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CIVILIZATION WILL BENEFIT

BAPTIST MISSIONARY FAVORS REVOLUTION

Rev. J. C. Owen Speaks on the Chinese Situation, and Its Effects

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Strong sympathy with the revolutionists in China was expressed by Rev. J. C. Owen, who with his wife and four children are returning from their mission under the auspices of the Southern Baptist church of the United States at Pingtu, in the province of Shan-tung, China.

They returned by the Tamba Maru, which arrived at the outer wharf to-day, and will proceed to Seattle, where they expect to stay some time before visiting Mr. Owen's native state of North Carolina. Of course much has happened since Mr. Owen left his station over a month ago to take ship at Shanghai for Japanese ports, and he was athirst for news of the recent operations in the disaffected provinces, where the revolutionary party had made great headway in the past four or five weeks.

While regretting the cost of lives, and the inevitable disorganization of society which will result from the revolution, Mr. Owen said: "I am sure that the outcome will result in better conditions for the missionaries, and the displacement of the Manchu reactionary functionaries will mean a chance for the development of the Celestial Empire along better and more modern lines. My fellow missionaries are equally favorable to the change, and we believe more efficient Christian work can be done if the new reform party is able to secure its position in the country. When I left my mission there were reports of great losses in the central provinces of China, the area principally concerned in the revolution, and it is to be feared that there will be terrible hardship among the poorer inhabitants of the districts in the basin of the [illegible] Kiang when the empire begins to assume a settled condition again."

The missionary was surprised at a number of the developments in the crisis since he was last in touch with public affairs, and looked to the formation of a dictatorship by Yuon Shi Kai, who has frequently been pressed to accept the premiership, as a possible issue of the trouble.

As one who knew Admiral Sah Chen Ping, he was not surprised to hear of the desertions at Shanghai, and doubted the loyalty of the fleet to the Manchu dynasty. The objection of the people to their conquerors was widespread and only required an occasion like the present to fan the embers of sedition into a flame of rebellion.

He did not think there was any fear of a repetition of the direful results to the missionaries which followed the Boxer outbreak, and so long as the acts of the revolutionaries were directed by their present leaders there was little danger for the lives of the missionaries in the provinces occupied by the rebels.

An unusual incident he told a Times representative marked his own departure from Ping-tu, as the local landowner sent over a representative to bid him farewell when he came away, an uncommon honor for the white missionaries to receive from a class which are not particularly friendly to them.

POISONING MYSTERY.

Chicago Coroner Decides to Exhume Another Body.

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Coroner Hoffman prepared to-day to take another body from the grave for the purpose of adding to the chain of evidence against Mrs. Louise Vermilya, now held in the county jail, charged with the murder of Arthur Bissonette.

The grave, which will be opened, is that of Charles Vermilya, second husband of the accused woman. Coroner Hoffman and two detectives went to Crystal lake for the purpose of exhuming the body and to make inquiry regarding the courtship of Louise Vermilya and her husband and facts connected with the death of Mr. Vermilya. Mrs. Vermilya, who suffered a relapse yesterday, was resting comfortably to-day.

RACES IN ENGLAND.

Liverpool, Nov. 9.—The Witherstack plate, of 150 sovereigns for two-year-olds, distance of five furlongs, was won to-day by Charles Carroll's Miss Malaprop. Sunny Lass was second and Witty Girl third. Nine horses started.

The Stewards' plate, a handicap of 250 sovereigns, for three-year-olds and upwards, distance six furlongs, was won by J. R. Keene's Bunnymede. Lovalt was second and Gramment third. Fourteen ran.

BRITISH IMMIGRANTS.

Halifax, N. S., Nov. 9.—Plans for the transportation of a large number of British immigrants under the direction of the Salvation Army have been perfected. Staff-Captain Jennings, in charge of the army immigration work in the maritime provinces, leaves next week for England where he will remain three months selecting farmers for the maritime provinces.

LUMBER ESTATE

Sawmill Will Be Erected at Osborne Bay—Millions to Be Invested

Vancouver, Nov. 9.—Next year will witness the initiation of logging operations on the fifty thousand acre tract in Cowichan Lake district, Vancouver Island, acquired from the E. & N. railway, two years ago by the American Finance and Securities Co., of New York.

E. B. Kurtz, president of the company, after a visit to the limits, has arrived in town on business with R. Marpole, general executive of the C. P. R.

Ownership of the vast tract is now vested in the Empire Lumber Company, a subsidiary corporation with a capitalization of $7,500,000. Mr. Kurtz, who is a prominent figure in New York financial circles, stated yesterday that with the completion of the Cowichan Lake branch of the E. & N. railways, the Empire Lumber Co. proposes to build standard guage logging railways through its limits. Logging camps will be established at various points and the output sold in the open market for the first year pending the construction of a sawmill at Osborne Bay on the east coast of Vancouver Island. This plant will be built on the unit plan, it being the intention to ultimately increase its capacity to a total of 100,000,000 feet a year. The logs will be shipped to tidewater over the E. & N. branch now under construction and a spur several miles long will have to be built to furnish connection with the proposed mill.

Mr. Kurtz added that he felt confident the company had secured one of the best tracts on the island. The timber consists principally of fir, expert cruisers estimating that the yield would amount to the phenomenal figure of 90,000 feet per acre. Mr. Kurtz was met here by W. E. Walsh, of New York, president of the Empire Lumber Co. Mr. Marsh has been identified with the lumber industry all his life. He will leave shortly on a trip to the limits. Mr. Kurtz stated that their investment on Vancouver Island would ultimately run into a good many million dollars; so large indeed that he did not care to give the figures.

Both visitors were agreed that the opening of the Panama Canal will have a very stimulating effect on the British Columbia lumber industry, giving operators access on favorable terms to big markets all along the Atlantic coast of the North American and South American continents as well as Europe.

WORK ON THE MAINE.

Two More Bodies Found in Wreckage on United States Warship.

Havana, Nov. 9.—It is officially announced that the work of exposing the wreck on the Maine, so far as the parts immediately affected by the explosion are concerned, from about amidships to the bow, will be completed by November 20. Two more bodies, one in the engineroom and one in the boilerroom, were recovered yesterday, making a total of forty-three found since the present operations began. Twenty-four men are still unaccounted for.

INTER-PROVINCIAL RELATIONS.

Nelson, Nov. 9.—Closer inter-provincial relations between British Columbia and the prairie provinces, Canadian contribution to the Imperial navy in contrast to the present system of detached cruisers and tightening of the bonds of the Empire were advocated by Premier Roblin of Manitoba, at the Canadian Club luncheon here yesterday.

With the party which has been inspecting the Slocan mining district, the premier leaves to-day for Winnipeg.

STORM IN KOOTENAY.

Nelson, Nov. 8.—Old timers in Kootenay and pioneer steamboat men declare that last night's storm is the worst in the history of the interior. Shipping on the Kootenay lake and West Arm is tied up by the gale. Smaller steamers are compelled to remain in schelter of the shore.

Telegraph wires are down in all directions. In Nelson the blizzard played havoc with the street lights, many being smashed, while debris of various kinds littered the streets.

VIOLATED ACT.

Vancouver, Nov. 9.—Two Chinamen were recently fined $10 and costs by Magistrate Shaw for violating the act regarding the sale and inspection of fruit. They had been offering for sale boxes of apples, on which the names of growers, and the variety and grade of the apples were not marked plainly and indelibly according to the provisions of the act. The informations were laid by D. M. Robertson, Dominion fruit inspector.

REGINA SCENE OF DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

[illegible] Engine Company's House Destroyed [illegible] at $160,000

[illegible] Nov. 9.—One hundred and sixty [illegible] dollars is the estimated damage [illegible] by fire which last night gutted the large warehouse of the American Abel Thresher & Engine Co. The fire had apparently been going on for some time when it was discovered before 8 o'clock, as the whole building was practically enveloped when the brigade reached the scene. Their efforts were directed towards saving adjoining houses on either side of the doomed property. The contents of the building were destroyed, including a large number of separators, engines and repairs, the estimated damage being distributed as follows: Buildings, $10,000; separators and engines, $60,000; repairs, $100,000. The wind fortunately assisted the fire brigade, blowing the flames away from adjacent buildings. The efforts of the firemen aided by good water pressure were successful in keeping the fire from spreading. The origin of the fire is unknown, but is believed to have started in the office.

LARGE ARMY AT WORK ON RAILWAYS

OVER 16,000 EMPLOYED BY CANADIAN NORTHERN

Operations on Tunnels in B. C. Will Be Continued Throughout Cold Weather

[illegible] Nov. 9.—Reports just compiled at the head office of the Canadian Northern railway show that 986 miles of new track out of a building programme comprising 1,982 miles had been completed in Alberta and Saskatchewan on September 30, and it was expected that at least 100 miles in addition would be constructed before work was stopped by winter.

On the new line from Edmonton to Calgary grading is now finished for the entire distance of 258 miles. It is likely rails will be laid into Calgary early next year. The site for the Calgary passenger station has been cleared.

On the main line westward from Edmonton, 62 miles of grading has been done from the present terminus reaching to Pemina river and the tracks will be in position before January.

An important piece of work on the Pacific division of the Canadian Northern is from Spence's Bridge to Walhachin, between Lytton and Ashcroft stations, British Columbia. On this three miles there are four tunnels of 1,500, 1,000, 500 and 600 feet to be bored. About 1,000 men are now working on the tunnels and the boring is to continue throughout the cold weather.

At present 16,686 men are employed in construction work on various divisions, the largest parties being in British Columbia, where 3,000 men are at work and on the Port Arthur to Sellwood line in Ontario, where 3,500 are building the new road.

TO STRENGTHEN ITALIANS' POSITION

Commander Says the Present Movement is to Clear Outskirts of Tripoli

Tripoli, Nov. 9.—General Caneva stated to-day that the forward movement which has just commenced, is a simple police measure to clear the outskirts of the city and strengthen the position of the Italian troops. He will confine the advance, he says, to the limits of the oasis of Zara which is the rallying point and supply centre of the Turks and Arabs.

During the winter, General Caneva added, he would prepare an expedition for the interior which probably will be ready to start in the spring.

THREE LIVES LOST.

Explosion of Oil Can Supposed to Have Started Fire Which Destroyed House.

Sioux City, Ia., Nov. 9.—Mrs. John Davis, aged 26, wife of a farmer living thirteen miles south of here, their three-months-old baby and Miss Lucy Hodges, aged 62, an aunt, were burned to death in a fire which destroyed their home to-day. The explosion of an oil can is supposed to have caused the fire.

DAY WAS REFUSED LEAVE TO APPEAL

DECISION GIVEN BY APPEAL COURT

Nothing Found to Warrant an Order for Stated Case

Vancouver, Nov. 9.—With the exception of the list of judgments handed down by the court of appeals at the opening of its present session, only two cases have been dealt with so far. These are the appeals made in the cases of Rex vs. Day and Greenwood vs. Bancroft. In the first named case the appeal was dismissed and in the latter case judgment was reserved.

Rex vs. Day was the first case set down for hearing and has occupied the attention of the court for nearly two days. John Day, was found guilty on September 18 last, of receiving goods stolen from the navy yard at Esquimalt and sentenced to 18 months imprisonment.

Mr. S. Henderson and Mr. Maclean, K. C., who appeared in behalf of the appeal based their case on the claim that Day had not been properly elected for trial and also that before his trial he elected for a jury instead of a speedy trial.

Another point raised by the applicants was that Day should have been tried by the courtmartial and not by a civil court. On these points a motion for the order directing the county court judge to state a case for the opinion of the court of appeal was laid before the court.

The court of appeals, however, decided that leave to appeal should be refused. The judgment handed down stated that no case had been made out by which the court would be satisfied in ordering the trial judge to state a case.

"This application has been argued very fully; in fact we have permitted counsel to argue it very exhaustively," stated the judgment, "to see if it was possible to ascertain anything which would justify the granting of an order for a stated case. But it is perfectly clear on the uncontradicted evidence that there is no case; in other words, that it would be hopeless for the prisoner to expect to succeed on a stated case. The motion is therefore dismissed."

INVESTIGATING MURDER MYSTERY

ANOTHER CASE ENGAGES ATTENTION OF POLICE

Widow Declares Two of Her Husbands Were Killed by Burglars

Chicago, Nov. 9.—Discoveries made by detectives investigating the death of John M. Quinn in his home here last Saturday morning led them to believe that they have encountered a murder mystery similar in its essential aspects to the Vermilya case, except that a pistol instead of poison is alleged to have been used in taking human life.

When the police arrived Quinn told them and Dr. Fred A. Borald, who also was summoned, that he had been shot as he lay asleep, but did not know by whom.

Mrs. Quinn declared her husband had been shot by a burglar, according to the detectives. She was asked many questions, and it is said, made unsatisfactory answers to many of them. She finally was taken into custody and held as suspect.

Examination of Mrs. Quinn the following day led to her being asked to reveal her past life. She did this, but according to the police told of her first marriage to a man named McDonald, and neglected to tell them of her second marriage to Warren Thorpe, in Jackson, Mich. This fact led the police to Jackson, where they learned that Thorpe had been shot and killed while asleep in bed. They learned also that his mother, who lived with him, had died under circumstances that never have been explained.

In the Thorpe death the police declare they have learned that Mrs. Thorpe, now Mrs. Quinn, insisted that her husband had been shot to death by burglars. As in the case of Quinn's death, she says she was awakened in the night by a pistol shot and that she found her husband mortally wounded by her side. Mrs. Thorpe was arrested at the time by the Jackson police, the Chicago detectives say, but they were never able to clear up the mystery, and she was finally set free.

TWO PERISH IN FIRE.

Winnipeg, Nov. 9.—Ten thousand dollars worth of diamonds, embedded in a mass of melted gold, silver and platinum was found in the ruins of a fire which destroyed a house in the segregated district and resulted in the death of two inmates here last night.

WRITS FOR ONTARIO GENERAL ELECTION

Will Be Issued on November 17—Premier to Open Campaign Next Week

Toronto, Nov. 9.—Sir James Whitney announced yesterday that the writs for the general election will be issued on November 17. This will be four days later than was intended, but the date was set back in order to allow of the final revision of the voters' list.

Sir James has not stated when the proclamation of dissolution will be issued. On Monday he intimated that it would come within a few days and it is probable that it will be some time before the issuing of the writs, otherwise the manhood registration and the hearing of appeals would run close to nomination day which will be on December 4. Sir James had been too busy to study the document closely. He will probably issue a statement to-morroy. Sir James will open his campaign next week, but his programme of meetings has not yet been prepared.

Member Renominated.

Sherbourne, Ont., Nov. 9.—Dufferin Conservatives have renominated C. R. McKeon, K.C., M.P.P., for the legislature. Seven other nominees withdrew.

COLD WEATHER ON PRAIRIES

MUCH WHEAT STILL TO BE THRESHED

Work Well Advanced in Manitoba Where Harvest Was Comparatively Early

Winnipeg, Nov. 9.—A general lowering of temperatures accompanied by snowfalls of from three to five inches gave promise yesterday of the opening of the winter in the west. The temperature hovered around zero in most places in Saskatchewan and Alberta, but in Manitoba the cold was not so pronounced, the snow melting immediately after falling.

The unfavorable weather conditions have had a depressing effect in the farming communities of the farther west owing to the fact that the late harvest and inclement weather of the fall have left much threshing still undone. In the majority of places in Saskatchewan and Alberta there is full 50 per cent of the crop still in the stook, while at McLeod 65 per cent of the grain yield is still to be threshed. Even in places where the snowfall is but light threshing is much delayed, outfits experiencing much trouble in handling the damp sheaves.

Manitoba is in a more favorable condition owing to the fact that harvesting was accomplished earlier than in the sister provinces and consequently threshing is far advanced. Some of the elevator companies doing business in the province report that up to date they handled as much grain as in the whole of last season.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN SEEK PRIVILEGES

Want Same Treatment From U. S. as Accorded to Canada

Washington, D. C., Nov. 9.—Norway and Sweden, through their diplomatic representatives here, have requested the United States to grant to them, under the favored-nation clause of their treaties, the same privileges as Canada by section 2 of the reciprocity agreement, by which wood pulp and print paper are admitted free of duty into the United States.

Several other countries, including Germany, is is believed have asked the same privilege from the United States. Their requests have been placed formally before the state department.

There is some question whether wood pulp and print paper can be admitted free from other countries than Canada, under the favored-nation clause in the existing treaties between the United States and those countries.

Under section two of the Canadian reciprocity agreement, print paper and wood pulp were given free entry to the United States. This section of the bill became effective July 1 last.

SUCCUMBS TO INJURIES.

Oconomowoc, Wis., Nov. 9.—Thomas Higgins, aged 16, died here yesterday from a fractured skull sustained in the football game Wednesday.

CANTON HAS DECLARED ITS INDEPENDENCE

Largest City in China Throws in Lot With Revolutionists—Thousand Rebels Killed and Wounded at Nanking.

Hongkong, Nov. 9.—Canton, the capital of Kwang Tung province, and the largest city in China, formally declared its independence at noon to-day when the dragon flag was lowered and a salute in honor of the new government was fired.

The British torpedo boat destroyer Handy is proceeding to Canton. The British sloop Rosario has been sent to Amoy at the request of the banks, while the Sandpipe has gone to Kong Loon at the consul's request.

The rebels captured Namtao in the Hunan district without bloodshed and signalized their victory by releasing all the prisoners who had been confined there.

Marines Landed.

Shanghai, Nov. 9.—Nanking, in the south and Pekin in the north, appear to-night to be the remaining strongholds of the Manchus. Up to the present, foreigners are safe.

Foo Chow, the capital of Fo Kien province, was turned over to the rebels to-day after little resistance. Wu Hu is likely to capitulate to-night.

The Manchus are still holding Nanking but are outnumbered four to one by the rebels who are awaiting supplies of ammunition before resuming the attack. The latter lost heavily yesterday without greatly damaging the enemy and to-day suspended operations.

The Americans, Germans and British have landed marines to protect the consulates where the foreigners have gathered.

In Shanghai the situation becomes increasingly serious. The imperial government has absolutely disappeared and the foreign consuls are unable to recognize the self-constituted government which, however, is maintaining order, except across the river where the British warehouses are situated. These were looted to-day. The local police fled on the appearance of the rioters.

The consular body met to-day and considered the idea of sending marines, but decided that this step would be unnecessary at present. They announced that the foreign settlement has prepared for self-defence, and that the rebels must maintain order in the neighboring district, otherwise foreigners must interfere.

The rebels hold the telegraph offices in the lower Yangtze and some of these offices have been closed. Their managers have absconded, taking with them what cash they had on hand.

The government is reported to be without funds.

Threaten to Take Tien Tsin.

London, Nov. 9.—A dispatch from Tien Tsin says that the rebels posted manifestos throughout the city this morning, declaring their intention of seizing Tien Tsin to-day. They called on all sympathizers to wear the white arm band of the revolutionary movement.

The viceroy is still obstinate. The French consul endeavored, without success, to persuade him to leave his yamen, which he has surrounded with his guards. It is feared that desperate fighting will occur at this point.

The latest advices from Pekin say that the situation is quiet there. Refugees are still pouring out of the gates.

A cable from Niu Chwag, the chief port of Manchuria, predicts an uprising in Mukden shortly.

A dispatch to the Daily Times from Pekin says that Sir John Jordan, the British minister, has visited Prince Ching and warned him most seriously that any repetition of "Boxerism" in the capital would bring punishment.

The Daily Mail's correspondent says that gold bars to the value of $30,000,000 have been removed from the palace and deposited in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank.

Fu Chow Taken.

Amoy, Nov. 9.—The city of Fu Chow is to-day in the hands of the rebels. After taking it they wiped out the entire Manchu district.

The foreign settlements have not been disturbed, but fires have broken out in several sections of the native city.

Fu Chow is one of the most important cities in the south, having a population of 700,000. It is the seat of a naval arsenal, government shipyards, a mint, a school of navigation and a large drydock.

Two Leaders Murdered.

Chang Sha, Province of Hunan, Nov. 1.—Via Shanghai, Nov. 9.—A condition bordering on anarchy exists here owing to the desperate rivalry of the revolutionary leaders, who took possession of the city a few days ago.

The two most prominent republican chieftains, Gen. Chiao and Gen. Tseng, were murdered by soldiers to-day. They had been very jealous of each other's position and the quarrel had been taken up by their followers.

In an effort to control the situation, Tan Sung, the republican governor, has been proclaimed dictator. But he is a scholar and not a leader, and it is reported that he is anxious to escape the responsibility. His family has left Chang Sha, and some of the members of the provincial cabinet, including the head of the customs and the foreign minister, have fled.

Rioting and indiscriminate fighting are feared, and the people are streaming to the country districts.

Foreign women and children have been ordered to leave Siang Tan, and a similar order has been sent to Chang Te.

Other important cities in this province have joined the revolutionists. In all the rebels are conducting the government peacefully. The population is quiet to-day, but a serious state of affairs is threatened owing to the scarcity of provisions. Most of the city supply junks were captured by pirates in a spectacular raid yesterday, the entire crew of one ship being massacred.

The American cruiser Albany arrived here to-day with a Japanese destroyer.

A revolt of troops in the village of Anhai, 50 miles north of this city, is causing trouble here. The soldiers have burned the magistrate's yamen and the provincial customs house.

Excitement at Capital.

Pekin, Nov. 9.—8:45 p. m.—The excitement is growing here. The residents of the forbidden city are taking in great quantities of rice and other stores.

Fifteen hundred infantry and cavalry of the Manchu first division, who fled from Shi Kia Chuang after the assassination of General Wu Tu Cheng, arrived here to-day, and entered the city.

The legations consider that all hope for the Manchu dynasty has vanished.

Tien Tsin Quiet.

Tien Tsin, Nov. 9.—All quiet here at 3 p. m. The city has not yet gone over to the rebels.

It is said that the throne intends to issue an edict denying that discontented officers of the sixth division of the imperial troops murdered General Wu Tu Ching.

The foreign board also denies that Manchus murdered the general, but they are unable to explain the fighting between the Manchus and Chinese troops. The rebels in north China are gradually assuming control of affairs, though their movements do not appear to be connected.

Fighting at Nanking.

Nanking, Nov. 9.—The Manchus and rebels rested on their arms to-day. The loyal troops still hold Purple Mountain, the city's stronghold. The besiegers are awaiting ammunition from Shanghai.

In yesterday's fighting the rebels lost 1,000 killed and wounded.

The Manchus were strongly entrenched and had six three-inch guns and ample ammunition.

Toward night the invaders, who had attacked prematurely, ran short of powder and though desultory firing continued through the night, little damage was done on either side.

The rebels far outnumber the Imperial troops and are being rapidly reinforced. To-day they totalled approximately 25,000 men. Opposing them are about 6,000 Manchus.

The outcome depends largely on the loyalty of the Manchus who are disheartened because of the attitude of the government at Pekin.

Foreigners are safe. The women and children have left the threatened districts and the Americans have found protection in the consulate grounds. The marines and bluejackets have landed from the United States cruiser New Orleans.

Rebel Commander-in-Chief.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 9.—A dispatch received here to-day by the Chinese Free Press from Hongkong stated that Wu Han Mun, who was secretary to Dr. Sun Yat Sen, provisional president of the Chinese Republic, was elected commander-in-chief of the revolutionary forces in the province of Kang Tung yesterday. The province recently joined the rebels.

Chang Ming Chia, the viceroy and candidate for the military leadership, joined the Republican forces within the last few days, but the belief of many of the revolutionists that his change was a political action to enable him to retain his office, was the cause of his defeat.

BEATEN TO DEATH.

Attendant at Insane Asylum Killed by Negro Inmate.

Topeka, Kas., Nov. 9.—Delbou F. Thompson, an attendant of the state insane asylum, was beaten to death yesterday by A. F. Gerald, a negro inmate. Thompson was overseeing a number of patients who were polishing the floors in one of the buildings. Gerald attacked him unexpectedly with a heavy mop, fatally injuring him before assistance could arrive.

RAILWAY CONTRACT FORMS.

Toronto, Nov. 9.—Major Walsh has arranged for a meeting of the shippers of livestock and representatives of the railways to be held in Toronto on December 8 and 9 of this year to discuss the contract forms submitted by the railways and which the shippers decline to accept. If a form can be arranged it will be submitted for approval to the Dominion Railway Commission.