

10,000 Chinese Pershing Daily In Famine Area

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Ten thousand Chinese die daily in the famine area, according to the Rev. A. W. Lagerquist, for 30 years a Chinese missionary, now on a visit in Omaha.

"At that rate the population of Omaha would be wiped out in 20 days," he told a large audience in the First Swedish Baptist church, Sunday night.

More than 22,000,000 are destitute in the area which includes Chihli, Shantung, Shansi, Honan and Shensi provinces, he said.

"Three cents a day, the price of a newspaper, will feed one person in the famine district," he stated in his appeal for financial aid.

"Chinese women and children plead to be beaten to death, that they may not die of slow starvation," he related. "It is easier to die from beating than hunger," they plead.

"They eat what no pig would eat—leaves, roots, bark of trees, grass, husks, chaff and thistle. The well-to-do eat barley with the husk on."

Children are sold from anywhere from 40 cents to \$5 a piece and money used for food, while child murder and suicide is a common occurrence, he said.

The United States minister to China described the present famine as "one of the world's greatest catastrophes" and the leading Shanghai newspaper as "a desolation as great as the world war."

"Isaac Carpenter is chairman of the Nebraska state committee for Chinese relief."

Columbia Phonograph Dealers of Two States Hold Convention Here

One hundred Nebraska and Iowa dealers of the Columbia Phonograph company met in Omaha on Monday and Tuesday, when they enjoyed several entertainment features and heard talks on salesmanship and co-operation.

The speakers were: E. A. McMunty, Kansas City; H. R. Bowen, Omaha; J. Sprague, Minneapolis; C. A. Dalzell, Denver; D. H. Dalzell, Salt Lake City; Miss Ethel Windkorst, New York City; and G. W. Hopkins of New York City.

Mr. Hopkins' address on co-operation was the educational feature of the convention. The sessions were held in the Trimble building, Ninth and Jones streets.

Luncheon was served at Hotel Fontenelle yesterday noon and the attendees were given a dinner at 6:30 at the Omaha Athletic club.

An Orpheum party was given last night. Ralph Wilder of the Omaha branch presided at the meetings.

Seminary Commencement Takes Place Next Week

Commencement exercises of Omaha Presbyterian Theological seminary will take place Wednesday and Thursday, April 27 and 28.

Rev. James Wilson Bean, D. D., pastor of Dayton Avenue Presbyterian church of St. Paul, Minn., will deliver an address at the alumni exercises in the North church, Wednesday at 8 p. m.

The commencement address will be delivered at the same place Thursday night by Rev. Benjamin M. Nyce, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Lincoln.

The alumni meeting and banquet will take place Thursday afternoon. The seminary graduates five young men, Robert Bray Budd, Arthur Johnson Hall, Silas Raymond Overholser, Paul Braun Shedd and Philip Nelson Shedd.

The board of trustees meets Thursday at 9:30 a. m.

Commitments in Wild Horse Case Due to Arrive Shortly

Mandates from the circuit court of appeals in St. Louis for the commitment of J. Sidney Smith, Clyde A. Smith and Charles M. Thompson, principals in the Arizona "wild horse" case in federal court, are expected any day, according to R. C. Hoyt, clerk of the federal court in Omaha.

Denials of the hearing of writs of certiorari by the supreme court were received yesterday by Mr. Hoyt.

The following sentences stand affirmed against the trio: J. Sidney Smith, two years; Clyde A. Smith, three months; and Charles M. Thompson, one year.

Students Assigned Their Parts in Play

Commerce High Seniors to Appear in "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

The senior class of the High School of Commerce will present the second Shakespearean play in the history of the school next June when the present class will appear in "A Midsummer Night's Dream," at the Central High auditorium shortly before they receive their diplomas.

Exactly one year ago, the largest class of graduates of Commerce ever produced, presented "As You Like It." But the production of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be infinitely more difficult.

Forty-five students who tried out for positions in the cast were assigned their parts yesterday. They will practice daily under the direction of Miss Wallace until the middle of June.

The coloring and lighting effects of the stage will be worked out by experts from the Commerce art classes. The art classes are composing posters to be placed on the advertising posters for the purpose of advertising the play.

Alme Carrigan, a graduating senior, who is employed in local theaters, will have charge of the properties.

Following is the cast: Bottom, Edmund Warner; Theseus, Frank McCall; Helena, Richard Robinson; Hippolyta, Joseph Hruska; Demetrius, Jerry Kutak; Philostrate, Sam Stern; Quince, Harry B. Cohen; Snug, Alfred Hook; Puck, Emanuel Green; Starveling, Emfrid Swanson; Hippolyta, Rosella Hurt; Hermia, Edith Keyson; Helena, Adeline Shalaker; Oberon, Lawrence Taylor; Titania, Gustaf Pahl; Puck, Dorothy St. Clair; Peaseblossom, Leona Givens; Cobweb, Ruth Parr; Moth, May Anderson; Mustard Seed, Ruth Hook; A Fairy, Vivian Hardy.

Attendants to the Duke: Ervin Hodgson, James Siano, Frank Rokusek and Roman Hruska.

Attendants to the Fairy King and Queen: Emily Radman, Alone Wetz, Klesh Leann, Bertie English, Verona Freeman, Willa Des Robinson and Edith Egan.

Attendants to Hippolyta: Frances Foster, Helen Hankinson, Lillian Lindskog, Alice Murphy, Helen Masten, Anna Straub, Ida Adler and Myrtle Anderson.

Fairies of Spring: Helen Rolke, Madeline Kemp, Evelyn Brantner, Anne Gerslick and Hortense Rosenstock.

Merchants Will Decide On Celebration of Fourth

Neb. City, Neb., April 19.—(Special)—The board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce has decided to leave the proposition of a celebration of the Fourth of July to the merchants of the city.

The amusement committee will report at the next meeting of the board, when definite action will be taken.

Romance in Origin Of Superstitions

By H. I. KING.

Killing Cats.

From Maine to California it is considered bad luck to kill a cat. That is because the Egyptians of old regarded the cat as a sacred animal under the protection of the cat-headed goddess Pakht, who was identified with Isis as a moon-goddess; or rather, it seems probable, represented some attribute of Isis.

Some Egyptologists even speak of a cat-headed god called Pasht, though the moon was considered feminine as a rule and Isis was its goddess. It appears as if Egyptian mythology varied under the different dynasties.

At any rate the moon and the cat was intimately connected in the ancient beliefs, the cat was considered a sacred, animal and mummies of cats were reverently placed in the tombs.

It is thought that the domestic cat originated in Egypt and spread from there to other countries. It was a sacrifice to kill a cat in the land of the Pharaohs and as we have inherited the cat from Egypt so have we inherited the idea that it brings bad luck to kill one.

Sailors are particularly firm in their belief in the mystic qualities of a cat and while they are sure that she can bring on a storm if she wishes, yet they are convinced that some disaster is bound to happen if one is killed on board the ship—the moon-goddess avenging its own.

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Lions Club Members Inspect Power Plant

The Nebraska Power company was best to the Lions' club at its weekly meeting Tuesday noon at the power plant at the foot of Jackson street.

The members of the club met at the Auditorium and drove to the plant by automobile. They were greeted by employees of the plant, who acted as guides.

Various phases of the work required to supply the city and big industries with electrical current were explained on the inspection tour of the plant. "Big Joe" the largest turbine, with a capacity of 27,000 horse-power and taking care of two-thirds of the industries of the city, was the particular point of interest to the members.

Following the tour, the club members were entertained at a luncheon in the boiler rooms.

Brief City News

Tires of Fourth Hubby—Catherine Brisbane, 54, married four times, seeks a divorce from Henry Brisbane, 65, who was wedded thrice.

Classmates Fallbearers—Commercial High school classmates served as pallbearers yesterday at the funeral of Frank Stangle, who was drowned in Carter Lake Sunday.

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