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Two Million Must Starve

IT IS hard to be stirred by a tragedy unless it takes place right under our noses.

If you came down to breakfast some morning and read in your newspaper that a family of half a dozen people living in your city were starving to death you would be profoundly stirred.

You and your fellow-citizens would get busy at once to see to it that this calamity was averted. You wouldn't bother about any other task until that had been taken care of.

But a few thousand miles make a good deal of difference.

The other morning a newspaper announced quite calmly that 2,000,000 people in Shensi province, China, are going to die of starvation within the next couple of months.

The news was given quite calmly, without excitement. In most papers it even failed to make the front page. These 2,000,000 are going to starve and that is all there is to it. There is no money available for them, and no food; and even if there were, transportation conditions of Shensi are so disorganized that relief could not be got to them in time.

China is a long way off. The other side of the world might as well be the other side of the moon as far as we are concerned. The sufferings of the doomed 2,000,000 don't really get home to us.

But even if this news from China doesn't hit us as hard as it might, it is bound to depress us a little. For it is not pleasant to know that we live in that kind of world. Now and again we are able to persuade ourselves that there are magnificent things in this universe; this Chinese famine proves that the universe also goes to the other extreme and holds misery unspeakable.

It is good for us to learn that lesson—even if, as in this case, there isn't much of anything we can do about it. It is always good for us to be bothered by other people's sufferings. There is no other way for us to advance.

The progress of civilization is not recorded by the advance in man's inventions, explorations or triumphs in self-government. In its essence, it consists of the slow, painful introduction of softness into a world that was originally as hard as flint. Our rise from savagery and beasthood can just about be measured by the degree in which other people's misery can make us lose sleep.

So the 2,000,000 who are dying in Shensi province are not, if you measure it with a fine enough rule, dying altogether in vain. Their fate worries us, even if only slightly. Through the long centuries we are acquiring, little by little, the capacity to be worried in that manner more and more greatly. Some day, many years hence, things of that kind will bother us so that we shall rise up and end them, for the simple reason that no stranger can be miserable without making us miserable too.

When that day comes we shall have something very like the brotherhood of man on earth. But just at present it is still a long way off.

The funny part is, every libertarian you see wants liquor on sale for other people—never for himself.

"Scientists predict cornstalks may be made useful," says a headline. They've always seemed useful to us, just holding up the corn.

An art dealer says any picture appears more valuable when properly hung. This is also true of racketeers.

Man is much like a thermometer. Make things hot enough for him at the bottom and he'll climb.

If the battleship is obsolete, because a bomb from a plane can sink it, just how many such bombs are required to sink a light cruiser?

EDITORIALS

From Over the Nation

INTERNATIONAL ROCKET

Time: Last week the department of state was moved to issue a public warning against a new international racket. By smooth-tongued "agents" many United States citizens have been convinced that they are heirs to large British estates—the buccannery gold of Sir Francis Drake, the "Blake millions," the "Townley estate," et al. To get these fortunes out of "chancery," the heirs were duped into paying the racketeers thousands of dollars in "legal fees." Letters from some 300 would-be inheritors have swamped the United States consulate in London.

All such fortunes are fictitious, reported Albert Halstead, United States consul-general in London. "There is practically no estate of any size in chancery. The tragedy of the estate question is that so

many who write are manifestly people of little education . . . in straightened circumstances . . . who have found the suggestions of wealth most encouraging."

MERE MAN VINDICATED

New York Evening Post: A man's methods of looking after the house while his wife is away are seldom the subject of praise from either her or the women of her acquaintance. But one of these much-criticized methods has received scientific endorsement.

An institution for research has been tackling the matter of domestic labor-saving, in the words of the Manchester Guardian, with enthusiasm and a stopwatch. After six months of intensive experiment it has discovered that the best plan of doing the dishes is to wash them only once a day—"all the dishes used in the pre-

TIMELY QUOTATIONS FROM PEOPLE IN THE PUBLIC EYE

"Divorce is an evil which threatens to disrupt our family life; it should be granted only for grave causes: gross brutality, flagrant unfaithfulness, insanity, and the like."—Max D. Steiner.

"If the life of a star is a life of ease, all I can say is that I hope no one ever insists that I get busy."—Jane Cowell.

"The structure of American industry has qualities of magnificence not to be seen elsewhere and never seen before."—Winston Churchill.

"We reaped no selfish benefits from the war."—Calvin Coolidge.

"From present statistics it is quite possible that rural and small town America is the most orderly and law abiding specimen of its type now in the world."—Dean James G. Rogers.

A Famous Composer



HORIZONTAL

1 Revolution.
3 Any patriot killed as a spy.
4 Snow glider.
7 Supreme ruler in Persia.
11 Unit.
12 Where is Port-au-Prince?
14 To indebted.
15 Boy.
16 See eagles.
17 By.
18 Confined to.
20 Address.
23 Par.
26 Ball team.
27 Hog.
30 Elk.
31 Gem face.

VERTICAL

8 To skip.
9 Reverence.
10 Popular com. poster.
12 Food.
13 Cow-headed goddess.
14 Before.
19 Low, vulgar fellow.
21 To emulate.
22 To dignify.
24 Soldier.
25 Field.
27 Chum.
28 Ruby.
31 Doom.
32 Prong.
33 Destruction.
37 Concern.
38 Male sheep.
39 Prophet.
41 Black bird.
42 To permit.
44 To accomplish.
45 Southeast.

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

1. FINE
2. SINE
3. WASS
4. ORBIT
5. PALACE
6. CLATE
7. RINSE
8. FIE
9. RUE
10. VENAL
11. WEI
12. GROSSE
13. AGAVE
14. DISARM
15. SPARED
16. DENSE
17. HELMS
18. SEEN
19. ELLS

ceding twenty-four hours" should be washed "in one operation."

As our British contemporary justly observes: "This is exactly the system long favored by the lone male who has been left to tackle the washing-up problem for himself—except that he is naturally more thorough and logical, and only begins to wash up when there are no more clean pots to be used."

Man did not need this confirmation of science for his instinctive resort to the proper method of proceeding in the unfamiliar domain of the kitchen, but it is welcome, since it ought to silence all censure of him on this score—only it won't.

Thoughts We've Been Thinking

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and well being, mentally as well as physically.

WILLIAM ADAMS DELANO, president of the New York chapter of the American Institute of Architects, recently told an audience in London that America is trying a great experiment. Quoting him, he says:

"This experiment may result in the richest, fullest, and most beautiful civilization in the world, or it may be a failure. It is still in the lap of the gods. It is based on mass production, concentration of business and a highly mechanized mode of life. The high building is an integral part of this experiment."

To this the Detroit News says: "We are still then, a young people, since we are still experimenting. The long list of American experiments began with the established permanent colonies of these shores. Some of them succeeded and the new communities began to prosper. Presently they revoked government from a distance and began an experiment that was one of the world's wonders—an American republic. Conflicting theories and sectional economic systems almost ruined that venture, but it survived and, judging by the increase in population and wealth, became an enormous success. And now it appears we're experimenting with a new way of living that the world has never known before."

"This experiment is continuing; it is far from complete, some of the leaders in directing it are looking forward to a time when mass production and concentration of business and the mechanization of progress will give everyone more leisure. Mr. Delano indicated in his address that it depends on how this leisure is used; and that of course is the point and upon that will rest the success or failure of our world entailing experiment."

WE want to peg one very strong point for Secretary of Labor Davis who sets high value on the middle aged man in industry. Advancement has been

made, the secretary says, in disproving the false philosophy that men are through at fifty, or even before.

In his annual report to congress he continues:

"More and more it is becoming the experience of our most enlightened employers that men at the age of forty or fifty years, or over, experience ability and set habits to render more valuable service than those younger."

The youth of this country has been having one glorious time, though usually he has been unconscious of it; despite the fact that the world is not meant for the youth any more than it is meant for middle age and age. Humanity is after happiness and happiness is not brought about by turning middle aged men and women out of jobs just because it is a sad to serve youth. The big corporations and all those who employ labor can well take notice of Secretary of Labor Davis' statement and begin to take down those signs which say "men past thirty-five need not apply for jobs."

WE know of one newspaper in this country that goes in for youth for executive help. Its policy is to get young men and put old men out. It is even more interesting to note that the practice has apparently done very little for the success of this particular newspaper business; in fact, it cannot be said truthfully that the policy of hiring nothing but young, flighty, inexperienced help has been a success.

MUST HAVE MOUSTACHES

LONDON—The girls here must have boy friends with moustaches. For that reason all the wigmakers are being swamped with orders for such lip adornments as a Ronald Coleman's. The boys wear these artificial moustaches until the hair on their upper lip under the false article grows long enough to cultivate a real one.

VERY RARE IN U. S.

LONDON—Although England has no prohibition to make even five-year-old whisky a rarity, a bottle was found in the Sunderland police station which caused a deal of excitement. It is a relic of the days when prisoners were allowed to solace themselves with a drink of the liquid that cheers. It was marked with the date October 8, 1867.

Contrary to popular opinion, the cat cannot see better at night than in the day time.

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DAILY LETTER ON AFFAIRS AT U. S. CAPITAL

American Federation of Labor Begins Its Biggest Campaign to Date in Its Effort to Unionize the South—Fate of Federation May Rest Partly on Its Outcome.

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25—The largest effort in the history of organized labor has begun with the American Federation of Labor's campaign to unionize the workers of the south.

Although thus far defeated in early skirmishes in a few of the southern mills centers the federation promises that it will shortly have at least a hundred full-time organizers working below the Mason-Dixie line and paying special attention to the textile situation which has attracted more attention than any other problem arising in labor affairs for several years.

Pursuance of the announced campaign to a successful conclusion would be one means of helping revive the American labor movement. It would at least partially answer charges of inertia, stagnation and extreme conservatism often laid against high officials of the A. F. of L. Developments of the next six months are likely to indicate whether the federation is actually going to make a comeback or whether an active and more aggressive labor movement is to be supplanted.

Labor men returning from the recent conference at Charlotte, where organizers appointed for the big drive by the federation's international unions got together for the first time, reported a determined enthusiasm on the part of the men now entering the field.

But the A. F. of L. is faced by three fires. There is the Communist union, the National Textile Workers, whose influence is negligible except when it organizes fields neglected by the federation. There are the southern mill owners and other business men hostile to organized labor. Third, there is a large group of independent labor workers and sympathizers who hold that the present campaign will not be backed by adequate funds, that it will devote too much time to shouting at unimportant Communists and saving business men, that it will soft pedal actual organization, militant tactics and efforts for better wages and conditions and that it will make no effort to give special aid to the A. F. of L. mill workers who have borne the brunt of the losing battle to date—such as those in Marion, N. C.

But whether the Communists are to make any more headway in the south, whether the mill owners and corporations will continue to dominate without serious dispute and whether the formidable group of critics are to be justified or refuted will depend on the A. F. of L. itself.

Inquiry reveals that about 59 actual organizers showed up at Charlotte and that 95 of the federation's 104 international unions were represented. Everyone agreed that at least 100 organizers would soon be on the job. Most of the organizers appointed were southerners, which will make it harder for employers to assail the campaign as a foreign invasion.

The question of how much attention will be paid the textile industry was partially answered by the fact that whereas about 15 of the 50 organizers present had been instructed by their international to concentrate on organizing their own trades, the others had been instructed to put themselves entirely at the disposal of the committee appointed to supervise the Dixie campaign. That committee, with central headquarters at Birmingham and subheadquarters likely to be established in Tennessee and in North or South Carolina, will pay particular attention to the textile industry.

Most of the organizers appeared to feel that employers everywhere were anxious to be organized and the last thing they seemed to fear was any lack of response on the part of the workmen.

There wasn't much strike talk. Emphasis was placed on the need of "educating" the south and

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EIGHTEEN YEARS AGO IN KLAMATH

While it was not the official year of the Klamath high school that won for it the debate with the Jackson county team from Ashland last night at Houston's opera house, that yell should go down in history as marking an epoch in the science of educational exaltation.

It was one of the most enjoyable dances of the season which Klamath Falls Lodge 1247 B. P. O. E. gave last night at the pavilion, while as a masquerade affair it was an edition de luxe.

County superintendent of schools John O. Swan is in receipt from State Superintendent L. R. Alderman of a circular giving the sources of examination questions for the summer and winter tests for those teachers who want state papers.

Examinations will be held June 19, 20, 21, and 22, and December 18, 19 and 20, 1931.

Justice of the Peace Charles Graves, usually debonair and happy is deeply cast down. In fact he is shrouded in gloom, despondency, blues, melancholy and sadness, not to mention that all these are firmly laid in a lugubrious setting.

The cause is the absence of two mares belonging to his honor. It is not usual that the Graves nags go away for so long. Some times they stay out a little late at night, and have even been known, when having forgotten a latch-key, to remain away the next day. But this time they are making a stay of serious length.

A reward has been offered for their return, and while he doesn't say so, it is hinted that the judge is particularly anxious to get back the equines in order to use them for peacemakers in case he decides to again make the race for justice of the peace.

Beginning tomorrow night the Methodist folk of Klamath Falls will inaugurate a series of revivals in Grace M. E. church, of which Rev. Geo. H. Fessie is pastor. For stimulating the interest of the people in the effort for a religious awakening the church has secured the services

of Rev. C. M. Van Marter, Pacific coast evangelist, who proselytes under the direction of the Oregon conference of the church.

Society in The Village—At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carey Ramsey last Wednesday evening the members of the Nonbel era pra Whist club were entertained, and dainty refreshments were served.

The Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church held the first of its semi-regular social sessions last Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. V. Cogswell on Washington street. In spite of the inclemency of the weather twenty-eight ladies attended, and had an enjoyable time together. After the business session light refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Winters entertained six tables of 800 Tuesday evening. Refreshments were served.

Mrs. Roy Hamaker on last Wednesday afternoon entertained in honor of Mrs. Dave Meldrum and Miss Jacobs. 500 was enjoyed during the afternoon.

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