STATE OF MINNESOTA EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT ST. PAUL

PROCLAMATION.

Again we hear a call for help from a region of the Old World where death from starvation is threatening the population. The great wheat fields of Russia were this year strickon by an unusually severe drouth. No rain fell for five months. Less than a third of the land returned any yield at all, and this only a bushel and a half per acre.

There are fifteen million people in the famine area. Destitute orphans are increasing by as many as 1,500 a month in a single district. These people are in desperate need of flour, milk, vegetable oils, clothing and medicine.

Our American people when called upon to relieve suffering have always responded liberally. We have every reason to believe they will do so in this instance,

THEREFORE, I, J. A. O. Preus, Governor of the State of Minnesota, hereby issue this proclamation, that the need of help may be brought to the attention of our people. I sincerely hope that the people of our state will give abundantly to this fund.

The American Friends Service committee is efficiently organized to guarantee that American relief actually heaps these starving people. Provision has already been made for transportation and administrative expenses, and every dollar or every article given will actually go for relief.

The Committee for Minnesota and the Northwest has its headquarters at 307 Lincoln Bank Building, Minneapolis.

> IN WITNESS WHERE, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed this fourteenth day of November, 1921.

Covernor of Minnesota.

Attest:

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