

EATING HUMAN FLESH

Situation in China is Steadily Growing Worse

British Authorities at Hong Kong are Sending Some Aid--Insurrection is Also Growing

Peking, June 3, via Victoria, B. C., June 21.—Kang Wu Wei, the well known Chinese refugee, leader of the reform party, arrived at Hongkong from Calcutta on May 31 on receipt of an alleged telegram from the Chinese emperor, who urged him to return to Peking, since the reactionary minister, Yung Lu, was dead. The Hongkong members of the reform party told Yung Lu that they were convinced the imperial summons had been sent to him as a ruse to entrap him.

Accordingly Kang gave up his idea of going back to Peking and has sailed again for the Straits Settlements and India.

News has been received here that the famine in Kwangai is growing worse by degrees. The starving population is estimated at 200,000, and daily numbers of deaths occurs from starvation. The Chinese are considering an official subscription list. The British authorities in Hongkong, aided by public subscriptions, have been sending aid for two months. A Japanese report says cannibalism is being practiced and human flesh is publicly offered for sale.

Regarding the proposed Canton-Hankow railway, the Asiatic correspondent reports that American and Japanese experts have been compelled to return to the starting points, without accomplishing anything, owing to the inadequate protection by Chinese officials. They were threatened by rioters enroute. The United States consul at Canton has again dispatched the gunboat up the river to afford protection, and Minister Conger has applied to the Chinese foreign office to instruct local officials to protect foreigners.

Famine Brings Recruits.
Steamer Athenian which reached port today from the Orient brought news that the insurrection in Yunnan is causing grave alarm. Sir Robert Hart telegraphed to the Chinese government on June 2 that he regarded the Yunnan rebellion as no ordinary rising, as some of the reform leaders were known to be among the insurgents. The rebels have effected a juncture with the rebel forces of Kwangai, whereas in Yunnan the increase in famine is swelling the rebel ranks.

A Peking dispatch of June 4, says the Yunnan insurgents now number over 50,000. They are well trained and armed with weapons of improved pattern. So far the government forces have fared badly in encounters with the rebels. A dispatch from Canton says an American railway expert has been maltreated at the hands of the rebels. A Tien Tsin dispatch of May 28 tells of the occupation of Shihping by the insurgents on that date. Details have not been received yet of the capture of Linan by the rebels, but from refugees who came from that place it has been learned that a church belonging to French missionaries was destroyed, and the missionaries fled to Yunnanfu for safety. Some of the priests were captured and murdered by the rebels while on the way. One report says that the majority of the Yunnan rebels are miners from the copper mines near Linanfu, who rose to oppose the officials, but who are independent of the Kwangai rebels.

Looted by Rebels.
The French consul at Mentze wires to this effect, and says that the rising, which had no connection with that in Kwangai, is at an end, but later telegrams tell of the capture of several towns, and of burning, murdering and looting by the rebels.

Correspondents of Shanghai papers at Pingtu tell of the burning of a temple there—a disaster involving the loss of 150 lives. A large throng gathered to worship, and burned papers and incense by the wholesale. This resulted in the temple taking fire near the stairway, cutting off the escape of the people. Many jumped from windows and were killed, others were crushed to death by the crowds. Most of the victims were burned beyond recognition.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has purchased the fleet of steamers on the Yangtze of the McEldin Navigation company for \$1,500,000, and the Japanese line will make this a connection

of their American and European service. A German company attempted to buy this line a short time ago but failed.

Pictures Without Pencils. (London Answers.)

About a century ago an artist named Cranch was standing one day in front of a fire in his house at Axminster. Over the fireplace was an oaken mantelpiece, and it occurred to Cranch that this expanse of wood might be improved by a little ornamentation. He picked up the poker, heated it red hot and began to sketch in a bold design.

The result pleased him so much that he elaborated his work and began to attempt other fire pictures on panels of wood. These met with a ready sale, and Cranch soon gave all his time to his new art. This was the beginning of what is now known as pyrography. The art has been elaborated greatly. The knots, curls and fibers of the wood are often worked into the design and delicate tinting produced by scorching the panel.

There are many strange methods in vogue of producing pictures without the direct use of pencil or brush. Some years ago a certain Mr. Straker attracted great attention by his swelled wood pictures. His method depended upon the facts that wood swells when wetted and shrinks again when dry, and that wood fibers when pressed down dry rise permanently to their former level if wetted.

A Nail in Baby's Throat

Of peculiar interest is the ailment with which the 2-year-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Shriver, of Job's addition, has recently suffered. The child whooped almost constantly, and at times had violent coughing spells. It was treated for several weeks for asthma, the symptoms causing the family to believe that to be the malady with which the little one suffered.

The other day the child was seized with a violent fit of coughing. The mother, as is the custom of maternity, laid the babe across her arm, and patted the little back gently. In the midst of the child's exertions a wire nail was thrown from its mouth. The nail was two inches in length, and was half eaten away with rust, and possibly with the fluids of the child's body. It had apparently laid embedded somewhere in the little breathing apparatus, where it provoked the wheezing, and caused the violent coughing. The child has since improved much, and it is believed that with the removal of the ugly obstruction, complete recovery may be expected.

There is only conjecture as to the length of time the nail may have been in the babe's throat.—Corvallis Times.

Rare Brown Pelicans. (Washington Times.)

Uncle Sam now has an aviary of his own where he is breeding brown pelicans. The reservation was acquired by the government several weeks ago, but nothing was said about it, as visitors were not wanted.

Pelican Island, on the east coast of Florida, in Indian river, has long been the home of the brown pelican and has been overrun by hunters. It is the only place on the east coast where the birds breed in colonies, and as the slaughter almost equaled the increase there was danger of the species becoming extinct. So Secretary Wilson secured an order making it a government reservation, appointed a warden and gave him instructions that no one should be allowed to land on the island without an order from the secretary of agriculture.

After the birds leave the island they are protected by the game laws of Florida. The birds for years have been sought for their beautiful plumage for feminine decoration. The brown pelican is found only on the coast of Florida.

Did Pigeon Cross Pacific?

Has a carrier pigeon the endurance to fly from Asiatic waters to Salt Lake City? This is the problem that was presented to local experts a few days ago. Mrs. Kato Wiley was aroused by hearing a tapping on her back door. The noise ceased for a moment and then it was renewed. When Mrs. Wiley investigated she found a carrier pigeon lying on the threshold tapping at the door with his bill. The bird had been seen a few minutes before falling exhausted in the air. Mrs. Wiley examined the carrier and found a gold ring on one of its legs. On the ring was inscribed "J. H. K. Jr., H. M. S. Alliance." No. 8 is also engraved on the ring. Under the carrier's wings salt was caked. Its feathers were also dotted with hardened brine or spray. The English warship Alliance now is in Asiatic waters.

Wanted.—Twenty-five girls, at the Salem cannery at once. O. W. Holcomb, manager. 6-24-U

DEADLY LITTLE PISTOL

Every Wound Made by One Proves Fatal

Either Blood Poisoning or Lock Jaw Ensue--They Should be Prohibited

Pittsburg and Chicago are to be the leaders this year in the perennially recurring crusade against the toy pistol. In a Chicago police court a woman has been fined \$50 for selling a toy pistol to a child. The weapon was discharged while it was being examined by a playmate of the boy who bought it, and the former, who was injured by the discharge, died of blood poisoning. It appears from the health reports that in 1900, up to July 31, 24 persons in Chicago died of lockjaw caused by firearms, toy pistols, or explosions. In Pittsburg the health authorities cite one year when, out of 14 cases of tetanus, six occurred in the month of July. In both places there are to be strenuous efforts to eliminate the toy pistol from the Fourth of July celebration this year.

The trouble is that the fascination of the cap pistol is so great and the number of these weapons already in the hands of small boys so enormous that the excise law will seem easy of enforcement by comparison. Some fifteen years ago an article in a leading juvenile magazine explained the dangers that lurked in the cap pistol. As a result, hundreds of boys were scared almost to death, and gave up the noisy toy voluntarily, while thousands of others were forced by frightened parents to do the same. But the movement did not last, and could not last, and this from economic causes. The fire cracker made a more satisfying noise, and can be utilized in a greater variety of ways; the pistol with a spring appeals quite as much to the pride of the eye, and will shoot actual missiles, besides; but the cap pistol furnishes the cheapest of all forms of patriotic observance. In its simplest form it can be bought for one cent, while the most elaborate nickel plated variety sells for only about half a dollar. As for ammunition, four boxes of caps can be bought for the price of a red postage stamp. How many are in a box, no boy has ever taken time to count. It seems to be agreed that the things are dangerous, but a harsh prohibitory law will be a small deterrent to enthusiastic boys. The real remedy would be to invent a harmless substitute to sell at three boxes for a cent.—New York Evening Post.

Case in the Justice Court

The case of H. H. Smith, plaintiff, vs. U. S. Rider, came up for trial in Justice Horgan's court yesterday. The following business men were chosen as a jury: Fred Steusloff, A. N. Gilbert, Walter Morley, Hal Patton, Thomas Kay and Mr. Bredemeier.

A great deal of testimony was introduced, and every point was hotly contested. H. H. Smith, the plaintiff, holding two notes against U. S. Rider, of the face value of \$34.19 each. The jury was out for an hour, and finally returned a verdict for the plaintiff in the sum of \$15, together with \$20 attorney's fees. The defendant's attorney will demand a review of the case in Judge Boise's department of the circuit court.

More Good Road Talk.

County Judge Scott received a letter today from the office of Public Road Inquiries, at Washington, D. C., advising him that at the next meeting of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial Congress, which is to be held at Seattle, in August, considerable attention will be given to the road question. R. W. Richardson, of the United States department of agriculture, will attend as representative of that office.

Ransacked the House

The residence of J. D. Sutherland, corner of Cottage and Ferry streets, was entered by burglars some time between 2 and 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The members of the family were away during the afternoon, and upon their return, found the house

ransacked; every room showing traces of a careful search for money. The silverware and cut-glass were not touched, but two gold pins were taken from one of the bureaus, also a watch, but this was dropped in the hall.

The miscreants entered by a rear window, and it is supposed were frightened away by lady visitors, who called during the afternoon, and think they heard some one stirring in the house after they rang the bell.

The police think the work was that of tramps, and are working on that theory.

Kidnaped from Pest House.

Walla Walla, Wash., June 25.—Supposed to be scattering smallpox germs somewhere around Portland is the wife of Center Fielder Ed. Hogan, of the Walla Walla Inland Empire League baseball team. Hogan kidnaped his wife from the pesthouse, southwest of town, Tuesday night, through a bedroom window, drove to the O. R. & N. depot, and started for Portland.

The escapade was sensational and clean. Mrs. Hogan had been in the pesthouse 24 days, and was nearly recovered. Hogan wanted to go to Portland, because the league had broken up, and his wife did not want to be left behind. Last night the baseball player drove near the pesthouse, with a hack, and carried the woman off without rousing any one.

Dr. Stiles, county physician, said tonight no action would be taken, Mrs. Hogan being out of the state, and amenability to health laws being doubtful.

Farewell Picnic.

A little farewell picnic was given last evening by the neighbors of W. H. Moon and family, who left today for Jefferson, to make their future home. It was in the grove, where ice cream and cake was served, and a good time was had generally. The Marine band played for the occasion, and did themselves proud. All regretted to see Mr. and Mrs. Moon leave, and joined in wishing them God speed and prosperity in their new home, which is one of the best towns in the county.

Executive Committee, Attention.

The executive committee of the Mid-Summer Carnival will meet at Recorder Judah's office at 8 o'clock tonight. Important business. A full attendance is desired.

Marriage Licenses.

Raymond Blanton, Grace Jones; James V. Springer, Cella Steward; Howard C. Nelson, Grace Wardfield.

Excursion to Albany.

W. E. Coman, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, announces that there will be an excursion to Albany on Sunday, June 28th. Passengers leave Salem on the 11 a. m. train. Returning, they will leave Albany on at 8 p. m. on a special train. Fare for the round trip will be \$1. Already a large number have bought tickets for this excursion, and no doubt there will be several hundred to take advantage of the very low rates and the outing. The occasion for the excursion is the baseball game between the Salem and Albany teams. 6-25-3t

DRIED FRUIT MARKET

French Merchants Ask for American Dried Fruits

The following letter from W. E. Coman, general passenger agent for the Southern Pacific, to Agent Adair, is self-explanatory. It may be of great interest to fruit growers:

"United States Consul Ridgley at Nantes, France, reports to Washington authorities that owing to the failure of deciduous fruit crop in France, there is an unusual demand from merchants for information relative to dried fruits, especially prunes, apricots and apples.

"The merchants have signified a desire to open negotiations with those exporters who will forgo the middlemen at Antwerp, Hamburg and Liverpool.

"Please advise your local shippers of the foregoing, and say to them that Mr. Ridgley, United States Consul at Nantes, France, has very kindly consented to receive their communications, and will see that they reach those merchants mostly interested. He recommends that negotiations be opened immediately."

A Small Blaze at Lunch Time

The Salem fire department was called to North Commercial street, at 12:15 p. m. today, to quench an incipient blaze on the on the bank of North Mill creek, in the rear of Mrs. Louisa

Forstner's residence. The city cart has, for some time past, dumped quantities of refuse over the embankment here, at a point where an artificial embankment had been made to prevent the creek, during high water, from encroaching on the Forstner property, and it was in this pile of refuse that the fire had found a start. Residents of that neighborhood stated that yesterday morning the city cart had deposited a load of refuse at that point, and that the fire was in this lot. The department quickly quenched the blaze with a well-directed stream of water.

To Adopt a Child.

Frank C. Stokes and wife today petitioned the county court asking for order and decree to adopt Chester denburg, minor child of Albert denburg. The petition sets forth that the mother of the child is dead, and that the father of said child consents to the adoption.

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