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Million Dollars For Relief is Urgently Required According to Denominational Mission Board.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Private advices received here state that the famine in China, already reported in the news despatches from Peking, has already affected 3,000,000 persons, and that \$1,000,000 is urgently needed for their aid.

The Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, chairman of the committee on reference and counsel, representing the board of societies of foreign missions in the United States and Canada, made public here to-night the following cable message from the inter-denominational committee of foreign missionaries in Shanghai:

Famine to a great extent over northern part of Kiangsu and Anhui Provinces. Three million people affected. Chinese Government and people generously contributing relief. According to reports of missionaries in district affected, relief is insufficient. International committee organized in Shanghai proposes that missionaries co-operate with generous Chinese to raise funds and in distribution. A million dollars is needed. Help must be carried on until May. Please communicate this to missionary societies, church papers and Christian Herald, urgently requesting contributions. (Signed) Ferguson, chairman.

The combined population of the two provinces named in the cable is 51,000,000. In greater detail the Rev. C. L. Loefer, a Presbyterian missionary on the spot, describes the conditions in a letter in part as follows:

"We are passing thru another time of famine. The past years have been marked by repeated floods, and this year both the spring and fall crops have been an almost total failure in large sections. A region of 35 miles wide by nearly 50 miles long, has been swept by the worst food within the memory of man. The people lost everything they had. The imperial government has voted 40,000 taels for the devastated counties, but it is a mere drop in the bucket.

"Taking China as a whole, this district flooded is a small one, but there are also famine conditions in other parts of China, and the imperial government is in such straits financially that it is very much to be feared that adequate assistance cannot be given. At the best, it will be only temporary aid and will not strike at the real difficulty. The people are desperate. It is hard to preach a gospel of love to those who are starving, or on the verge thereof, unless at the same time we can help their physical needs."

The reference committee refers contributions to the treasury of the various boards of foreign missions or of the Red Cross Society.

LOCAL OPTION BY WARDS

School Inspector Chapman Advocates Campaign Here.

W. F. Chapman, public school inspector, presided at Sunday's regular meeting of the Canadian Temperance League in Massey Hall. He advocated another license reduction campaign in Toronto, even if it had to be done on the plan of local option by wards. If there was no agitation for further license reduction within the next five years, the case would be hopeless here, he believed.

Rev. Dr. W. F. Wilson was the speaker of the afternoon, and he recalled that he had been present at the organization meeting of the league 22 years ago. Frederick J. S. Robertson was the only one on the platform he had seen at that first meeting. The ideals of the league had been an incentive for work from that time on. He referred to his own work among the slums of the city, and described some of the scenes he had witnessed within ten blocks of the hall.

There had been an improvement in Toronto hotels, but so far as the bar room was concerned, it was "the same old slaughter house of human hopes, happiness, health, domestic purity and individual character."

CHRISTMAS EVE TRAGEDIES

Newsboy Kills Walter Because Steak Was Slow in Coming.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—Enraged because a steak he had ordered in a restaurant was not served promptly, John Bennett, aged 18 years, a newsboy, Saturday afternoon drew a revolver and killed James Costas, an employee of the restaurant. Bennett then excused himself to the other diners for the disturbance and walked out. He was arrested two blocks from the restaurant.

Marshall Shot Three.

DUBLIN, Ga., Dec. 25.—Marshall Ernest E. Raffield Saturday shot and killed two brothers named Tipton and fatally wounded a third.

Raffield was appointed marshal two days ago, after another marshal, it is alleged, had been run out of the community. The Tipton brothers are said to have called upon him and notified him he would have to leave the country or be locked in jail. A fight ensued, and when one of the brothers reached for his pistol Raffield began firing.

CHOKED AT HIS DINNER.

HAMILTON, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—While eating his dinner at a hotel here Saturday afternoon, William Leeming got a piece of steak in his throat, and before it could be removed, he was choked to death.

Goos to Superior Division.

MEXICINE HAT, Alb., Dec. 25.—Divisional Superintendent J. G. Taylor of Medicine Hat has been promoted to be general superintendent of the Superior division. Superintendent Cameron of Moosejaw will succeed him here.

Holiday Rates.

via Grand Trunk Railway System between all stations in Canada. At single fare—Good going to-day, valid returning until Tuesday, Dec. 27. At fare and one-third—Good, going daily until Jan. 2, 1911, inclusive, valid returning until Wednesday, Jan. 4, 1911. Full particulars and tickets from any general Grand Trunk agent.

STORE REMAINS CLOSED ALL DAY TO-DAY



THE T. EATON CO. LIMITED
TORONTO CANADA

NEW COMPANIES

Essex County Health Association Receives an Ontario Charter.

The Ontario Gazette of Saturday contains the following notices of incorporation:

"The London Feather Company, Ltd., capital, \$100,000, and head office in Toronto. The provisional directors are: Walter J. Boland, John F. Boland, F. L. Riggs, Dorothy McPherson and J. C. Germain, all of Toronto.

"George Weston, Limited, bakers and confectioners, \$250,000; provisional directors: George Weston, Charles J. Bodley and Joseph W. Lucas, all of Toronto.

Henry Gaffney, Limited, dealing in sand, gravel and teaming, capitalized at \$100,000; provisional directors: Henry Gaffney, S. W. Field and C. E. H. Freeman, all of Toronto.

The Gladstone and Athletic Club has been granted a provincial charter, the undertaking to be carried on in the City of Toronto. The provisional directors are: David Spence, David W. Smuck, Harvey M. Allen, Charles E. Hallett and Herbert R. Gillis.

Tisdale Central Mines of Porcupine, Limited, capitalized at \$50,000, with head office in Toronto. Provisional directors: Andrew Dooda, Gladson Grant, Mervil MacDonald, Frederick W. Deutchmann and Bruce Williams, all of Toronto.

The Essex Health Association has been authorized to maintain hospitals, sanitariums, and other buildings for the treatment of tuberculosis in the City of Windsor. The provisional directors of the corporation are: Alice F. Casgrain, Edith Laine, Frances J. Davis, Annie Brad and Catherine Resume.

Le Club Littéraire Canadien-Français d'Ottawa, to promote, advance and diffuse letters, arts, science and philosophy, the club's headquarters to be in the capital.

The Orangeville Curling Club of Orangeville, Ont., has been incorporated.

Casey-Shaw Lumber Co., Limited, capitalized at \$50,000, with head office in Sudbury.

David Beam & Sons, Limited, printers and publishers of Waterloo, capitalized at \$50,000.

The Bell Thread Company, Limited, of Hamilton, holding a Dominion charter, has been authorized to operate under provincial act.

The minister of lands, forests and mines has authorized the cancellation of mine leases held by Nora Crowley, Timothy Crowley and Cecil Crowley, in the Rainy River district.

The Ontario Railway Board has acquiesced in the annexation of a portion of the Township of Bethune to the Town of Kearney.

Arthur W. Nesbitt of Toronto, solicitor of the supreme court of judicature of Ontario, has been appointed a notary public.

KINGSTON PIONEER DEAD

Ira Brock Passes Away at the Age of Eighty-Six.

KINGSTON, Ont., Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Ira Brock, aged 86, identified with all local enterprises in earlier days, died to-day after a long illness. He was born in Vermont. In 1849 he joined in partnership with D. D. Calvin, Gardner Island, in the shipbuilding and wrecking business, but withdrew from the partnership in 1880. He is survived by two sons, J. H. of Kingston, and Luther of British Columbia, and a daughter, Mrs. Wm. Leslie, Kingston.

The little son of D. Livingstone, living in Pittsburgh Township, ran out into the yard and told his father that there was something funny running up the hill. The father rushed in to find the house in flames and barely had time to get his family out. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Owing to the big rush of mail Saturday, citizens had only one delivery. The mail was delivered late in the morning, but that was all the people got. A double staff put on at the postoffice was unable to cope with the rush. There is not sufficient accommodation to carry on the work.

Archbishop Gauthier, who goes to Ottawa at the first of the year, made his last public appearance in Kingston at midnight mass in St. Mary's Cathedral Saturday night, when over 5000 people attended. Archbishop Gauthier was celebrant.

Old G. T. R. Engineer's Death.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Harry E. Crouch, one of the best known Grand Trunk engineers on middle division, died here Saturday. Two years ago he was thrown from his cab against the telegraph pole when his engine took the wrong switch at the Prairie siding. The blow affecting his heart. He had been with the G.T.R. 41 years. Latterly he ran on the International Limited to Detroit.

Splendid Musical Program.

The music at the People's Sunday service last night was a great surprise to the splendid audience that attended this popular service. The singing of F. G. Wood, baritone, of "The Night of Nights," and that of Wilson Kenney, "The New Born King," was as fine as any ever given of its class in Massey Hall, while Mme. K. Chastot-Morton, assisted by forty of her pupils, children and adults, greatly delighted the audience with her presentation of the cantata, "His Birthday." Among the beautiful pictures shown by Mr. Wilkinson was a group of little children at their devotions, which led him to say, "Jesus Christ is not more pleased with the worship of cathedral or church than this act of worship which any be witnessed in the Hospital for Sick Children and other shelters for little children in this city of churches."

The Mexican Revolt.

CHIHUAHUA, via El Paso, Dec. 25.—A special representative of the Associated Press, who has been with the insurgents for two weeks, returned to-day by mail train. His judgment of the situation in this state may be summarized in the statement that General Navarro has been fought back from the offensive to the defensive, but that the reinforcements now at hand will crush the rebellion within a month or two.

THREE RUSSIANS ARRAIGNED

Charged With Murder of Three Policemen in Burglary.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—Three Russians were arraigned in the Guild Hall police court yesterday charged with connection with the murder of three policemen, who were killed while frustrating a burglary last week. A witness swore that he saw two of the prisoners carrying away from the scene of the shooting one of the burglars, who subsequently died of his wounds. The prisoners pleaded not guilty, and were remanded pending further enquiry.

For a Comfortable Trip to Montreal

Secure a berth in a Pullman sleeper on a Grand Trunk train. The smooth roadbed, laid with 100-pound rails, together with the only double-track line, makes this the desirable route. Four Grand Trunk trains leave Toronto daily, the 9 a.m. and 10.30 p.m. being particularly attractive, the former carrying dining car and parlor-library car to Montreal, also Pullman sleepers through to Boston, while the latter has six or more Pullman sleepers to Montreal daily (which may be occupied at 9 p.m.), and a through Ottawa sleeper. Remember the Grand Trunk is the only double-track route.

Tickets, berth reservations and full particulars may be obtained at Grand Trunk city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4202.

Has Not Yet Accepted.

Rev. W. A. Cameron, pastor of Bloomsbury Baptist Church, who has received Cleveland, Ohio, has not yet decided whether he will accept the offer. Delegations from his congregation have waited on him nearly every day since he received the call, asking that he continue in the work he has done so ed a call to Euclid-avenue Church, west. Mr. Cameron will definitely announce his decision in a few days.

Pigeons Building a Nest.

An unusual sight was witnessed yesterday by persons in the vicinity of Yonge and Front streets when two pigeons were observed busily engaged in collecting material and building a nest in the stone cornice work of the McMaster Building.

Dr. Martel's Female Pills

SEVENTEEN YEARS THE STANDARD
men's ailments, a scientifically prepared remedy of proven worth. The results from these can be quick and permanent. For sale at all drug stores.

POLITICS IN CHINA

Government and National Assembly Are at Odds.

PEKING, Dec. 25.—The government and the national assembly issued counter defiances to-day.

In a lengthy edict the throne ordered the return home of the provincial leaders who are now in Peking agitating for the convocation immediately of a general parliament and instructed the viceroys to employ gentlemen to prevent further assemblies in the provinces and to treat the agitators as revolutionaries, punishing them in the severest manner.

The assembly's counter blast took the form of a memorial to the throne, which recites in scathing terms the career of Prince Ching, whose office is that of adviser to the imperial department, but who is of such influence in the government that he has borne a great share of the attack of the progressives, and that of his associates in the grand council, by whom, it is asserted, the country has been steadily impaired.

Arguing that a constitutional regime has been formed already and that therefore the government is no longer vested in its entirety in the person of Prince Ching, the memorial states that the throne does not have the right assumed in the edict of Dec. 18, in which the memorial for the creation of a constitutional government was rejected. The memorial calls for the immediate establishment of a ministry responsible to the people.

It is reported that the government is moving the modern troops with the purpose of suppressing any outbreak.

Four Mail Clerks Killed

Fatal Railway Wreck in Virginia on Saturday Morning.

ROANOKE, Va., Dec. 25.—Four mail clerks and helpers were killed and several men were injured in the wreck of passenger train No. 16 of the Norfolk & Western Railway in tunnel No. 6 near Williamson, W. Va., at 5 o'clock Saturday morning. The train left Columbus, Ohio, at 8.10 a.m. en route to this city and Norfolk.

Just what caused the wreck has not been ascertained. The locomotive and tender and the baggage and mail cars were all thrown from the tracks, and the mail car was badly wrecked. A work in the mail car on the heavy Christmas mails, the clerks had no chance of escape.

A Golden Wedding.

On Saturday evening the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, 220 West Adelaide-street, was the scene of a happy event, the occasion being the celebration of the golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. Jacobson. There were present, besides three generations of the happy couple, a great number of their immediate friends and acquaintances. During the course of the evening, each of the grandchildren, to the number of ten, presented Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson with a piece of gold. After supper an impromptu entertainment was given, to which each of the guests contributed.

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Above trains all run daily. Secure tickets and berth reservations at Grand Trunk city ticket office, northwest corner King and Yonge streets. Phone Main 4202.

Bryce Sails for Washington.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—James Bryce, British Ambassador to the United States, and Mrs. Bryce, sailed for New York on the Cedric Saturday. They were accompanied by W. G. C. Gladstone, a grandson of William Ewart Gladstone, who will spend six months at Washington as an honorary attaché to the British embassy.

Teutonic for Canada.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—The White Star liner Teutonic is being transferred to the Canadian route. Many saloons will be converted to the second cabin accommodation.

WAGE DISPUTE SETTLED

B. L. E. of 61 Western Railways Got Ten Per Cent. Increase.

CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—The wage dispute between the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and the sixty-one railroads west, north and south of Chicago, was settled here Saturday. There will be no strike.

Instead, the engineers get an average increase in wages of 10.13 per cent. of their 1910 wage scale, giving them a Christmas promise of least a average of approximately \$12 for each of the 25,000 men involved for each subsequent year.

Specifically, the agreement provides for a raise of 4 cents a day for all engineers, with a differential in addition, of 25 cents for 215,000 pound engines, an added differential of 75 cents a day for the smaller Mallet engines, and a differential of \$1 a day for the heaviest Mallets.

In a letter to United States Commissioner Charles F. Neill, who as mediator under the Erdman Act brought the settlement out of what seemed a sure disagreement, Grand Chief Engineer Warren Stone of the brotherhood gave as the reason for accepting the terms offered, the suffering and loss which would attend a great western strike. Numerous specific working conditions are improved by the agreement and engineers are given control of electric and gasoline motor cars used as locomotives, with an increase of 50 cents a day in present wages. Hostlers under the protection of the engineers get an increase of 25 cents a day.

The new rate is effective immediately.

McGill Entrance Exams.

LONDON, Dec. 25.—At the headmaster's conference it was decided to accept the request of McGill University that it conduct its entrance examinations in England. The conference suggested co-operation regarding a common matriculation for all the universities of the empire and the publication of an official calendar. These proposals will be laid before the imperial universities conference in 1912.

Fowl Taste

GOOD while you're eating it XMAS TIME—bad—awful bad in YOUR MOUTH the day after if you fail to take a CASCARET at bed time to help nature remove the over-drinking and eating load. Don't neglect to have Cascarets with you to start the New Year right. They simply help nature—help you—

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