

MILLIONS IN CHINA DOOMED BY FAMINE

Presbyterian Mission Board Makes Appeal for Aid.

DEATH RATE APPALLING

Oriental People Are Facing Most Colossal Horror That Has Afflicted Mankind Since War.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Completing by cable a survey of the famine districts of China, the Presbyterian board of foreign missions has organized its 212 missionaries on a relief force to administer food and medicine to the starving Chinese.

Official Appeal Is Made. After carefully reviewing all the reports by cable from its missionaries, the Presbyterian board issued the following official appeal, signed by Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary.

Food Supply Exhausted. The entire food supply has been consumed and families are pitifully trying to eke out a wretched subsistence on grass, roots and leaves.

Co-operation Is Necessary. The board notes with gratification that President Wilson has appointed a national committee on famine relief for China.

There need be no concern lest contributions may fail to reach the actual sufferers by reason of the fees and peculations of corrupt Chinese officials, regarding whose methods much has recently been printed.

Treasurer to Receive Money. Presbyterians, if they wish to do so, may send their money through the board's treasurer, Dwight H. Day, 157 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Europe Cannot Give Aid. Our sister nations in Europe have been so impoverished by the world war that it is not reasonable to expect them to contribute to this need.

America alone of the nations is able to give help on a large scale both to China and Europe.

SOLO BATTLE EXPECTED

of a state system of income taxes. The measure is understood to contain a provision for the creation of a commission of three members at an annual salary each of \$6000.

School Changes Opposed. The recommendations of the school code commission, in its report recently submitted to Governor Hart, proposing radical departure from the present system of school administration, take on added significance with the opposition to the programme as outlined in the biennial report filed with the printer Saturday by Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, state superintendent of public instruction.

provides for abolishing the state superintendent as an elective state official and for the appointment of the state superintendent by a state board of education named by the governor.

CEMENT CASE NEAR END

CLOSING ARGUMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TODAY.

Car Shortage Is Blamed by Witnesses for Failure to Book Orders in Some Sections.

Indications are that the case of the United States against Clark Moore and R. P. Butchart, officers of the Oregon Portland Cement company, charging a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law, will be completed this week in time to release the jury for the Christmas holidays.

Phil Enderday of the Concrete Pipe Works, Vancouver, said that his firm bought cement 10 cents a barrel cheaper after the Oregon firm entered the field.

WOMAN ROBBERY WITNESS

ADMISSION IS ATTRIBUTED TO THOMAS G. CULLEN.

Ex-Private Detective Said by Mrs. Pearl Puhatty to Have Told Her He Cracked Safe.

Charged that Thomas G. Cullen, ex-private detective, now on trial before Circuit Judge Morro for alleged robbery of the home of Ding Wing on November 20, admitted to Mrs. Pearl Puhatty that he had stolen the safe and cracked it in order that he might have money with which to induce her to run away with him.

Detective Collins and Lieutenant Goitz of the police department told of examining Cullen when he was taken in custody and of finding him in possession of a number of gold coins wrapped in paper.

Roseburg Bread Prices Cut. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Housewives of Roseburg were agreeably surprised today when it was announced by the two leading bakeries in the city that a reduction from 11 to 10 cents a loaf would be made in the price of bread beginning tomorrow.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

Templar The Superfine Small Car. The Templar makes its appeal to those who by instinct select the finer things of life. WRAY MOTOR CAR CO. 11th and Couch Streets. Phone Broadway 3247.

AMERICA IS HEART OF WORLD'S TRADE

Foreign Outlets Necessary to Domestic Prosperity.

COMMERCE IS SPREADING

Depression Regularly Follows Great War, but Stagnation Is Regarded Only Passing Phase.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The United States has been made the heart of the world's business by the westward trend of commercial affairs and has reached the stage in its industrial and commercial development where the maintenance of foreign outlets is necessary to continued domestic prosperity.

Declaring that the present stagnation in the business world was only a passing phase insofar as this country was concerned, Director MacElwee urged that the development of foreign markets be taken up with renewed vigor.

Interest in Trade Grows. "Many persons are more interested now than they were a year ago in foreign commerce. There were a few firms who had the foresight to take out life insurance while they were in good health. Others now wish they had done so.

A depression regularly follows a great war, and its time of occurrence may be estimated, from historical analogies, as about two to three years after the close of hostilities.

SWEENEY'S BODY FOUND

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Organization Declared Needed to Fight Eastern Competition. HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Leroy Childs, superintendent of the Hood River experiment station, believes that indications point to ultimate co-operation between Northwestern apple sections in the distribution and sale of their crops.

Punchboards Put Under Ban. BEND, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Christmas will be the last day of punchboards in Bend. Mayor Eastes today ordered their removal after that date.

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Imperial Hotel Phil Matcham Manager. Xmas "specials" served all day. SWEENEY'S BODY FOUND. SLAYER FINALLY TELLS HIDE-ING PLACE OF VICTIM. Murdered Man Carried From River and Buried in Garden at Watson—Inquest Is Held.

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