and made fine nesting places for the wild birds.

One day I had been on a very long walk, away over to leave a message at the Laidlaw Armstrongs, who live two miles on this side of Ayton, About five o'clock, just before the sunset, I found myself on the brae path, with the gable end of West Inch peeping up in front of me, and the old peel tower lying on my left. And as I stared I suddenly saw the face of a man twiskle for a moment in one of the holes

It was so queer that I was determined to come to the bottom of it;

der on home, and walked swiftly toward the tower. The grass stretches right up to the very base of the wall, and my feet made little noise until I reached the crumbling arch where the old gate used to be. I peeped through and there was Bonaventure de Lapp, standing inside the keep, and peeping out through the very hole at which I had seen his face. He was turned half away from me, and it was clear that he had not seen me at all, for he was staring with all his eyes over in the direction of West Inch. As I advanced my foot rattled the rubble that lay in the gateway, and he turned round with a start and faced me.

"Hullo!" said I, "what are you doing

"I may ask you that," said he. "I came up because I saw your face at the window."

"And I because, as you may well have observed, I have very much interest for all that has to do with the military, and of course castles are among them. You will excuse me for one moment, my dear Jack," and he stepped out suddenly through the hole in the wall, so as to be out of my sight. But I was very much too curlous

to excuse him so easily. I shifted my ground swiftly, to see what it was that he was after. He was standing outside, and waving his hand frantically, as in a signal,

"What are you doing?" I cried, and then, running out to his side, I looked across the moors to see whom he was beckoning to.

"You go too far, sir," said he angrily; "I didn't thought you would have gone so far. A gentleman has the freedom to act as he choose, without your being the spy upon him. If we are to be friends, you must not interfere in my affairs."

"I don't like these secret doings," said I, "and my father would not like

them, either." "Your father can speak for himself, and there is no secret," said he curtly. "It is you, with your imaginings, that make a secret. Ta, ta, ta! I have no patience with such foolishness." And, without so much as a nod, he turned his back upon me and started

walking swiftly to West Inch. Well, I followed him, and in the worst of tempers, for I had a feeling that there was some mischief in the wind, and yet I could not for the life of me think what it all meant. What could there be to spy about in Berwickshire. And besides, Major Elliott knew all about him, and he would not show him such respect if there was anything amiss.

I had just my thoughts when I heard a cheery hall, and there was the major himself, coming down the hill from his house, with his big buildog, Bounder, held in leash. This dog was a savage creature, and had caused more than one accident on the countryside, but the major was very fond of it, and would never go out without it, though he kept it tied with a good, thick thong of leather. Well, just as I was looking at the major, waiting for him to come up, he stumbled with his lame leg over a branch of gorse, and in recovering himself he let go his hold of the leash, and in an instant there was the beast of a dog flying down the hillside in my direction. 'I did not like it, I can tell you,

for there was neither stick nor stone about, and I knew that the brute was dangerous. As it came at me with bristling hair and its nose screwed back between its two red eyes, I cried out, "Bounder! Bounder!" at the pitch of my lungs. It had its effect, for the beast passed me with a snark and flew along the path on the traces of Bonaventure de Lapp.

He turned at the shouting, and seemed to take in the whole thing at a giance, but he strolled along as slowly as ever. My heart was in my mouth for him, for the dog had never seen him before, and I ran as fast as my feet would carry me to drag it away from him. But somehow, as it bounded up and saw the twittering finger and thumb which De Lapp held out behind him, its fury died suddenly away, and we saw it wagging its thumb of a tail and clawing at his knee.

"Your dog, then, major?" said he as its owner came hobbling up. "Ah, it is a fine beast-a fine, pretty thing." The major was blowing hard, for he had covered the ground nearly as fast as I had.

"I was afraid lest he might have hurt you," he panted.
"Ta, ta, ta!" cried De Lapp.

is a pretty, gentle thing. I always love the dogs. But I am glad that I have met you, major, for there is this young gentleman, to whom I owe very much, who has begun to think that I am a spy. Is it not so, Jack?" I was so taken aback by his words

that I could not lay my tongue to an so, tired as I was, I turned my shoul- answer, but colored up and looked the passage of time,

askance, like the awkward country lad that I was,

"You know me, major," said De Lapp: "and I am sure that you will

tell him that this could not be. "No, no, Jack! Certainly not! Certainly not!" cried the major.
"Thank you," said De Lapp.

know me, and you do me justice. And yourself, I hope that you will soon have your regiment given you." "I am well enough," answered the major; "but they will never give me

a place unless there is war, and there

will be no more war in my time." "Oh! you think that?" said De Lapp, with a smile, "Well, nous verrons. We shall see, my friend!" He whisked off his hat, and turning briskly, he walked off in the direction of West Inch. The major stood looking after him with thoughtful eyes, and then asked me what it was that had me think that he was a spy. When I told him he said nothing, but he shook his head, and looked like a man who

CHAPTER VIII.

was ill at ease in his mind,

The Coming of the Cutter. I never felt quite the same to our lodger after that little business at the peel-tower. It was always in my mind that he was holding a secret from me; indeed, that he was all a secret together, seing that he always

hung a veil over his past. And when by chance that vell was for an instant whisked away we always caught fust a gilmpse of something bloody and violent and dreadful upon the other side. The very look of his body was terrible. I bathed with him once in the summer, and I saw then that he was hargled with wounds all over. Besides seven or eight slashes his ribs on one side were twisted out of shape and a part of one of his calves had been torn away. He laughed in his merry way when he saw my face of wonder.

"Cossacks! Cossacks!" said he running his hand over his scars, "And the ribs were broke by an artillery tumbril. It is very bad to have the guns pass over one. Now with cavalry it is nothing. A horse will pick its steps, however fast it may go. I have been ridden over by fifteen hundred cuirasslers and by the Russian hussars of Grodno, and I had no harm from that.

But guns are very bad."
"And the calf?" I asked.

"Pooh! It is only a wolf bite," said "You would not think how I came by it! You will understand that my horse and I had been struck, the horse killed, and I with my ribs broken by the tumbril. Well, it was cold-oh, bitter, bitter !- the ground like iron, and no one to help the wounded, so that they froze into such shapes as would make you smile. I, too, felt that I was freezing, so what did I do? I took my sword and I opened my dead horse, so well as I could, and I made space in him for me to lie, with one little hole for my mouth. Sapristi! It was warm enough there. But there was not room for the entire of me, so my feet and part of my legs stuck out. Then in the night, when I slept, there came the wolves to eat the horse, and they had a little pinch of me also, as you can see; but after that I was on guard with my pistols, and they had no more of me. There I lived, very warm and nice, for ten days." "Ten days!" I cried. "What did you

"Why, I ate the horse. It was what you call board and lodging to me. But course I have sense to ent the le and live in the body. many dead about who had their water bottles, so I had all I could wish. And on the eleventh day there came a patrol of light cavalry, and all was well."

It was by such chance chats as these-hardly worth repeating in themselves-that there came light upon himself and his past. But the day was coming when we should know all, and how it came I shall try now to tell

The winter had been a dreary one, but with March came the first signs of spring, and for a week on end we had sunshine and winds from the south. On the seventh Jim Horscroft was to come back from Edinburgh, for though the session ended with the first, his examination would take him a week. Edie and I were out walking on the sea beach on the sixth, and I could talk of nothing but my old friend, for, indeed, he was the only friend of my own age that I had at that time. Edle was very silent, which was a rare thing with her, but she listened, smiling, to all that I had to say.

"Poor old Jim!" said she, once or twice, under her breath, "Poor old

"He is my husband."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Telling Time by Heart Throbs The average man's idea of a minute may be anywhere between 15 seconds and 200. But we all have a reliable clock in our bodies. The secret is simply to count your pulse-beats. Most people know how often their pulses beat in a minute, and it is, of course, easy to find out. The average rate is 72 a minute for a man, and rather more for a woman. A healthy person. however, may have a pulse-rate of anywhere between 60 and 84 a minute. So your own rate may easily be much faster or slower than the average. The secret that the sense of was due to heart throbs was only guessed when a psychologicist studying the problem discovered that people with unsound hearts are as a rule abnormally weak in estimating