

MANCHU DYNASTY STEPS OUT THE ABDICATION EDICT ISSUED

Imperial Proclamation Given Out at Peking Today Announces That Royal Family Abdicates and That All Conditions Asked By the Republicans Have Been Accepted.

[Canadian Press.]

Peking, Feb. 12.—The abdication of the throne of China by the Manchu dynasty was proclaimed in an imperial edict at noon today.

Another edict declared that the throne accepted the republic, while a third approved all the conditions agreed upon by Premier Yuan-Shi-Kai and the Republicans.

The momentous step by which the Manchu dynasty yields up its power after three centuries of rule and agrees to change from an absolute to a representative form of government was notified in three simultaneous proclamations.

Although the final act of abdication had been awaited for some time, the posting of the edict with the declaration that it was an accomplished fact caused profound excitement.

REPUBLICANS WIN.

The second edict, approving of all the conditions agreed upon between Yuan Shi Kai and the Republican representatives, created even more astonishment. It had been expected that the Manchus would demand conditions which would safeguard many of their privileges, but according to the proclamation their surrender is unconditional.

The third edict informed the viceroys and provincial governors of the relinquishment of the throne from political power, and instructed them to continue doing their duty and to preserve order throughout the land.

It declared that the step taken by the throne was in order to meet the wishes of the people.

in Power Since 1644.

Today's abdication of the Chinese throne by Pu Yi, the Chinese emperor, brings to an end the powerful Manchu dynasty which has reigned in China since 1644. The boy ruler has been on the throne since Nov. 14, 1909, when the Emperor Kwang Si, his uncle, died. His father, Prince Chun, was appointed regent, and was the chief figure in China for three years.

Surrounded by a large number of princes of the imperial clan and Manchu officials with reactionary ideas the regent was brought face-to-face with a revolutionary movement in favor of modern reforms. He endeavored to placate both parties, but ended by causing general dissatisfaction which led to his resignation on Dec. 6, 1911.

The promise of a constitutional government made by the dowager empress on her death-bed in 1908, was not fulfilled in any way until May last year. In that month an imperial edict

abolished the old grand council which together with the court held absolute power and substituted a constitutional cabinet.

The South Revolts.

Revolutionary ideas had been growing in the meantime, and the southern provinces declared against the continuation of Manchu rule, and broke into open revolt. After much fighting the revolutionists proclaimed a republic at Nanking in December, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen accepted the presidency on Dec. 29.

Negotiations between the Republicans and the Imperialists followed, and an armistice was arranged. This was not strictly observed, but the result of the fighting was that the Manchus proper were almost entirely in favor of the Republican idea, and that the outlying dependencies of Tibet, Turkestan, Mongolia, and Manchuria, were breaking away, decided that it was their best policy to yield to the popular demand and abdicate from power.

MONEY DONATED FOR GOOD CAUSE

Eight Dollars Given Toward Helping a Widow and Her Daughter of 10 Years.

PEOPLE HAVE HEARTS

All You Have to Do Is Make Known Someone Is in Need and Money Flows In.

The Advertiser this morning received \$5 from two citizens, to be applied on a fund for the unfortunate widow and her daughter of 10 who were suffering from the lack of fuel and food last week, the little girl having gone to the city hall for assistance.

The money was handed to Inspector Sanders, who will forward it this afternoon to the woman, together with \$3 given to him for the same purpose.

"This is a most deserving case," said Inspector Sanders. "I want you to acknowledge the gifts, and inform the donors that the money will be forwarded with the least possible delay."

"This is but another illustration of the generosity of the citizens of London. Whenever we come across a sad case, all we need do is mention it, and there is always plenty of money forthcoming. The citizens of London are very generous that way. We have been looking after every case as much as possible, and we will let the public know of any deserving case. We can always rely on receiving a generous response."

"This winter there has been a great demand for fuel, more so than for many years. The cold weather, of course, is responsible for this. Other years we have distributed more food and clothing. This year there has been an increasing demand for fuel, and we have given away generous quantities of coal."

LONG PRAYER RECORD BY BRANTFORD FOLK

Twenty Hours in Length With a Relay Every Fifteen Minutes.

[Canadian Press.]

Brantford, Feb. 12.—A prayer of 24 hours' duration, taken up in relays of 15 minutes each, was commenced here last night under the auspices of the Men and Religion Forward Movement. The 96th prayer will be concluded at 9 o'clock tonight. The participants were allotted their respective 15 minutes' periods, hour and place, making no difference in the performance of the duty assigned to each man. Some of those engaged are employed in local factories.

INGERSOLL FIRE

House Took Fire When Pipes Were Being Thawed.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Feb. 12.—While frozen pipes were being thawed out at the residence of J. J. McLeod, Charles street west, Saturday afternoon, the house took fire and the situation seemed so serious that the brigade was called out. While the fire did not spread rapidly, it was necessary to turn water into the house, and as a consequence considerable damage was caused by the water and smoke.

Mr. Joseph Gibson, president of the Ontario Branch of the Dominion Alliance, and Mr. F. P. Waterhouse, delegate from the Methodist Church, left today for Toronto to be present at the annual convention of the Ontario Branch of the Alliance and the Dominion Council. This convention will be attended by delegates from Halifax to Vancouver, and many matters pertaining to temperance advancement will be discussed.

GOING TO OTTAWA.

Goodrich, Ont., Feb. 12.—Rev. E. Goodrich has announced his acceptance of the call to the First Baptist Church of Ottawa. A resolution asking him to reconsider was passed at a meeting last night, and a committee waited on Wednesday.

CHINESE BABY DIED.

[Special to The Advertiser.] Ingersoll, Feb. 12.—The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the undertaking-rooms of the McIntyre Company, of Peter, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. George Lee. Peter, who was a Chinese baby, was only about two months old, and was probably the first Chinese baby born in Ingersoll.

THE WEATHER.

TOMORROW—A LITTLE Milder.
Forecast.
Toronto, Feb. 12—8 a.m.
Today—Northerly winds; time today and on Tuesday.
Tuesday—Stationary or a little higher temperatures.

The following are the highest and lowest temperatures during the 24 hours previous to 8 a.m. today:
Stations. Low. Weather.
London..... 10.5 - 8 Clear
Calgary..... 44 - 20 Clear
Winnipeg..... 16 - 14 Clear
Port Arthur..... 6 - 34 Clear
Perry Sound..... 2 - 30 Clear
Toronto..... 8 - 2 Clear
Ottawa..... 2 - 2 Fair
Montreal..... 2 - 2 Fair
Quebec..... 2 - 12 Cloudy
Father Point..... 2 - 12 Cloudy
Minus (-) means below zero.

The cold wave is still centered over the Great Lakes, its energy having increased during the night. The temperature continues unusually high in British Columbia, Alberta and Saskatchewan. Elsewhere, however, with the exception of Manitoba, the weather remains abnormally severe.

At 8 o'clock this morning the mercury registered 7 below at the observatory in South London. During the 24 hours preceding 8 o'clock this morning the highest temperature registered was 10.5 above, and the lowest was 8 below zero. For the same period up to 8 o'clock Sunday morning the highest was 10 above, and the lowest was 20 below.

THE END OF THE ROAD



A Dispatch From Peking Says the Boy-Emperor Abdicated This Morning.

THE CONNAUGHTS ARE LIKELY TO COME TO LONDON IN JUNE

Mrs. H. A. Boomer Has Received Cheering Word From Ottawa.

A reply from Col. Lowther, military secretary to His Royal Highness the Duke of Connaught, has been received to Mrs. Boomer's personal inquiry as to the probability of their royal highnesses coming to London, at the time of the annual meeting of the National Council of Women.

Lieut. Col. Lowther says that it is quite possible that their royal highnesses may be able to visit London on one of the days succeeding Toronto race week, and if so, her royal highness would be glad to go to one of the National Council of Women's meetings. While this cannot be considered a definite engagement, "The ladies will communicate with the executive at Ottawa, and if they are confirmed, myself and the council will issue a formal invitation to the Governor-General to visit London. I cannot do anything until the question of dates is settled. I am hopeful that the arrangements made will be entirely satisfactory to all parties concerned."

Mrs. Boomer's Letter.
In her personal letter to Ottawa regarding the possibility of the coming

to London of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Connaught, to the Local Council of Women, Mrs. Boomer said: "Although our Forest City can only claim about sixth rank in point of size and population among the cities of the Dominion, its local branch of the National Council stands fifth in order of organization, and has always been accorded a most kindly recognition as a sturdy, healthy and fruit-bearing branch of the parent tree, planted by Her Excellency Lady Aberdeen some 19 years ago."

Mayor Interviewed.
Major Graham stated today that he had been interviewed by Mrs. H. A. Boomer and Mrs. R. M. Graham, of the Local Council of Women, regarding the visit of their Royal Highnesses the Duke and Duchess of Connaught during the first week in June.

"Those dates will be satisfactory to us," said his worship. "The ladies will communicate with the executive at Ottawa, and if they are confirmed, myself and the council will issue a formal invitation to the Governor-General to visit London. I cannot do anything until the question of dates is settled. I am hopeful that the arrangements made will be entirely satisfactory to all parties concerned."

WHITNEY SEEKS SOME INFORMATION

It Is Said the Premier Is Now Paying Attention to the Western University.

HAS HAD SOME TALKS

Sir William Meredith Is Said to Have Conferred With Sir James on the Matter.

There have been several conferences of late between Mr. Justice R. M. Meredith, chancellor of the Western University, and Sir William Ralph Meredith, chancellor of the University of Toronto, relative to the status of the Western, with the result that many of the points of difference have been removed, and it is expected that a more generous attitude towards the Western will prevail.

Sir William is close to Sir James Whitney, and it is understood that the conferences were the result of the Premier's attempt to obtain certain information regarding the present status of the local institution.

While nothing definite has given out as to the results, it is understood that the Western University is in better grace with the Government than at any time since the agitation for a big university here commenced.

Looking for a Head.
In the meantime, negotiations for a suitable man for head of the institution are being conducted. Necessarily the negotiations are private.

In the meantime, no head has been named for the Hygiene Institute, the latest mentioned, and there is every expectation that he will be named to take charge this coming summer.

MILK PRICES JUMP.

Hamilton, Ont., Feb. 12.—The price of milk is going to take another jump here. The producers met on Saturday and advanced the price of the retailer from 16 to 18 cents a gallon from May to October, and from 18 to 20 cents for the balance of the year. They say that the retailers put the price up on the public before and that there is no reason why the price to the consumer should be advanced again.

A BETTER MAIL SERVICE FOR AYLMER

Residents of Busy Little Town Are Loud in Their Complaints Now.

COLD WEATHER BLAMED

Supt. Mercer Declares That Only in Very Cold Spells Is There Room for Complaint.

Residents of the town of Aylmer are loud in their complaints of an unsatisfactory mail service between London and that place. They claim that the businessmen of the town are seriously handicapped under the insufficient service.

Railway Mail Superintendent Mercer states that it is only in unusually bad weather that breaks in the Aylmer mail service occur, and that in this respect the town is much better off than a number of other places.

Twice last week the Pere Marquette train missed connections at St. Thomas, and Aylmer did not receive the morning mail from London and the east until the afternoon train, which arrives at 3:36. Four mail deliveries reach Aylmer from London. The earliest leaves at 5:36. The next and most important leaves at 6:05 a.m., and carries in addition to London mail, mail from Toronto, Hamilton and the east. When the Pere Marquette is delayed either at London, in waiting for the G. T. R. trains to arrive from the east, or in the snow drifts at Glenora, it occasionally does not reach St. Thomas in time to make connections for Aylmer.

The mail is then held over until the 3:36 train in the afternoon. Aylmer also receives mail from London by St. Thomas stage at 6:20 p.m.

"We are constantly endeavoring to improve the service to Aylmer," said Superintendent Mercer this morning, "but occasionally delays on the Pere Marquette result in connections not being made for the morning mail."

FAIR WILL ASK FOR \$5,000 THIS YEAR

The Directors Will Endeavor to Secure More Money From the City Council.

\$1,000 FOR PRIZE LIST

Object Is This Year to Make the Big Exhibition Better Than Ever Before.

The Western Fair directors will ask the city council this year for \$5,000 for the fair. Last year \$3,000 was granted and this money was expended on improvements to the buildings, etc.

It is the opinion of many of the directors that the city should do more now in view of the fact that last year was not a success financially, owing to the bad weather.

If the request is granted, \$1,000 will be expended on the prize list, \$1,000 on advertising and attractions, while \$3,000 will be expended on the buildings. The fair directors will increase their own appropriation for expenses, and will make an effort to introduce some new and novel features.

A Big Success.
"We want to make the fair a better success than ever," said Secretary Hunt to The Advertiser. "I think it would be wise to ask the council for an increased grant, in order that some new features may be added, and the people attracted by the excellence of the fair. You cannot blame the directors for being conservative in the past. They are responsible for the exhibition, and should there be deficits they would be personally liable for meeting these obligations. The fair has been self-sustaining, and has been of very little expense to London, Ottawa, Toronto, and other cities have given very large sums of money to their exhibitions, while London has given very little. If \$5,000 were granted this year there would be decided advantages reaped. We could increase the attendance, and give the people much more value for their money."

More Money Needed.
"We want more money," said Mr. William McNell, one of the directors. "The prize list should be increased, and this will induce exhibitors from all over Canada to come here. It is the exhibits and the attractions that make the fair, and we should have plenty of money at our disposal for that purpose. I think the citizens in the past have not supported the fair as they should. The association, out of their own funds, purchased property in Queen's Park for \$8,000 which today belongs to the city. We handed it to the corporation, and whatever it is worth does not belong to us but to the city. In addition, hundreds of thousands of dollars have been brought into the city to be expended with the merchants. There is not a fair in Canada that has been self-sustaining for so long a period as ours. Supposing this September we had a wet spell during the fair, our surplus would be entirely wiped out, and the directors would be liable. If the city would give us \$5,000 we would get along well."

Executive Meeting.
The executive of the board, consisting of President W. J. Little and J. H. Saunders, and Col. Garsborth, T. H. Smallman, Jeffrey Hale, W. M. Spencer and John Pringle, met this afternoon, and discussed the financial situation. Also the various committees were named. It is expected that a board meeting will be held in the near future to ratify the appointments and transact other business.

Children Have \$12,000 in Savings Bank.
Little Ones Are Learning to Save and Are Steadily Improving.

The school children of the city have about \$12,000 in their credit in the penny banks of the city.

The end of the year was Nov. 30, when a little over \$10,000 had been deposited. During the past two months quite large sums have been added from the various schools, and the total is a result is now about the sum mentioned above.

"We have not the exact figures at hand," said Secretary McElhennan. "We had about \$10,000 at the end of November, but the amount has increased to about \$12,000 at the present time. A definite statement will be ready shortly."

CLANDEBOYE FUNERAL.

Clandeboye, Feb. 12.—The funeral of Cyril Carter, whose death occurred on the train on Saturday morning as he was being rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, London, was held this afternoon, and was largely attended. Interment was made at St. James' Cemetery.

Hand Injured.

A blacksmith named James Forbes, residing on Ottawa avenue, had his hand badly smashed shortly before noon by being struck by a hammer. He was taken to Victoria Hospital, where the injury was dressed by the

SEXTON FOUND DEAD IN CHURCH

Mr. Edward Elliott Passed Away While Attending to Work in the Basement.

HEART FAILURE CAUSE

Had Been in Fair Health, and His Sudden Calling Away Proved Terrible Shock to His Many Friends.

Mr. Edward Elliott, the sexton of the Anglican Church of St. John the Evangelist, corner of Wellington and St. James streets, was found dead in the basement of the edifice, on Saturday night, to which he had gone in the morning, when Rev. Canon Craig, Mr. Stephen Grant and other gentlemen commenced an investigation to discover the cause of his absence from home.

Mr. Elliott left home at about nine o'clock in the morning, and had lighted one of the furnaces at the church. Some time after that, and probably in the morning, he was overtaken by death. His body was found on a pile of ashes, and rigor mortis had been established, showing that death had occurred some hours before.

Failed to Come Home.
His failure to return to dinner or supper caused his wife to become anxious, and Canon Craig, the rector of the church, was notified shortly before 11 o'clock. Accompanied by Assessment Commissioner Grant and others he visited the place, and found the sexton in the basement.

Canon Dr. McLaren was called, but decided that death was due to natural causes, and that official investigation was unnecessary.

Mr. Elliott was born in Dover, Kent, England, 45 years ago, but came to Canada when quite young. He is survived by his widow, Elizabeth, but had no children. He has been in fair health despite his advanced years, and his sudden demise was quite unexpected. Some years ago, at the time of the typhoid epidemic among the members of St. John's Sunday school, he contracted the disease by drinking water at the summer picnic at Port Stanley. Mr. Elliott was quite ill, but ultimately recovered completely.

Funeral on Tuesday.
His funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon from his late residence, 425 Pilecadilly street, and interment will be made at Woodland Cemetery. Canon Craig will officiate at the services.

PLUCKY POLICEMAN SAVED AN AGED LADY

Woman Walked Directly Under Quantity of Snow Shovelled From a Roof.

P. C. Robinson demonstrated his pluck while on duty at the corner of Dundas and Richmond streets this afternoon in saving an elderly lady, who endangered her life after being warned that quantities of snow and ice were being shovelled from the roof of the Dundas Bank onto the sidewalk.

The officer had his eye on the spot, and as the lady alighted from a street car, told her to be careful. Despite this, she walked directly into the danger zone.

P. C. Robinson had just been signalled from the roof that another load was to drop, and despite great danger to himself, jumped in and pushed the woman out onto the sidewalk. As he did so the ice fell upon him, knocking off his helmet and bruising his shoulders. Luckily the stuff shovelled off at that time happened to be comparatively light, and might have been more serious to him.

HAMILTON HARD HIT

Gas Supply Short, Coal Supply Low and Water Services Freezing.

[Canadian Press.] Hamilton, Feb. 12.—With a gas shortage, which is causing intense suffering, with the coal supply low, with water services freezing, something almost unknown before, and grave danger of a water famine if the winds shift to the east and cause old Lake Ontario to back miles of ice up on the shores of the filtering basins, Hamilton is hard hit with the cold weather. The oldest residents cannot recall a time when the lake was frozen so far out from shore before. The intakes are already giving trouble, with anchor jamming in, and the worst is looked for if an eastern gale pushes the great mass of ice up against the intakes and shuts the supply off.

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British and German Naval Strength

A comparison of British and German naval expenditure and naval strength shows why Britain feels the strain of competition, but is determined to increase her expenditure on warships, unless Germany agrees to a reduction of armaments. In 1904 Germany spent twenty-one million dollars on new naval construction, and Britain fifty-five millions. Last year Germany spent fifty-five millions and Britain sixty-five millions. Two years ago Germany actually spent two million dollars more than did Britain.

The naval strength of the two nations last year was as follows:	
Battleships.....	16
First-class Dreadnoughts.....	22
Second-class.....	10
Third-class.....	20
Fourth-class (obsolete).....	2
Armored Cruisers.....	8
Unarmored Cruisers.....	34
Other types.....	34
Cruisers (modern), speed 23 knots and over.....	34
Destroyers (ten years old or less).....	126
Torpedo boats (modern).....	47
Submarines.....	65
Cost (million dollars).....	221
Men (thousands).....	110
Peace strength.....	184
Reserve.....	26

It should be remembered that Britain's naval strength is scattered round the world, while Germany's is concentrated.

HALDANE FAILED A BOURSE RUMOR

Nothing Definite Until After He Has Consulted With His Colleagues.

FINANCIAL PESSIMISM

British War Minister Has an Outline of German Naval and Military Proposals.

[Canadian Press.]

Berlin, Feb. 12.—Reports that the mission to Germany of Viscount Haldane, British secretary for war, had been a failure, circulated on the Bourse today and contributed to the prevailing weakness and pessimism. The rumors, however, were not justified, as the situation will be cleared up only after Viscount Haldane has conferred with his colleagues of the British ministry with whom rests the decision as to whether definite negotiations with Germany are to be begun.

The German foreign office today is apparently well satisfied concerning the prospects of the situation.

Viscount Haldane returned to London in possession of an outline of the new German naval and military proposals, notwithstanding the fact that these have not yet been communicated to the German federal council.

Fleet Not a Luxury.
Cologne, Germany, Feb. 12.—Viscount Haldane, the British secretary for war, had plenty of opportunities during his visit to Berlin to confer with authoritative persons, and thus gain an understanding of the existing feeling in Germany, according to an inspired dispatch from Berlin which appears in today's Cologne Gazette. It continues:

"When a personage of the importance of the British minister for war comes home after a trip of three weeks, it is not surprising that the information acquired by him undoubtedly will have weight with his Government. This information probably will tend, among other things, to change Winston Spencer Churchill's surprising conception that the fleet is a luxury for Germany. Whether the secretary for war's trip will have further consequences must be awaited."

FIRE AT LETHBRIDGE

Big Barn of Fred Haggitt Destroyed in Early Morning Fire.

[Special to The Advertiser.]

Lethbridge, Feb. 12.—Fire which was discovered at an early hour this morning completely destroyed the large barn of Mr. Fred Haggitt with its entire contents. The origin of the blaze is unknown. The loss will be \$700, on which there is \$200 insurance.

JAMES H. BROWN ILL

Well-Known Citizen Removed to Hospital Owing to Heart Trouble.

Mr. James H. Brown was removed to St. Joseph's Hospital yesterday. He has been suffering for some time with heart trouble, and his condition is causing his friends some uneasiness. Mr. Brown was for many years superintendent of grounds and buildings for the Western Fair.

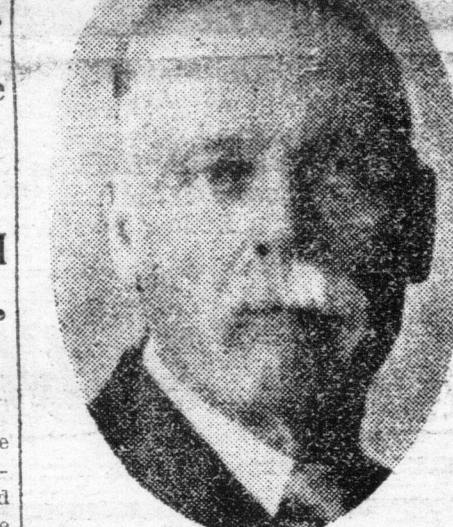


Photo by J. M. Sanders, Richmond street. LATE EDWARD ELLIOTT, Who Died While Attending to His Duties as Sexton of the Church of St. John the Evangelist.

FIFTY YEARS A RESIDENT OF LONDON

Mr. John Carnegie Died of Heart Disease at His Home on Saturday Night.

ONCE A BANK MANAGER

Twenty Years Ago He Was at the Head of the Bank of B. N. A. in This City.

Mr. John Carnegie, one of London's oldest and most respected citizens, formerly manager of the local branch of the Bank of British North America, died on Saturday night at 424 Park avenue, of heart disease.

Mr. Carnegie was taken ill on Friday morning, when it was recognized that he had not long to live. Previous to that time he had been in fair health, despite the fact that he was 81 years of age.

The deceased was born in Scotland just 20 miles from the birthplace of the famous Andrew Carnegie, and while there is no direct relationship, it is possible that the two families are of the same stock. When quite young he came to this country, and settled in London 50 years ago. Some time later he resided for short periods in Brantford and Paris, but returned to London as manager of the Bank of B. N. A. in the fall of 1882. Mr. Carnegie retired 20 years ago, and had since received an annuity from that institution.

His wife predeceased him in 1884. One brother, David, is still living at Dumfries, Scotland, and is 82 years of age. Mr. Carnegie is also survived by five sons and two daughters—David S., of Detroit; William D., of Vancouver, B. C.; John H., of Montreal; Thomas, of Detroit; Bertram, of Gwentland; Mrs. R. C. Macpherson, of Amherst, N. S.; and Mrs. Percy R. Budge, of Medicine Hat.

Mr. Carnegie was the oldest member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, and was a regular attendant there. The funeral is to be held tomorrow afternoon to Woodland Cemetery, and the services will be conducted by Rev. Dr. Ross at the undertaking parlors of Griffith & Willis.