

"FORGOTTEN" IS STARVING WAIL OF MILLION IN VOLGA VALLEY

McBride Gives Graphic Picture of Conditions in Famine-Stricken Russia.

By ISAAC McBRIDE

IN ONE of Turgenev's stories, he tells of a Russian peasant preparing for death. He received the last sacrament, took a steam bath in the village hut, put on a clean shirt and slowly, calmly, solemnly lay down on his bench to await death. So like Turgenev's peasant, the inhabitants of the famine-stricken Volga valley "slowly, calmly, solemnly await death."

An American friend who has just returned informed me that the villages are silent. Silence—that is the characteristic trait of famine. A dreadful ominous silence. No movement, no wail of despair, only resignation. A superhuman submissive hopelessness. When they are told, "Wait just a little while, help will come," they invariably reply, "Yes, we have heard of this help. It is not here yet. Who will help us? We are forgotten."

Before the snow came there were great dark distances; on every side black wastes. Not a grass blade. All that the peasants had sown was burnt out. The earth itself was burned to a depth of half a yard, parched, crumbled into powder.

Now that the snow has come and there are no more acorns, birch leaves, grasses, locusts and field mice, on which many of them subsisted, what will become of them? How will it all end? Tens of thousands are dying now. Must they die by millions or can their lives be saved?

The refugees by the thousands—fleeing from the famine district, travel like gypsies, their covered wagons loaded with all sorts of household goods.

Crawl Across Country. These horse moves along slowly, unsteadily, as if drunk, and the peasants silently follow the wagon in the



This is the fourth and last of a series of special articles written by Isaac McBride, widely known American writer and lecturer, for the American Committee for Russian Relief, 405 Stearns building, Chicago. Mr. McBride knows the Russia of today better, probably, than any other American newspaper man. His concluding story is shocking—almost unprintable in its realism.

to see the bare earth and look death in the face day after day.

From the month of April, 1921, throughout the summer and on into the winter, these endless wagon trains dragged along. From day to day the Samara station, the square before it, the platform and along the track swarmed with men, women and children, waiting to get somewhere to get food.

Samara was the thriving city of the Volga valley, one of the great grain centers of the world before the war, but subjected to cruel war and in-

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—For taxi day and night call 400. tf. —Charles Reed made a trip to Raymond on Saturday. —Auto painting, G. A. Nord, 824 Fourth St. West. Phone 293-J. tf. —R. E. Wilson of Kerkhoven was a Willmar caller yesterday. —Have your watch repaired at Olive Bros. 315 Third St. —OFFICE AND DESK ROOM for rent in New Tribune Building. —Lance Seastedt made a business trip to New London on Monday. —Dr. H. F. Porter, Dentist, Carlson Block. —Frank Habstritt visited with relatives in Maynard a few days this week. —Dr. Oscar E. Hedin, dentist, Carlson Block. Phone 81.—Adv. —Dr. I. S. Benson was a Paynesville caller on business on Tuesday. —Lid Wants To See You. —Nels Noble of Kandiyohi visited with friends in this city over Sunday. —Dr. C. E. Anderson, Dentist, Bank of Willmar. —Tanlac relieves rheumatism by removing the cause. Carlson Bros.—Adv. —See C. G. Engwall for bargains in houses. tf. —Fred Johnson of Lake Lillian visited with friends in Benson over Sunday. —Ogren Taxi Service. Telephone 753-W. —Geo. Nelson of Kandiyohi made a business trip to this city on Thursday. —Dr. C. E. Gerrertson, Dentist, Lewis Block. —A. O. Nelson of Svea left this city today for a business trip to Minneapolis. —Richard Poortinga made a business trip to Kandiyohi on Tuesday afternoon. —Miss June Murray of Sioux Falls, S. D., visited with friends in this city over Sunday. —Miss Lillie Nelson of Arctander visited at the M. Hanson home in this city last week. —Mrs. Christine Anderstrom of this city made a business trip to Minneapolis on Saturday. —Miss Knutson who teaches at Prim visited with her sister Emma at Benson over Sunday. —Mrs. Anna Ellingboe visited at Elling Swanson's in Murdock the latter part of last week. —Miss Hattie Hoglund visited at the Frank Hawkinson home at Kandiyohi on Wednesday. —George Koenen of Clara City is at present visiting with his sister Miss Tina Koenen in this city. —Mrs. H. Lundquist returned to her home near Atwater today after a few days visit in this city. —Clarence Moulton left this city on Monday for Detroit at which place he will stay for some time. —Tom Hande of Sunburg made a trip to Minneapolis on Thursday returning on Sunday evening. —Take advantage of the Aluminum sale at Nelson-Gabbert March 1st. Every piece guaranteed.—Adv. —Sivert Botnen visited on Wednesday with his sister Mary who is ill. She is a teacher at Kandiyohi. —Mrs. R. Johnston of Pennock arrived in this city on Saturday to visit with her mother for a few days. —Mrs. Anna Ellingboe of this city made a trip to Minneapolis on Thursday returning on Sunday evening. —Archie Person of Murdock visited with his friend Frank E. Carlson in this city on Friday and Saturday. —Miss Mabel Peterson returned to her home at Spicer after a weeks visit with her cousin, Miss M. E. Ostlund. —B. W. Hollisch of Morris spent the week end at his parental home here in the city. He returned on Monday. —Mrs. Charley Crevier of Spicer returned to her home at that place today after a few days visit in this city. —Massage is a sure help for rheumatism. See Dr. G. D. Forsell, Ruble Block. —Clarence Granoski left Saturday for a several days visit at the home of his parents at Browns Valley in this state. —Don't forget the Aluminum sale at Nelson-Gabbert on March 1st. Values from 1c to 99c. Look them over.—Adv. —H. J. Warring returned on Friday from Clara City at which place he attended the telephone meeting at that place. —C. J. Swenson, Pete Erickson, Ray Allen and Olof C. Olson of Kandiyohi were business callers in this city on Thursday.

—Harold Bonde who attends school in Minneapolis visited with his parents, Sheriff and Mrs. Peter Bonde over Sunday. —Next Wednesday March 1st is the Aluminum sale. at Nelson-Gabbert Hardware store. Values from 1c to 99c.—Adv. —Mrs. Oscar Lundquist and Mrs. Annie Johnson visited at the G. A. Stark home at Atwater on Wednesday afternoon. —Lewis Johnson of Milwaukee who has been visiting with his sister, Mrs. L. C. Thompson, returned to his home on Tuesday. —Miss Louise Honebrink left this city on Friday for New London to stay with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Honebrink. —Miss Esther Dahleen left this city on Tuesday for Minneapolis and Chicago at which places she will visit for a few days. —Mrs. B. W. Hollisch and daughter Marcella of Morris are guests at the home of her mother, Mrs. A. Mickelson in the city. —Mrs. O. E. Ostlund of Maurice, Iowa, arrived in this city on Friday to visit with her son Melvin Ostlund for a couple of weeks. —Mrs. John Kaskel returned to her home in this city on Thursday after a few days visit at St. Cloud with her mother who was ill. —For taxi day and night call 400. tf. —Mrs. Ellen C. Hanson returned to her home at Atwater after a couple of months visit at the Victor E. Erickson home in this city. —Miss Annie Young of Benson arrived in this city on Thursday to visit with her brother, Attorney Henry Young for a few days. —Miss Malmie Swanson of Kerkhoven arrived in this city on Tuesday to assist Mrs. Elmer Peterson with the housework for some time. —Miss Maggie Swenson returned to this city on Tuesday after a few days visit with her sister, Mrs. John E. Johnson in Lake Lillian. —Lid Wants To See You. —Rev. E. Tollefson of Aneta, N. D., returned to his home at that place on Tuesday after a few days visit at the Martin Peterson home here. —Aluminum sale March 1st at Nelson-Gabbert. \$1000 worth to be sold from 1c to 99c. Every piece guaranteed for twenty years. Adv. —Victor Forsberg returned to this city on Wednesday after about eight months work on the new school building which has been erected in Renville.

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AUCTION SALE

On S. O. Susag farm, Sec. 36, Roseville, on Thursday, March 9th at 10 a. m. Free Lunch. 10 horses, 22 cattle, 2 hogs, 140 chickens, machinery, feed, seed oats. Usual terms. SOPHUS M. SUSAG, Owner. Peter Henderson, Auctioneer. 2:22-3:1

AUCTION SALE

Having rented my farm, I will sell at public auction at my place, section 24, town of Mamre, 4 miles northeast of Pennock, ten miles northwest of Willmar, on Monday, February 27th, FIVE HEAD HORSES—Black Percheron team, 9 and 10 years, weight 3000 lbs., 1 Belgian horse, 7 years, wt. 1600 lbs.; 1 Percheron horse, 6 years, wt. 1400 lbs.; 1 Percheron mare, 5 yrs, wt. 1350 lbs. 35 HEAD CATTLE—16 milk cows, coming fresh in the spring; 14 high grade Herefords, 2 Shorthorn cows, 1 full blooded Hereford bull 6 years. 2 high grade Hereford bulls 10 months, 14 Herefords, ranging from 15 to 8 months; 2 calves. HOGS—14 full blooded Poland china brood sows, to farrow first part of April. About 125 chickens. MACHINERY—2 roll Rosenthal corn shredder, nearly new; 1 3-ft. McCormick grain binder, nearly new, with two trucks, 1 Van Brunt 20-single disc drill; 1 4-horse drag; 1 2-horse drag; 1 Litchfield manure spreader; 1 John Deere spreader, nearly new; 2 Deering mowers; 1 13-in. John Deere gang; 1 14-in. walking plow; 2 16-in. walking plows; 1 McCormick hay rake; 1 sweep rake; 1 McCormick corn binder; 1 Fuller & Johnson corn planter; 3 single row corn cultivators; 1 one-horse cultivator; 1 disc; 1 John Deere wide tire wagon; 1 narrow tire wagon; 1 truck wagon; 2 wagon boxes; 2 hay racks; 1 double buggy; 1 single buggy; 2 pair bob sleds; 1 15-bbl steel tank; 1 8-bbl steel tank; 1 Simplicity pump engine, nearly new; 1 tank heater; 1 pump jack; 3 pair harnesses, nearly new; 1 single harness; 1 No. 15 De Laval cream separator; 1 hog feeder; 2 corn cribs; 1 shoveling board; 200 good oak posts; 1 65-gal. gasoline bin; 1 wheelbarrow; 1 grindstone; 45 bu. Yellow seed oats; about 1200 bu. corn; about 10 bu. Minn. No. 13 seed corn; about 30 tons hay; some household goods and a lot of other things too numerous to mention. Sale starts at 10 o'clock sharp. Free Lunch at noon. TERMS: All sums of \$10 or under, cash; over that amount time will be given until Nov. 1, 1922, on good bankable notes drawing 8 per cent interest. No property to be removed until settled for. HALVORSON BROS., Owners. Peter Henderson, Auctioneer. State Bank of New London, Clerk. 11

AUCTION SALE

We will sell at public auction on the old Tosten Larson farm in section 16, Dove, 7 miles north of Willmar on the Norway Lake road, on Friday, March 3, Beginning at 11:00 o'clock: the following described property: HORSES: 1 bay gelding 6 yrs old, wt 1100; 1 bay mare 7 yrs old, wt 1400; 1 black mare 10 yrs old wt 1200; 1 bay mare 14 yrs old, wt 1300; 1 gray mare 7 yrs old, wt 1100. CATTLE—11 milk cows, 2 fresh, the others to be fresh soon; 3 yearling calves; 4 calves; 50 chickens. MACHINERY: 1 McCormick binder, 3-ft cut; 1 4-horse harrow; 1 2-horse harrow; 1 Kentucky 18-disc drill; 1 Moline disc corn planter; 1 John Deere corn planter; 1 Deering mower; 1 single buggy with top; 1 light sleigh; 1 heavy bob sled; 1 wagon with box; 1 hay bucket; 1 walking corn cultivator; 1 riding corn cultivator; 1 Van Brunt seeder; 1 hay rake; 1 Emerson gang plow; 1 John Deere sulky plow; 1 John Deere walking plow; 1 P & O brush breaking plow; 1 10-ft hay rake; 3 sets of harness; 1 Milwaukee corn binder; tools of all descriptions; about 100 bu. seed wheat about 75 bu. oats; about 18 tons of hay; 4 dozen grain sacks; 3 pair of slings; some corn in field; 2 discs; 1 International gas engine 1 1/2 h. p.; and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale starts at 11 o'clock. Free Lunch at Noon. TERMS: Sums of \$10 or under, cash; above that amount time will be given on bankable notes until Nov. 1, 1922, at 8 per cent interest. No property to be removed until settled for. OLE L. BIRKELAND and MRS. HERBERG BIRKELAND, Owners. Col. C. H. Nelson, Auctioneer. First National Bank of Willmar, Clerk. 11

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AUCTION SALE

I will sell at public auction in Sec. 15, Town of Mamre, on Wednesday, March 8, All my stock, farm implements and household goods. Watch for further notice and bills next week. J. E. HOLMGREN, Owner.

AUCTION SALE

In order to settle the M. J. Halvorson estate, we will sell at public auction on the John Halvorson farm, Sec. 18, Lake Andrew township, nine miles west of New London, fifteen miles no. of Willmar, and 1 mile northeast of Norway Lake store, on Tuesday, Feb. 28, the following described property: HORSES—6 good work horses. 43 HEAD OF CATTLE—4 registered Holstein cows; 10 grade cows coming fresh; 6 grade Holstein heifers coming fresh; 2 Holstein bulls; 10 pure bred and grade Holstein heifer calves; 11 steers and bull calves. 40 FEEDING PIGS. MACHINERY—2 Deering grain binders, 3-ft; 2 John Deere gang plows; 1 John Deere corn binder; 1 McCormick corn binder; 1 Van Brunt drill 20 single disc; 1 I. H. C. 10-ft. disc harrow; 1 7-ft. disc harrow; 1 corn planter; 2 2-row John Deere corn cultivators; 1 Dain mower; 1 Champion mower; 1 Minnesota hay rake; 1 I. H. C. Junior hay stacker; 1 buck rake; 1 Success spreader; 1 Greatwestern manure loader; 1 Deering corn picker, new; 1 1000-lb Howe scale; 2 wide tire farm trucks; 1 narrow tire wagon; 1 steel wheel farm truck; 3 hay racks; 1 hog rack; 2 wagon boxes; 1 International 4 cyl. tractor, just overhauled and good as new; 1 2 or 3 bottom P. & O. tractor plow; 1 single-hole corn sheller; 1 2-hole power corn sheller; 1 2-section John Deere quack harrow; 1 wood boss harrow; 1 spring harrow; 1 steel lever drag; 1 American fanning mill; 1 Harland wild oats separator; 1 30-60 Hart Parr gas tractor and 36-in. Minneapolis separator, complete; 1 30-60 Hart Parr gas tractor and 8-roll McCormick special husker and shredder; 1 No. 4 Primrose cream separator 900 lbs capacity; 1 600-gal galvanized steel wagon tank; 1 500-gal steel tank, 2 compartments; 1 8-horse tractor plow, John Deere; 8 extra breaker bottoms, will fit all John Deere 14-in. wheel plows; 1 10-in. H. C. burr feed mill; 1 1 1/2 h. p. I. H. C. pump engine; 1 3 h. p. I. H. C. gas engine; some hay in stack; ear corn in crib; household and other articles too numerous to mention. Sale begins at ten o'clock sharp. Free Lunch at noon. TERMS: All sums of \$10 or under, cash; over that amount time will be given until Nov. 1, 1922, on good bankable notes drawing 8 per cent interest. No property to be removed until settled for. HALVORSON BROS., Owners. Peter Henderson, Auctioneer. State Bank of New London, Clerk. 11

Miss Hilda Anderson left on Monday morning, Feb. 13, for the twilight and visited in that city until on Thursday evening. Miss Anderson reports a very enjoyable time during her vacation.

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HORSE DEAD—FAMILY WAITS. The highways in the Volga valley are dotted with the carcasses of horses, which dropped by the wayside, driven to death by refugees desperately anxious to go somewhere out of the famine land. The nearest railroad miles and miles away, this family was photographed, while waiting for strength to go on.

same way. Suddenly the horse stops, and the peasants are afraid to urge it on. The refugees are coming from remote villages into Samara; from there to Siberia and all along the way, their horses are falling dead by the thousands.



DESERTED—STARVING. There are thousands of starving children deserted by their crazed parents in the Volga, Mr. McBride says.

The parents, crazed from hunger, desert their children and go to the station to wait for a train. If they can only succeed in getting a place on the platform of one of the cars, or on the roof, anywhere. Only to go ahead—that is their only hope. They don't inquire where the train is going. What difference can it make? Siberia, Turkistan, Moscow, it does not matter. Only to get away somewhere and not

vanish several times in the last four years. It is now a city of the dead. On the streets great throngs of hungry children are lying about while hordes of wretched hungry dogs sniff vainly for food. Coffins made of unplanned boards are stacked high on every side.

No matter which way you turn, you encounter starving children, dogs, coffins, rags, stench and filth. The very air reeks with poison. Thousands upon thousands of children have been left behind by refugees. These little waifs pick out grains from horses' manure with their fingers and eat them. They are such children that only famine can produce, with enormous stomachs, little swollen feet that appear like cushions, and their wrinkled blue, absolutely dead faces, with sunk-tearful eyes.

My friend saw a boy of fourteen in a torn blouse without any hair on his head. His hair had fallen out from starvation. He was leaning by the hand a little brother about four years old. They were wandering aimlessly about, waiting either for food or death. Both were already doomed beyond reclaiming.

What has been done to alleviate all this human misery? A great deal. The Samara council stopped the disorderly flight. The refugees are now being moved in accordance with the worked-out plan, taking the inadequate transport means into account.

The most completely helpless were removed first to districts where they will not perish. Those needed in the Volga remain, that the region may not be entirely depopulated. Sufficient numbers must be encouraged to remain through the winter to insure sowing of seed in the spring if the famine in the valley is not to be repeated next year.

Relief is on the ground in the form of food and sufficient is on the way from America to save the lives of 1,000,000 children, or about 20 per cent of the children in the Volga valley. This relief comes as a result of an appropriation of \$20,000,000 by the American government. It helps a great deal but it is inadequate. The peasants of the Volga must not be allowed to cry out much longer. "Yes we have heard of this help. It is not here yet. Who will help us? We are forgotten."