

THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND STARVE

Nearly a Million Japanese Are Now in Dire Need of Provisions.

PORTLAND TAKES ACTION

Funds Are Raised and More Will Be Solicited for the Famine-Stricken Who Are Helpless Through Failure of Rice Crop.

With the same liberality that has made the name of Portland synonymous with charity and open-handed generosity to the poor and needy, the sick and the oppressed, on every occasion calling for the relief of suffering in any quarter of the globe, the people of this city have begun their campaign for funds to relieve the famine-stricken population of Northern Japan.

Before the special committee appointed by President Logan of the Chamber of Commerce, to take steps toward raising a fund for the famine sufferers left the room in which it met yesterday afternoon, enough money to relieve all the wants of 2000 of the Mikado's starving subjects for more than a week had been subscribed by members of the committee itself, and assurances given that a fund large enough temporarily to tide over the necessities of many thousands more would be immediately forthcoming.

Tells of Famine Horrors.

The seven members of the committee who attended the meeting were brought face to face with the horrors of the situation in Japan through an address made by Colonel G. E. Wood, U. S. A., of Vancouver, Wash., military secretary of the Department of the Columbia, who spent four years in the land of the chrysanthemum as military attaché to the Japanese legation at Tokio, and who, having returned from that post less than a year ago spoke of the situation with absolute familiarity.

To Colonel Wood, more than to any other one man outside of the National capital, at least, is due the credit for the widespread interest taken by the people of the Pacific Coast in the Japanese famine situation. Even before news of the famine had officially reached Washington he had received private advices from friends in Japan and had spread broadcast information as to the situation by communications to various newspapers and public bodies in the West. Yesterday he amplified on these advices in his address to the committee.

During his stay in Tokio, from 1901 to May, 1905, Colonel Wood's duties took him into every province of Japan and he is therefore familiar with the causes of the present famine and the measures that should be taken for its relief.

Colonel Wood's Statement.

"I wish to say in preface to what I am here to tell you today," he told the committee in substance, "that never in all the years I spent in Japan did I ever see a man, woman or child who begged for food. There are no beggars there except professionals. The Japanese will starve before he will ask for assistance. This appeal comes not from the people of the American government, but from the American missionaries and American residents of Northern Japan.

"The Japanese people are laboring patiently under the burden of the expenses of the late war; but only in the north has the burden become too great. There are three provinces, 300,000 Japanese are actually starving, and more than 933,000 are in need. The famine-stricken provinces are Miyagai, Fukushima and Iwate.

"The people of these provinces are farmers, who depend on the rice crops of their toy farms for their subsistence. This rice is of the finest quality—so fine, in fact, that the people who raise it cannot afford to eat it, and practically all of it is exported.

"The rice which forms practically the entire food of these three provinces is a cheaper grain, which is imported from China. In hard times this rice is mixed with barley, and I have seen the peasants of the north eating barley alone.

Failure of Rice Crop.

"The cause of the present food shortage is the failure of the rice crop, which has left the farmers without means to buy food. Miyagai Province, for instance, where the rice crop is usually valued at about 12,000,000 yen, this year will produce not more than 10 per cent of that amount. Thousands of the able-bodied are living on wild roots, shrubs, bark of trees and

THE FAMINE-STRIKEN PROVINCES

Table with 3 columns: Province, Area, Population, and Rice Production. Rows include Miyagi, Fukushima, and Iwate.

rice straw. Others are gathering fagots in the forests and selling them for money to keep soul and body together.

"But it must be remembered that there are many thousands of the old and feeble, and the very young, who cannot do these things, and they must have help or starve. It is from this district that the gallant soldiers of the Eighth Division, who fought at Nanban under Oku came, and five-sevenths of the divisions were killed. The loss of this enormous number of the able-bodied laborers has aggravated the famine.

"As proof that this is no alarmist's story, I will say that I am informed that the Emperor has sent a large sum of money to the north to Dr. Niobe, author of 'Bushido,' to be distributed among the starving, and Dr. Niobe has made the report that 'there is much suffering, and there will be more.'

Those Who Ask Aid.

"Among those who have written to this country asking for assistance for the starving is the Rev. John Hyde DeForest, of Sendai. Through him and others who

have written me know that the last rice crop was harvested in November, and it will be nine months before there is another harvest, therefore, suffering is inevitable, and in order to sow another crop the peasants must have money to buy seed rice.

"Now I see a day, 25 cents in American gold, is a large wage for these farmers and laborers. Some of them live on 4-cent days. Therefore, it can be seen that even a few hundreds of thousands of dollars would go far toward relieving the suffering."

Rev. T. L. Elliot, pastor emeritus of the First Unitarian Church, who made a trip to Japan two years ago, spoke in similar vein, and Consul Iida, the Japanese representative in this city, who was present by invitation, added a word to what had been said, and thanked the committee on behalf of the Emperor for the aid promised by the people of America.

Others who took part in the discussion were T. E. Wilcox, who has been informed of the situation through his representatives in Japan; W. D. Wheelwright, Dr. S. S. Wise and Ben Selling.

Will Solicit Subscriptions.

Mr. Wheelwright, who was chosen chairman of the committee, appointed Dr. Elliot, Mr. Selling and himself a committee to solicit subscriptions to the famine fund, with power to appoint subcommittees, and headed the list of subscriptions with a donation of \$100. Subscriptions of like amounts were made by the other members of the committee and Mr. Wilcox.

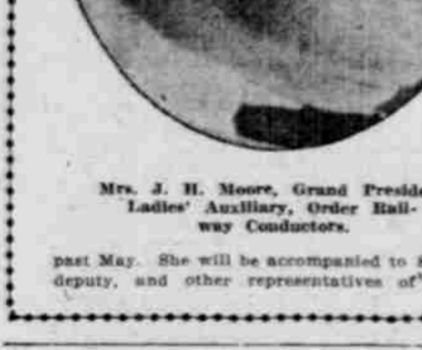
The committee will meet this morning.

WILL ADDRESS AUXILIARIES

Mr. J. H. Moore, of Toledo, O., grand president of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Order of Railway Conductors, is in Portland and will deliver an address before Oregon Division, No. 91, of that organization, this morning at 10 o'clock.

The meeting will take place in Alky Hall, Third and Morrison streets, and all of the ladies connected with the local branch of the auxiliary are expected to be in attendance. The program will consist of ritualistic work and speaking, to be followed by a social and refreshments.

Mrs. Moore, who has just arrived here from Toledo, is on her way to Tacoma, where a meeting of the Northwest division of the Ladies' Auxiliary, including Portland, Seattle, Tacoma and Spokane, will be held next Thursday and Friday. For 14 years she has filled the presidency, being re-elected last at the National convention in Portland, held during the past May. She will be accompanied to Seattle by Mrs. T. E. Hughes, district deputy, and other representatives of Oregon Division, No. 91.



Mrs. J. H. Moore, Grand President Ladies' Auxiliary, Order Railway Conductors.

at Mr. Wheelwright's office to outline a plan of action. Contributions will be received by all members of the committee, and also at the Chamber of Commerce. It is proposed to send all money received direct to Dr. De Forest, at Sendai, for distribution as a contribution from Portland.

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KUHN INQUEST IS HELD

No Trace of the Murderer of Saloon Man Is Discovers.

An inquest was held at the office of Coroner Finley yesterday afternoon over the murder of Julius J. Kuhn, who was shot by a masked man in the saloon at Williams avenue Saturday evening, and the jury brought in a verdict of death by a gunshot wound, inflicted by some unknown person.

The funeral of the murdered man will take place tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock, from the undertaking parlors of Dunlap, McGee & Gilchrist, with Revs. Frederick Buermann and Jacob Kratt officiating. Interment will be in Lone Fir Cemetery.

The Police Department is working in the dark on the case, with no prospect of accomplishing anything. For the first time in recent months, a detective attended a Coroner's inquest. This occurred yesterday, when Frank J. Sneyer appeared and sat throughout the session.

Chief of Police Gritzmacher says he "has hopes" of the capture of the murderer, a stereotyped expression used in all mysterious cases by heads of police departments—but he has nothing tangible upon which to base his hopes.

The witnesses at yesterday's inquest were Gary Dreyer, of 22 Williams avenue; Elias Shupe, 342 Page street; Peter Jost, 120 Wilbur street; Policeman Lytle.

Postoffice Needs More Clerks.

Postmaster Minto has applied to the Postal Department at Washington for permission to make permanent the employment of the ten extra clerks who were on duty at the local postoffice during the rush of the holiday season. The special force has just been dismissed, and much against the desire of Postmaster Minto, who believes that the force which was carried during the past two months is none too large to handle expeditiously the regular business of the office.

At present, there are about 50 clerks in the Portland office, which is just four more than were employed one year ago. In the meantime the work of the office has nearly doubled, and employees in every department are compelled to work overtime. Postmaster Minto believes that his request will be granted, and that in the near future an adequate force will care for the Portland mail.

How to Guard Against Consumption. It should be borne in mind that consumption is a germ disease. It is not caused by a cold, but as a rule starts with a cold. The cold prepares the system for the reception and development of the germs of that disease which would have otherwise found lodgment. Give every cold you catch the attention it deserves, and you will be much less liable to contract consumption. This is especially true when you associate with any one who has that disease. To cure a cold use Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all druggists.

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CLOSE OF SUNNYSIDE

Sunnyside Determined Saloons Shall Not Open.

CRUSADE ON DRINK BEGUN

If Successful in Suburb Anti-Saloon League May Seek to Enforce Sunday Closing Throughout the City.

Residents of Sunnyside have begun a crusade with the purpose of compelling the one saloon in that section of the city to remain closed upon Sunday. The movement was initiated at a mass meeting of men held in the Brigade Hall Sunday, and a committee appointed at that time is now carrying on the campaign. The com-

TO RUN STEAM SCHOONERS

NEW PROJECT FOR SECURING THE ALASKA TRADE.

If It Is Decided Advisable to Put on the Smaller Vessels They Will Be Secured.

The joint committee on Alaska steamship line, representing the Portland commercial organizations, is now investigating the feasibility of putting on a line of steam schooners.

Grave doubts were expressed at the meeting as to whether the guarantees asked by the owners of the steamships Roanoke and Nome City could be met. Accordingly, it was suggested that the scope of the effort, for the present, at least, be reduced, and the energies of the committee be concentrated in securing two smaller vessels for the Portland-Alaska trade.

The upshot of the discussion was that Chairman Wallis Nash was instructed to communicate with San Francisco firms owning steam schooners, to ascertain the possibility of putting two of these vessels on the line, giving fortnightly sailings to Valdez and other Southwestern Alaska ports. The meeting of the full committee to hear the subcommittee's report was postponed pending the receipt of an answer from San Francisco.

R. B. Miller, general freight agent of the Harriman lines, was present by invitation, to give the subcommittee assurances of Mr. Harriman's support of the Portland-Alaska steamship line. Mr. Miller, who has just returned from New York, where he conferred with R. P. Schwinn, general manager of the Harriman steamship lines on this coast, with reference to the subject, reported that Mr. Schwinn heartily endorsed the efforts of the Portland commercial bodies. Otherwise he was not empowered to make guarantees of Harriman patronage.

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LEAVES COAT AT SALOON

J. L. Murphy Thinks Owner May Be the Murderer.

J. L. Murphy, a saloonkeeper at 101 Third street North, says that a man who might prove to be a murderer of Julius Kuhn came into his place Saturday night and left a coat with the proprietor with the remark "Take care of this for me. I may not call for it." The last phrase sounded so queer to Mr. Murphy that he followed the man outside with the intention of calling him to account, but was unable to catch him, as he was headed across the Steel Bridge when last seen.

The coat is still at Murphy's saloon, and has not been called for, and, thinking the circumstances peculiar, the proprietor notified the police. Mr. Murphy describes his visitor as being a man about 35 years of age, of low stature, dark complexioned and having remarkable heavy eyebrows. He wore a dark coat and vest, and a stiff hat.

AT THE THEATERS

What the Press Agents Say.

"WOODLAND" A HIT.

Pixley and Luder's Musical Forest Fantasy at the Marquam. Henry W. Savage offers Pixley & Luder's musical forest fantasy, "Woodland," at the Marquam Grand Theater tonight and tomorrow night at 8:15 o'clock. The cast contains many well-known singers and comedians, including Harry Bulger, who plays the leading comedy role, that of a Blue Jay and bogus Lyre Bird, with a fondness for brandied cherries and a penchant for the "Lover's Lament." Bulger has two new topical songs that have failed to provoke the rithibilities of his audience. One is entitled, "No Bird Ever Flew So High as Mine's Have to Light," and another entitled, "Brother Mason's," a satirical secret societies which has left a laughing gas wherever it has been heard. Seats are now on sale for both nights.

"The Baltimore Beauties" at the Baker. Genuine Baltimore Beauties are at the Baker this week. A score of the most beautiful and extravagant production which is the attraction at this popular playhouse. The costumes worn by these young ladies are new and original creations, designed on sensational ideas, and were especially imported for this production. The comedy sketch introduces two funny farces, entitled, "A Scotch High Ball" and "A Busy Night," and they are acrobats of laughter from beginning to end. "The Baltimore Beauties" will be seen every night this week at the Baker, and two matinees, Wednesday matinee is the regular bargain.

day and the other matinee, Saturday, is the last performance.

"The Moonshiner's Daughter."

Empire patrons are reveling in real melodrama this week. "The Moonshiner's Daughter" is the attraction and it has been one of the successes of the past four seasons, nearly every one knows just about what the play is. The company presenting it this season is a good one throughout, and the thrilling scenes and situations are worked up to a degree of intensity that fully realizes an audience's expectations. The comedy this season is better played than ever, and at intervals during the action of the play there are several bright and catchy musical specialties introduced. "The Moonshiner's Daughter" at the Empire this week is a production that can be depended upon. It is one of the best of its class.

ADVANCE SALE TODAY.

Tickets for "Way Down East" on Sale at Marquam This Morning.

This morning at 10 o'clock the advance sale of seats will open for the famous New England play, "Way Down East," which comes to the Marquam Grand Theater next Thursday, Friday, Saturday nights, February 22, 23, 24, with a special matinee Saturday. The play has been seen in this city several times before, but it is an excellent repeat, as evidenced by its frequent return engagements in New York and Chicago.

Many persons will undoubtedly prefer seats for the evening matinee, because of the performance of which they know nothing, beyond the fact that its present agent is hard working. Then, too, perhaps the familiar characters and incidents of the play may present as pleasant a flow of recollections as may be produced by hearing a well-remembered melody.

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TORTURED BY ITCHING ECZEMA

Suffered Tremendous Itching Over Whole Body—Scratched Until Bled—Worse at Night, With Soreness and Excruciating Pains—A Western Lady's

WONDERFUL CURE BY CUTICURA REMEDIES

"Last year at this time I suffered with a tremendous itching on my back, which grew worse and worse, until it spread over the whole body, and only my face and hands were free. For four months or so I suffered the torments of the damned, and I had to scratch, scratch, scratch, until I bled. At night when I went to bed things got worse, and I had at times to get up and scratch my body all over, until I was as sore as could be, and until I suffered excruciating pains. I did not know what it was, and resorted to a number of skin purifiers, using at times also Cuticura Soap. They told me then that I was suffering from eczema. Then I made up my mind that I would also use Cuticura Ointment and Cuticura Resolvent. I used them according to instructions, and very soon indeed I was greatly relieved. I soon recovered until well, and now I am ready to recommend the Cuticura Remedies to any one who suffers as did your obedient servant. Mrs. Mary Metzger, Sweetwater, Okla., June 28, 1905."

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The agonizing itching and burning of the skin, as in eczema; the frightful scaling, as in psoriasis; the loss of hair and crusting of scalp, as in scalled head—all demand a remedy of almost superhuman virtues to successfully cope with them. That Cuticura Soap, Ointment, and Pills are such stands proven beyond all doubt.

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HUNTER BALTIMORE RYE advertisement featuring a horse logo and text describing the whiskey's quality and availability.

Business items section including news about the University Club rooms, a reception and election, and a notice about a baby cutting teeth.

Advertisement for Cuticura Remedies featuring a woman's face and text describing the cure for itching eczema and other skin conditions.