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CHINESE RICE CELEBRATIONS

Through the Chinatown quarter of San Francisco the natives stage a giant procession to help the relief in China fund and the sort of dragon one normally sees after a hectic night comes out into the light of day to raise the wind. Crowds line the streets and balconies and it rains money. Outside in rice bowls makes a very rich harvest. San Francisco's Chinatown is the largest Chinese colony in the United States and this is their idea of a jamboree. It's the last of three days merrymaking and everyone who can crawl takes part in the rice feast as it's called designed mainly to swell the Relief Fund as well as the Chinese tun-tuns. Into the headquarters of the Bowl of Rice Party goes the dragon's head symbol of an ancient race, so ancient that reckoned by the Chinese calendar this is the year 2491. After filing past, an eager crowd of American Chinese come to drop whatever they can afford into the dragon's gaping mouth. Young and old men and women willingly respond to the fall from their far away native land. The mouth that links words with deeds.