

FAMINE MAKING LIFE CHEAPEST THING IN CHINA

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Boston.—Living conditions among the millions of Chinese were just as horrible as those that existed under the military and bandit regimes in the country. Human life is the cheapest thing in China; no one seems to care an iota for the life of another.

Men who have stolen a loaf of bread have their heads cut off. The same punishment would be administered for the stealing of any large amount of food or of money. Frequently tortures would precede death.

If a man wished to be rid of his wife, he merely accused her of unfaithfulness. No trial was necessary. The woman was taken into the street and tied to a pole. The "death of a thousand cuts" was then inflicted on her. The greater her strength, the longer she must live and suffer.

Those who had been accused of crimes, were subject to punishment. I have seen men tied up high on a pole, much like our telephone poles. Their hands were tied above their head and they hung in that fashion. Every day a ten pound weight was added to each foot.

Beggars in Streets
The streets are full of beggars. Most of those beggars who had physical deformities were victims of the horrible cruelty of their mothers. Children are born at the rate of one a year in every family. The boys are of some value; the girls of none. Some mothers take the children when they are several months old and cut their wrists and the opposite side of the body or the ankle and the thigh of the same leg.

These wounded parts of the body are then tied together. The tissues of the skin knit together and the child is a deformed beggar for the rest of its life. The beggars make a few cents a day, just about enough to keep them in existence; couldn't call it life.

Little girls of 12 and 14 years of age are sold into slavery and worse by their parents for sums of money that rarely reach \$10 in our currency. Shanghai is infested with disease as a result of the conditions that exist there.

The rivers and the harbors are a floating mass of disgusting foulness. Occasionally the body of a man or woman, or the tiny body of a baby whose life was not wanted by its parent, can be seen in the dirty water. Dead dogs are fished from the water to make food for some families of coolies on the sampans of the cities. The sampan coolies are the lowest of Chinese. They have been living for generations on the sampans in the rivers of the cities. They will be killed if they ever go ashore.

Facing Famine
These coolies live by fishing bits of garbage from the fouled waters of the ship channels or on fierce dogs that they breed in the summer months for winter's food.

On account of the warfare there, little rice planting has been done in China in the past year and as a result starvation will force the millions of persons to horrible extremities this coming year.

The wars start there because some general gets enough money to pay thousands of men two or three dollars a month. They stay with him for about three months, during two of which they get no pay, just the right to ravage the people and cities that they come upon. Often they will desert on the eve of a battle, going to the other side, because the general there will pay them some ready cash.

Frequently a general will have 90,000 men in the morning and only eight or ten thousand the following day.

A Chinese won't fight when it rains. He doesn't like to fight in the daytime anyway, but at night, watch out.

The rickshaw boys over there last about ten years at the most. Many of them die in the heat of the summer. If you're riding in a rickshaw and the boy drops dead, you have to pay \$1.00 to bury him. A Chinese won't touch a dead rickshaw boy, because if he does, he will have to pay the burial expenses for him. They let them lie where they have fallen, until some sympathetic foreigner comes upon the scene.

Paper Boxes
Certain fibrous materials other than wood, such as jute, hemp and manilla fibers, may sometimes be used in the manufacture of paper boxes; also the cheaper grades of colored cotton rags may be used as raw material. A very large part of the raw material going into the manufacture of paper board consists of waste papers as collected and marketed in all of the good-sized cities in the country.

Guard Against Disease
To prevent the millions of Hindus who set out on pilgrimages from drinking stagnant water, the British officials have been forced to place barbed-wire entanglements around dangerous ponds.

Gets Its Prey



The plane in the background is a fast single seater which zoomed from a great height and destroyed the captive balloon below. This was a part of the spectacular air maneuvers at Langley Field, Va.
(International Newsreel)

Southern Democrats Meet To Decide On Attitude Toward Gov. Al Smith

Dallas, Tex., May 8—(U.P.)—Texas Democrats met in county conventions today to decide to what extent they would oppose the nomination of Gov. Al Smith of New York for President. With sentiment shown to be unfavorable to Smith in the state-wide precinct conventions last Saturday, the county conventions will decide whether the delegates to the state Democratic convention at Beaumont May 22, shall be instructed against Smith or simply to vote for a dry candidate.

Montgomery, Ala., May 8—(U.P.)—Democratic voters in Alabama today will decide whether the delegation to the National convention at Houston shall be pledged to vote for or against Al Smith's nomination. The Smith and anti-Smith forces have two definite tickets in the field for delegates-at-large.

Man Sought For Robbing Mail Train Found Slain

Chicago, May 8—(INS)—Willie Jackson, suspect of a nation wide search as one of the bandits who robbed a Grand Trunk mail train of \$133,000 here last February, will never face a jury. He was found, shot to death, in a South Side alley today.

Jackson had been named by captured members of the gang as the custodian of most of the loot. A single pistol bullet fired into the back of his head, ended his life. He lay face up beside a new automobile bearing the New York license number 2-P-8866.

VOTE IS HEAVY IN CITIES BUT LIGHT IN RURAL REGIONS

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The polls on state and national candidates, but arguments waxed warm on county candidates. Several close contests are predicted, and it is thought that in some instances it will be necessary for every precinct's returns to be in, before the winners can be determined.

It was generally conceded that Frank C. Dailey, Democratic candidate for governor, would lead all other candidates in Adams county. Efforts were made the last few days to get Mr. Dailey a majority over the seven other Democratic contenders.

Pioneer Railroad Run

The first mile-a-minute run made in the United States was in 1848 on the Boston & Maine railroad. The engineer's name was Pemberton. Mr. Minot, the superintendent, and the engineer made this trip. Representatives of the leading Boston papers were invited to accompany them and they, with a few other guests, were in possession of the only car that made the run.

Tree Classification
Deciduous trees include the following:
Walnut and hard Cypress
Coffee tree, tupelo, sweet gum, black locust, American plane tree, white ash, Norway maple, American linden tree, American elm, red elm, red maple, Common red oak, white oak, etc.

Earliest Upright Piano

The first genuine upright piano was patented in England and the United States in 1800 by John Isaac Hawkins, an Englishman, who at the time lived in this country.

TO ATTEND LAND AUCTION IN WEST

Quite a number from this country are planning to join the excursion to Idaho Yuma county, Colorado, the latter part of this month, to attend one of the greatest auction sales of farm lands ever held in this country. In the charge of the National Realty company of this city, with Col. Fred Reppert and Earl Gartin, auctioneers.

The sale will be held on Monday, May 28, day and night and ten thousand acres will be offered and sold to the high bidders in tracts to suit the purchaser and on exceptionally liberal terms.

The land is located thirty miles from Wray the county seat of Yuma county, 150 miles east of Denver and in the leading producing county of Colorado. It is a progressive and prosperous community of German farmers and land that is sure to increase in value. With the sale, there will be a free barbecue, band concerts, special speaking by agricultural authorities and other entertainment. The climate is ideal and the section is frequently sought by those suffering from illness. Low excursion rates are offered and those interested are asked to get in touch with Col. Fred Reppert here. Watch tomorrow's paper for details.

Three Firemen Killed At Bloomington, Illinois

Bloomington, Ill., May 8—(U.P.)—Two firemen were killed and three others injured seriously today when a wall collapsed while the men were fighting a fire in the business district.

The J. E. Will Furniture store, scene of the fire, practically was destroyed. Six firemen were buried in the debris when the wall crumbled.

The dead are: Louis Payton and Walter Moline.

Charles Smith, Frank Peyon and Louis Browning were injured seriously.

Mrs. Ed Funk Dies At Houston, Texas

Berne, May 8—(Special)—Mrs. Ed Funk, 56, former resident of French township, Adams county, died of apoplexy at her home in Houston, Texas, Saturday, according to a telegram received by her sisters, Mrs. John Augsbarger and Mrs. Jeff Augsbarger, residing west of Berne. Mrs. Funk was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Ashbacher and was born in French township, November 18, 1871. She was married to Mr. Funk who was then surveyor of Adams county, on December 28, 1894. Mr. Funk died six years ago. Surviving are six children, Irene Raymond, Christine, Mable, Carl and Esther all of Texas; two brothers, Arnold and Orlando Ashbacher, of Bluffton; and four sisters, Mrs. Joel Liechty and Mrs. Dave Klopffstine of Bluffton, Mrs. John Augsbarger and Mrs. Jeff Augsbarger, of near Berne. Funeral services were held near Ganado, Texas.

House Passes Appropriation Bill For George Rogers Clark Sesqui Centennial

Vincennes, Ind., May 8—(INS)—Vincennes went wild with joy when the news arrived that the house of representatives had passed the \$1,000,000 appropriation bill for the construction of the historical museum for the George Rogers Clark Sesqui Centennial celebration here in 1929 and 1930.

As soon as the good news spread over the city a general celebration was started. Church bells rang, whistles shrieked and "bombs" were exploded.

Later a "victory parade" led by the American Legion drum corps was held.

The Clark Memorial bill was sent back to the senate by the house for approval of the house amendments.

One's Honest Opinions

I remember a passage of one of Queen Elizabeth's great men as advice to his friend: "The advantage," said he, "I had upon others at court was that I always spoke as I thought, which being not believed by them, I both preserved a good conscience and suffered no damage from that freedom," which, as it shows the vice to be older than our times, so does it that gallant man's integrity to be the best way of avoiding it.—Exchange.

Forcing Plants

A bed heated from the bottom by means of pipes, flues or fermenting organic matter is used for seed germination and plant growing. It is used for short-season vegetables and for starting garden crops in order to have them mature early. An unheated frame is used to carry half-hardy plants over winter for planting the next spring or when only slight protection is needed.

Complete Description

She is the kind of woman, we said in our bitterly intolerant way, who would think of something else to say and turn around to say it while going through a revolving door ahead of you.—Ohio State Journal.

M. E. Bishop Faces Church Trial



Bishop Anton Bast of Copenhagen, Denmark, whose trial by the Methodist board of bishops, attending the General Convention at Kansas City, is a high light of the big meet. He was convicted in Denmark of misappropriating charity funds.

Indianapolis City Council Refuses To Re-consider Its Action On Time Ordinance

Indianapolis, May 8—(U.P.)—The Indianapolis city council last night refused to re-consider the proposal to adopt daylight savings time and the new time will be effective here next Sunday morning at 2 A. M. unless a previous council order is vetoed by Mayor L. Ert Slack.

The mayor has refused to commit himself regarding his stand on the problem but it was said that he personally does not favor daylight savings time.

U. S. Seaplane Sets New World Endurance Record

Washington, May 8—(INS)—A new world endurance record for seaplanes was set by U. S. Navy aviators at Philadelphia Saturday.

Word was received here that Lieuts. Arthur Gavin and Zeus Soucek, U. S. N., brought their PN-12

patrol plane to earth at Philadelphia at 2:51 A. M. after being in the air since about 2:50 P. M. Thursday.

Official time in the air was recorded as 36 hours, 1 minute, 13.45 seconds. The former record, 28 hours, 35 minutes, and 27 seconds was made in 1925 by Lieuts. C. H. Schildhauer and J. R. Kyle, also navy fliers.

The PN-12 covered enough mileage to equal Charles Lindbergh's flight from New York to Paris, officials estimated. Its course lay along the Delaware river off the naval aircraft factory at Philadelphia.

A mechanic and a Mr. Ward of the Wright Aeronautical Corporation accompanied the pilots.

Hoover Gets Maryland's Votes In Convention

Baltimore, Md., May 8—(INS)—Herbert Hoover will have Maryland's 19 votes in the Republican national convention. Virtually complete returns today from yesterday's primary showed the cabinet candidate for the presidency scored an easy victory.

NUNGESSER'S MOTHER STILL EXPRESSES HOPE

By Ralph Helazen
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)

Paris—(U.P.)—Just one year ago at the break of dawn, two French aces, Charles Nungesser and Francois Coll, trailblazers for Lindbergh, Byrd and Chamberlin, flew away in a mist from Le Bourget airfield for a North America flight that probably never materialized.

Their mysterious death never has been solved, for the plane never was seen again after it disappeared in a fog crossing the frontier of France at the English Channel. Many French aviators and engineers are convinced that the plane never got far off the French or Irish coasts for its engines were pulling hard with the unaccustomed load as the "White Bird" rose from Le Bourget. A few, however, believe the aviators crossed the ocean and were lost off the coast of Nova Scotia.

In her home, surrounded by souvenirs of the flying days of her son, Madame Nungesser still awaits for news of the fliers. She still makes a pretense at believing that her beloved Charles is alive, although with the passing months, with no news, her declarations of hope sound empty and her friends are convinced that she, too, has given up.

"I am still expecting news. One year is not too long if Charles came down on an island or far from civilization," Madame Nungesser recently told the United Press.

Worry Left Its Traces

But one year of worry has placed its mark on the brave woman. Her hair is entirely gray now. She looks herself in her apartment, although she is always willing to open her home to famous figures among aviators. Charles Lindbergh, Byrd and his companions, Chamberlin and Levine and Ruth Elder and George Haldeman all paid their first official visits in Paris to the Nungesser home. Each of them left an autographed photo, which is now framed and on the walls.

The single-motored biplane with which they tempted fate was built specially for the transatlantic attempt. Its Lorraine motor had been run all through the night before their start at 5:15 on the morning of May 8. Lightning played on the horizon and several times the two fliers were on the point of putting off their start.

Definite assurance from the French Government Meteorological service late at night decided them. An hour after their start the meteorological service received reports from America changing entirely the conditions over mid-Atlantic. Without wheels, wind could not be gotten to the fliers.

"Let's Fly"—Coll
Nungesser, philomathe as he always

was at the front during the war played billiards during the evening, coming to Le Bourget after midnight and slowly dressing in his electrically heated leather flying togs. Coll, one eye lost in war service, was the navigator and weather expert of the expedition. "Thinks look had over the ocean but it's better than it has been for some days and there are signs that worse weather is coming next week," the Meteorological Service expert told the fliers.

"You hear him; he says it will get worse next week," Nungesser asked of Coll. "What shall we do?" "We came out here to fly, let's fly," Coll answered.

A wave of a hand to the scant crowd of a hundred people gathered at Le Bourget and the first tragic trans-Atlantic expedition was off. Within a year the Atlantic was to claim many other gallant air crews.

National Chaplain Of K. Of C. Dies Of Paralysis

Paris, May 8—(U.P.)—Monsignor Patrick McGivney, National chaplain of the Knights of Columbus in the United States, died early today in the American hospital. He suffered a paralytic stroke several days ago.

Monsignor McGivney was a brother of the founder of the Knights of Columbus and was elected supreme chaplain in 1923. Recent history of the order has been connected closely with his activities. He was prominent in relief work during the war.

From the Convent of the Sacred Heart

Sister Superior Endorses Merit
of Father John's Medicine
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The Greatest Body Builder Tonic

Writing from the Sacred Heart Convent at Newport, Vt., the Sister Superior in charge says, "We have here a large boarding school and as soon as we see a child without appetite or not feeling well we have him take Father John's Medicine. I think it is the best remedy for children." (Signed) Sister Mary Alexandrine, Superior Sacred Heart Convent.

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