

STATE OF MINNESOTA,
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT.

PROCLAMATION.

Five consecutive years of crop failures have brought about a state of famine in the northern provinces of China said to be worse than any known in the history of the world. Fifteen million people are face to face with death by starvation. Missionaries and others on the ground state that people are dying at the rate of 15,000 a day or ten persons each minute.

America is the only country which is in a position to give any relief. European countries which do not have a shortage of food have barely enough for their own needs. Prompt action by the people of this country can save a large proportion of the fifteen million who otherwise face certain death before the next harvest. Minnesota can and should do its share of this relief work.

Therefore, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby request and urge that all the people of our state give as liberally as their funds will permit to the China Famine Relief Fund.

The Minnesota Branch of the American Committee for the China Famine Relief Fund has opened headquarters in room 121, Chamber of Commerce, Minneapolis. Contributions may be sent to E. W. Decker, treasurer. Money raised in America will be cabled to Manchuria, where food supplies will be purchased so that relief will be hastened.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of Minne-
sota this 21st day of February,
1921: 2243

Attest:

Minister
Secretary of State.

J. A. O. Preus
Governor of Minnesota.