

NANKING TODAY

Things are better, yes. But there is still disorder. Below is a recent sample case. The story is an item in the day's work of two of our investigators. I give it as told, without retouching. Its pathos goes straight to the heart.

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Report by the investigators--Messrs Ch'ien Han-ping and Lieu Wen-Hai

Place: No. 18 at the corner of Wu-Fu, Meng-si

Time and Date: 10 A.M., March 11th, 1938.

Family: Ts'ai Pang Hseng aged 36

His wife aged 39

One daughter aged 13

Three sons, aged 10, 5, 2, respectively.

Circumstances: Having learned from Ts'ai Li Shih (who came to the Headquarters to report) that last night her home was looted and her husband was murdered, we went with her to her home to investigate. For the convenience of investigation, we alighted from our car at a distance of half a Li (New Bridge) from her home. We walked ahead, while she followed slowly behind. When we arrived at the entrance of the lane, we saw a great crowd in front of the house talking with each other. When we entered the house, we saw also a large number of people. We began to question the people. From Wang Seu Peh, an old employee of Ts'ai Li Shih, we learned that about eight o'clock last evening there came five Japanese soldiers wearing blue and yellow uniforms. Two soldiers were keeping watch outside, and the other three entered the house asking for money. The whole family fell down on their knees begging for mercy. The three soldiers placed a wooden ladder in front of the room door. With a rope they tied the two hands of Ts'ai Pang Hseng to the ladder and left him hanging there. They began to search their bodies. The following things were taken away: One five-dollar bank-note, one ten-sen Japanese coin, three Chinese double-dimes, one paper money and coppers, after turning over wardrobes and trunks, they took away one fur-nobe, one woman winter clothes, one phonograph. On leaving, they stabbed Ts'ai Pang Hseng's thigh six times, and two on each shoulder, at last they shot him on his head and killed him instantly. They also stabbed several times the head of Ts'ai Li Shih who was on her knees, and stabbed Wang Seu Peh's thigh twice. After this they went away.

We found that this agreed with the story told by Ts'ai Li Shih at our headquarters.

The proposed relief:

1. Try to get a coffin
2. Cash relief \$8.00
3. To send Ts'ai Li Shih with Wang Seu Peh, her employee and her four children to "Liang Ming Su"
4. To send the wounded ones to the hospital with free tickets.