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Presbyterian Mission Board Makes Appeal for Aid.

DEATH RATE APPALLING

Delental People Are Facing Most

by cable a survey of the famine dis-tricts of China, the Presbyterian tricts of China, the Presbyterian board of foreign missions has organized its 212 missionaries on the spot into a relief force to administer honestly funds and food from America and thwart corrupt Chinese officials.

"The most appalling calamity that mankind has witnessed since the world war," the Presblyterian board characterizes the famine in China. According to the board, it is "impossible to exagerate" the "colossal horror."

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Already the death rate has reached "appalling proportions," and only America can save this myriad of people from extinction. The present survivors are "walking skeletons," according to the board's advices.

trying to eke out a wretched subsist-ence on grass, roots and leaves. What few animals they had have been used for food, and every utensil and ar-ticle of clothing and furniture that could be pawned has been sacrificed. Already the death rate has assumed appairing proportions, and myriads of Melvin J. Ballard of Sait Lake City, survivors have become so weak emaciated that they are bardly more than walking skeletons. In their utter desperation parents are selling their children rather than see them

"It is estimated that at least 10,-600,000 of people, or nearly one-third of the population in the famine dis-trict, will perish of cold and starvaion this winter unless help is given promptly and on a munificent scale.

Co-operation Is Necessary. "The board notes with gratification that Fresident Wilson has appointed a national committee on famine re-lief for China. The board earnestly hopes that Presbyterians everywhere will cordially co-operate with this

tributions 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. The Pres-byterian church has 212 missionaries in the famine area. These men and women are actually on the ground, speak the language of the people, are experienced in dealing with them, know exactly who the most needs persons are and can deal directly with

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

156 Fifth avenue, New York, who will transmit it direct to our missionaries in China. The board will make no charge for handling and forwarding such funds and, of course, it will not credit them on its books as gifts for the budget obligations which the board has assumed for the year. "The famine in China is the most

appalling calamity that mankind has witnessed since the world war. There is imminent danger that its distance from America may obscure its colos-sal horror. Never has there been a more importunate appeal to help a nation in distress.

Europe Cannot Give Ald.

"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. Indeed, we must help them to keep \$.500,000 of their children from starving this winter. ing this winter.

America alone of the nations is able to give help on a large scale both to China and Europe. We are confident that Presbyterians will be among those who will make prompt among those was will make prompt and generous response in the spirit of the compassionate savior. "In behalf of the board of foreign missions of the Presbyterian church, "ARTHUR J. BROWN.

"Secretary, 156 Fifth avenue, New

### SOLON BATTLE EXPECTED

(Continued From First Page.)

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.

The State Sportsmen's association, in session at Olympia last week, instructed its legislative committee to urge the enactment of a measure separating control of game fish and game birds from that of food fish, and providing for a separate department for supervision of game birds and fish.

These measures are mentioned with These measures are mentioned with no reflection upon their merit or chance of enactment, but merely as an illustration of the difficulties that will confront members whose foremost purpose will be to cut appropriations to the bone and limit expenditures to the minimum consistent with necessary and efficient administration of the affairs of the people. Nor do the proposals mentioned con-Nor do the proposals mentioned con-stitute any considerable part of the total number that will call for addi-tional administrative force.

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. The recommendations of the school code commission, among other things, call for the abandonment of the present school district system and substitutes the county unit plan under a centralized board of education. It also School Changes Opposed.

provides for abolishing the state superintendent as an elective state of-ficial and for the appointment of the state superintendent by a state board of education named by the governor. Mrs. Preston attacks these two features of the report as an attempt to take control of the school system of the state from the people. Legislation affecting the school system appears likely to occupy a prominent part in the programme of the coming session.

Defeat of the Carlyon road bond plan at the general election will tend to make highway legislation an important feature of the coming session. In previous sessions a member with a pet highway project in his pocket was fairly well equipped with trading DEATH RATE APPALLING

pet highway project in his pocket was fairly well equipped with trading stock and to the system of log-rolling in operation heretofore in connection with the establishment or construction of highways may be traced many needless appropriations for, other purposes with which the taxpayers have been burdened. Highway Commissioner Allen, in his biennial report, has urged that present established highways be completed or construction advanced before any new projects are established. If this recommendation is approved by the legislature, a long step will have been taken toward making possible the accomplishment of a programme of suojeriadoidde uj Amouoope the world's business by the westeconomy in appropriations.

### CEMENT CASE NEAR END

CLOSING ARGUMENTS ARE TO BE MADE TODAY,

Car Shortage Is Blamed by Witness for Failure to Book

reports by cable from its missionaries, United States against Clark Moore the Presbyterian board issued the following official appeal, signed by Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary: wing official appear, States thur J. Brown, secretary; "The first reports of the China famer were not exaggerated. Indeed, ter reports indicate so distressing the Christmas holidays. The government completed its case several days ment completed its case several days a condition that it would be finpossi-ble to exaggerate it. Over a vast area in northern China long contin-ued drought caused an almost total area for the completed its case several days it had only three more witnesses to call. The attorneys should begin their failure of crops. This is one of the closing arguments some time today most densely populated parts of that most densely populated parts of that great country, the famine area having between 35,008,000 and 45,000,000 and dense company said that the of people. Even in prosperous times a large proportion of these people subsist near the hunger line, and a crop fallure plunges them into starvation.

Food Supply Exhausted.

The entire food supply has been consumed and families are pitifully trying to eke out a wretched subsist-tone of cents commission on each barrel.

Phil Easterday of the Concrete Pipe Works, Vancouver, said that his firm bought cement 10 cents a barrel cheaper after the Oregon firm en-

Melvin J. Ballard of Sait Lake City, a member of the board of directors of the Oregon firm, stated that he knew nothing of any combination. H. S. McCracken, local dealer, said that he handled the Oregon cement and that his firm received 20 cents commission a barrel. W. F. King of Prineville, Or., declared that it was impossible to get Oregon cement in eastern Oregon, and C. W. Kleppel of Nottingham testified along the same lines.

ADMISSION IS ATTRIBUTED TO THOMAS G. CULLEN.

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

Charges that Thomas G. Cullen, ex-Circuit Judge Morro for alleged rob bery 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, were made yesterday by the woman, when on the witness stand. Mrs. Puhatty, who said she was acquainted with both the Chinese merchant and Cullen before the crime took place, was called by the was acquainted with before the crime took place, was called by the property of the p

in custody and of finding him in pos-session of a number of gold coins wrapped in paper. They testified that Cullen had told them he had some-times "made good money" at private detective work. The state had not completed its case last night and will continue to call witnesses this morning.

ies in the city that a reduction from 11 to 10 cents a loaf would be made in the price of bread beginning to-

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and domestic commerce of the department of commerce, announced today in his annual report.

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 are taken up with renewed vigor. ewed vigor.

"Our foreign trade in the fiscal "Our foreign trade in the fiscal year 1920, with a total value of \$13,-349,661,401, was larger than in any previous year." he said. "It exceeded by \$3.000,000,000 the former high record in 1919 and was more than three times the value of the combined imports and exports in 1914, the last year before the war.

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 firms who had the foresight to take out life insurance while they were in good health. Others now wish they had done so. The only real insurance that will spread the risks of depression between the crests of the waves of domestic demand is the allotting of a substantial quota of the firm's product for foreign commerce and the building up in the world's markets of a seiling organization and clientele that will not necessarily fluctuate with the waves of demand at home. at home.
"A depression regularly follows

"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. We are nor going to have a panic in the United States, but we certainly feel the kind of reaction that the surgeons call shock after an operation."

To meet the increased demands of business and carry on the work of business and carry on the work of the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce \$1,493,270 was asked of congress for the next fiscal year. That is an increase of more than half a million dollars over the present year's appropriations. Of the total for next year \$1,100,000 would be spent for commercial attaches abroad and for the promotion of commerce.

More Experts Are Proposed. It is proposed to double the number of commercial attaches, making 24, and to increase the number of trade commissioners abroad by 17, making a total of 56, while commercial agents would be tripled with a total of 33.

Estimates include \$300,000 for commercial attaches \$500,000 for promercial attaches, \$500,000 for pro-moting commerce in general, \$150,-000 for promoting commerce in Central and South America and \$150.-000 for promoting commerce in the Far East.

Organization Declared Needed to Fight Eastern Competition.

HOOD RIVER Or Dec 20 - (Spe. the crime took place, was called by the state.

Detective Collins and Lieutenant Goltz of the police department told of examining Cullen when he was taken

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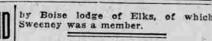
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SLAYER FINALLY TELLS HID ING PLACE OF VICTIM.

Murdered Man Carried From River and Buried in Garden at Watson-Inquest Is Held.

VALE, Or., Dec. 20 .- (Special.)-The body of George R. Sweeney, traveling salesman of Vale who was murdered by George Howard September 15 on a lonely road near Vale, ac cording to Howard's own confession, was located today in the garden at Arthur Palmer's place at Watson by county authorities who were directed there by Howard after he had first sent them out on many false hunts. A coroner's jury identified the body as that of Sweeney and also returned

a verdict to the effect that Sweeney met his death at the hands of Howard. The inquest was held by Coroner R. C. Payne, with acting District Attorney Lytle appearing for the After more than a week of drag-ging and searching the banks of the Owyhee river where Howard declared he had sunk his victim, Sheriff Noe

obtained from Howard the admission that he had become frightened the body would rise to the surface of the

body would rise to the surface of the water and reveal his crime and one dark night had waded out in the river, recovered the body, wrapped it in a blanket and carried it to the Palmer garden where he dug a deep grave and buried it.

Howard gave the officials a diagram of the field but the frozen condition of the ground made recovery of the body difficult.

Twenty men and 11 head of horses were used in plowing up the field to locate the grave. In Sweeney's clothes were found a few trinkets and keys which friends identified, and a peculiar stickpin with a ruby set in a silver nugget was found in the tie.

Mrs. C. D. McEachern, a sister of

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New Industry at Chehalis.

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CHEHALIS, Wash., Dec. 20 .- (Spe- ty auditor and the secretary of state J. T. Coleman, W. F. West, Dan W. into a box, basket and veneer plant,

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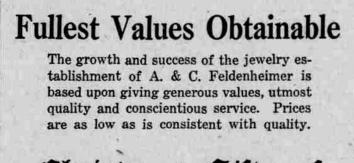
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