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MAY SUCCEED IN PREVENTING REPUBLIC

Premier of China Takes Determined Stand—Rebels Lack Funds—700 Soldiers Guarding Lanchow Arsenal Mutiny—Armistice Again Observed at Hankow.

PEKIN, Jan. 2.—The feeling in Peking to-night is that the throne has taken on a new lease of life. Indeed there are some competent observers, who believe that Premier Yuan Shi Kai is still determined that he can succeed in preventing the consummation of a republic.

The imperial cabinet has accepted the resignation of Tang Shao Yi, who was sent to Shanghai as the representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the imperialists at the peace conference between the representatives of both parties there. The government has also telegraphed to Wu Ting Fang, the leader of the revolutionaries at the peace conference, stating that in future it will negotiate telegraphically. The government is of the opinion that Tang Shao Yi went beyond his instructions when he signed the agreement as to the calling of the national convention to decide on the future form of government of China with Fu Ting Fang.

The premier adheres to two points of his original suggestion regarding the national convention, namely, that he insists on the proper selection of delegates to the national assembly and also that its gathering place shall be Peking.

Premier Wanted to Resign.
 Premier Yuan Shi Kai again offered his resignation this morning, but it was not accepted. The court also received a round robin from the generals commanding the imperialistic troops in the vicinity of Peking, in which they demanded that the prince of the imperial clan should withdraw their wealth from the safety of the foreign banks, where much of it has been placed quite recently, and deliver it into the hands of the war office.

Prince Ching, the former premier and foreign minister, received a letter to-day on behalf of the Manchou troops in the vicinity of Peking, threatening to destroy his palace unless it was destroyed over to them.

When negotiating recently for a loan, Yuan Shi Kai explained that about \$10,000,000 would carry the government on for six months. By that time discord would have occurred among the rebels in the south and the provinces would return gradually to their allegiance. Yuan Shi Kai does not permit the carrying on of the government beyond the period which the rebels have fixed for the assembly of the national convention.

Rebels Lack Funds.
 It is believed here that the lack of funds among the rebels has inspired their haste in settling the date for the national convention.

Seven hundred soldiers guarding the Lanchow arsenal multiplied to-day. They are part of the imperial government troops, among whom there has been a movement for some time past in favor of a republic. The commanding officer fled to Keping, from which point he sent a message to the railway authorities at Tientsin warning with the arsenal had been cut off, and it was feared that many lives had been lost.

Trans-Persian Railroad

LONDON, Jan. 2.—British, French and Russian bankers are to hold a meeting in Paris during the coming week, to organize a syndicate with a capital of \$500,000 to carry out a survey of a proposed trans-Persian railroad. Great Britain and Russia have both already approved of the scheme, although the precise route to be taken by the railroad remains to be decided.

The proposal contemplates the construction of a line from the seaport of Baluk in Russian Transcaucasia, on to Astara, on the Caspian Sea, and to Teheran, the capital of Persia. From that point it will pass thru the Province of Kermanshah, in the southeast of Persia, on to Gwetar, on the Arabian Sea. It will continue thru Baluchistan and then connect with the India railroads going to Kurrachee.

ROOSEVELT MAY SEEK ELECTION

Ex-President Coquetting With Destiny—Will Neither Confirm Nor Deny the Rumor.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—With a general refusal to "confirm or deny any rumor," Col. Theodore Roosevelt declined to-day to discuss a report that a movement was afoot in New Jersey to place his name on the presidential primary ballots. The former president was asked if he had been approached by anyone of consequence or authority in New Jersey politics with a view to having his name placed on the ballots.

"That necessarily involves a definition of the phrase 'anyone of consequence or authority,'" he replied. "I must decline to confirm or deny any reports or rumors of this sort."

The Colonel is Foxy.
 "Have you taken any steps, colonel, to have your name removed from the primary ballots in Nebraska?" he was asked.

"I have taken no steps one way or the other."

A despatch from Washington says that you have made known to President Taft, thru a friend, your unwillingness to say that you will, under no circumstances, accept the nomination next June. Is this true?

"I haven't seen the story," Colonel Roosevelt answered. "I suppose I have been neglecting my education again, but I will say this: That when I have any announcement to make, I will make it publicly. I will not discuss these rumors. I have nothing to say on anything. The peace banquet, with its strong arm squad preserving peace presented an opportunity the other day—but I am not discussing rumors and reports."

Not Doing Any Talking.
 "It is reported that you will have an important announcement to make at a dinner Friday night."

"To electrify the situation?" interrupted the colonel. "No, I have no dinner engagement for Friday. I'm still not hungry."

"Gifford Pinchot is quoted this morning as saying that you had told him that you would not accept the nomination, although you thought you could be elected. Do you wish to deny this?"

"I haven't seen the statement," said Col. Roosevelt. "But I'll wager he didn't make it. Three times within the past few weeks he has been misquoted. I wrote to him twice and found that he hadn't said what he was quoted as saying. So you see, I can't discuss it."

ANOTHER NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION



Old Man Ontario swears off again, and indulges in a "dry" shampoo.

CONDUCTOR BADLY HURT NEAR SCENE OF TRAGEDY

Peter Benjamin, Survivor of Christmas Eve Disaster, Knocked Down by Car.

Apparently in the grip of a "hoodoo" when in the neighborhood of the King-street car barns, Peter Benjamin, the conductor of the ill-fated car, which ran amok near the barns on Christmas Eve with such disastrous results, was himself knocked down by a car last night and seriously injured.

The accident occurred about 8:50 p.m. on King-street, at the east end of the barn and within 100 yards east of the scene of the tragedy on Dec. 24.

Benjamin, according to the statement of eye-witnesses, came down River-street and was about to cross King-street, when a Carlton car, in charge of Motorman Edward Chambers, approached, going west. Benjamin hesitated for a moment in crossing the street, but evidently changed his mind about waiting, for he stepped right in front of the car, which struck him and knocked him down.

Car Stopped Promptly.
 The car, which was not going at any great rate of speed, was stopped immediately. The unfortunate man, when picked up, was found to be unconscious. He had wounds on the face and forehead, and was suffering from concussion of the brain. The police ambulance was called and he was taken to his home, at 29 Kintyre-ave. According to Dr. Belfrey, who was called to attend him, the injured man, who likely to recover, will not be out of danger for several days.

One of the officials at the car barns saw the accident, but doesn't know how Benjamin managed to get in front of the car.

"He saw it coming alright," said the official, "for he stopped, apparently to let it pass. Then he started again and the car struck him."

Benjamin was not on duty when the accident occurred.

Premier and Public Phones

The action of the British Government in taking over the control of the telephone systems thruout the United Kingdom does not seem to have aroused any feelings of intense emotion in the breast of Sir James Whitney.

Nor is there much likelihood of the premier adopting a "me too" attitude in following the British Government's example, by grabbing the telephone systems of Ontario.

"I don't think there's any reason for us to think of following Great Britain's example in this," he said.

"Why the government-owned telegraph system in England is run at a deficit of somewhere about \$1,000,000 per annum is interesting."

"Of course," added the premier, "we are keeping our eyes open to all that is going on. These new departures are interesting."

SHELTERED BY ARMY TWIN WERE INGRATES

Englishmen Rose Errly and Carried Off Meal Tickets, But Nemesis Was on the Job.

Sim Burns, alias Webb, and Fred Giles, two homeless young Englishmen, were arrested last night by Detectives Armstrong, Newberry and Wallace, charged with breaking into the salvage station of the Salvation Army, at 76 East Queen-street on the blessed New Year's morn. It was very early in the said morn when they broke in, being broke and having no other place to go in to sleep.

This was taken to account for the fact that what was shaped for a good resolution turned out a bad break. The young men in the hours before the dawn evidently misread the Scriptural instruction to return good for evil and switched the elements, for they had been housed by the army, being found destitute a day or so before.

Their own statement of the case is that it was a dark, not a stormy night and they were cold. They needed a place to sleep and Burns busted open a side window and then opened the front door for Giles, who entered on the New Year in that way, even if both sneaked out by the side window when they arose refreshed with sleep. In departing they took with them a number of meal tickets which they found on the premises.

Gait Hotel Sold.
 GALT, Jan. 2.—Mr. Joseph Bear of that town has sold the Simcoe Hotel on East King-st., Hamilton, to Messrs. John G. Gould and W. Biggar of that city, for \$10,000.

Transfers Made in Anglican Charges

Rev. R. B. Grobb Goes to Peterboro and Rev. W. L. Armitage Comes to St. Mark's.

After the meeting of the Anglican Synod yesterday, the following appointments were announced:

Rev. R. B. Grobb, rector of the Church of the Epiphany, Toronto, to be rector of All Saints' Church, Peterboro.

Rev. W. L. Armitage of Platon, to be rector of St. Mark's Church, corner Connolly and Ford-sts., to succeed Rev. R. Seaborn, who resigned recently.

Rev. W. H. Bayley of the diocese of Nebraska, to be rector at Elmville, Ont.

Rev. T. S. Wallace of Woodstock will on Sunday take up his charge at St. Stephen's Church, from which Rev. Canon Broughall resigned recently.

PETRIFIED POP-CORN ICE DOESN'T APPEAL TO CHAMP

Speaker of the House of Representatives Got Enough of the Frozen Product When Canada Gave Reciprocity the Throw Down—An Unappreciated Prophets.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Champ Clark, Speaker of the House of Representatives, is running a close second to certain other director of destiny mentioned in holy writ, who, for his guidance was allowed to peruse a short message shown forth in handwriting on the wallpaper, and there was about a roll of it made into a book and inscribed "The Visions and Revelations of the Prophets Irene."

An epistle accompanying the "Revelation" announces that it is the first of eight instalments of "the word" as entrusted to "The Prophets," and that the rest will be along as fast as the lady Irene can transcribe 'em, presumably from the wall.

Even at first glance the "Revelations" look helpful. Among other things is a receipt for petrifying and drying 'em, so it will resemble popcorn still retaining its cooling properties.

Other helpful hints are instructions for burning water, making cheese out of straw, making shoes from salmon skins, making meat from tan bark, and window panes from frozen wind.

The lady asks that Champ Clark pass on the good word to Bill Bryan, Bill Taft and Ted Roosevelt, and that he also let Secretary Cortelou, the chief justice and the secret service have a squint at the collected wisdom of the age, as set forth in the revelations, and tips it off in a friendly way, that if the instructions set out in the wallpaper gospel be not followed to the letter Champ will get his arse and the country generally will be consigned to the demitison bow-wow.

Champ did not have his courteous clothes when the postman called and packed up the holy scroll and sent it back with the express charges reversed to the Prophets Irene, who hangs out at Trenton, N. J.

LONDON ASYLUM ON FIRE BUT PATIENTS RESCUED

Damage, Which Will Probable Not Exceed \$20,000, Was Confined to the Theatre of the Main Building.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 2.—Fire, which broke out to-night in the kitchen of the main building of the London Asylum, destroyed the theatre with damage of about \$20,000.

The fire was discovered at 10:30 o'clock, and the London brigade responded.

Six hundred and fifty patients are housed in this building and all were brought to the lower floor, but they were in no serious danger at any time.

There were 1100 patients in the asylum, the remainder being housed in the infirmary and the north wing, neither of which was touched by the flames.

The flames were quickly brought under control by the firemen.

Considerable excitement was caused here when the first news of the fire came, as telephone communication

WILL INVESTIGATE G. T. P.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Although the statement has been made that F. P. Gutelius, general superintendent of the C.P.R.'s eastern division, will not take charge of the I.C.R., it is understood that he will join the government's railway department in an advisory capacity and will be chairman of the committee to investigate the Grand Trunk Pacific construction matters.

The London Daily Mail Says:

"Passers-By" is a play that one can see again and again. Its exquisitely human story appeals with more fascination than any success seen in England this season. Mr. Charles Frohman and Mr. Haddon Chambers are both to be congratulated. "Passers-By" is at the Princess next week with the New York company.

THE BIG FUR SALE.

There is a splendid display of furs in the big Dineen show-rooms, consisting entirely of the holiday stock left over after Christmas selling. Every article of fur is reduced in price—all new fur made into garments on the premises. Prices that invite buying.

License Commissioner May Resign.

KINGSTON, Jan. 2.—(Special.)—Although no resignations have been handed in as yet, it is understood that one out of the three members of the board of license commissioners will resign as a result of the verdict given by the people to cut off ten hotels. H. W. Richardson, the chairman, declared to-day that there had been no resignations as yet. R. E. Burns and J. P. Hanley are the other members.

It is believed that the next move of the Social and Moral Reform League will be to have the license fee increased from \$500 to \$750.

Liquor men feel their defeat keenly, but have nothing to say. There is great anxiety now as to which hotels will be cut off. The bylaw favoring reduction was given a majority of 106.

TRUST LIMITED SUPPLY OF MEAT

Damaging Evidence Brought Out in Packing Investigation—Directions Issued to Limit Shipments.

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Documentary evidence that the price of meat was fixed and the business apportioned on a non-competitive basis by the packers at their weekly meetings, was introduced by the government to-day at the trial of the ten Chicago packers before U. S. District Judge Carpenter. Special Counsel Pierce Butler read several letters received by W. D. Miles, manager of the Armour Packing Co., Kansas City, in June, 1897, in which the amount of beef to be shipped to certain eastern markets were given and the price to be charged, based on a margin of fifty cents on the uniform test cost estimates used by the packers, was named.

The letters also flatly refuted the statement of Henry Veeder on the witness stand that no meetings of the packers to fix prices and apportion business were held between April, 1897, and January, 1898, when a "statistical bureau" was maintained to compile records of meat shipped and prices obtained at different points. Miles, who severed his connection with the Armour interests in 1903, will, it is said, be one of the star witnesses for the government.

One of the Letters.
 One of the letters, dated June 25, 1897, read in part:

"Dear Sir: This afternoon it was agreed that each party will not ship during the current week in excess of shipments agreed upon for last week."

"Boston: At this point it was agreed that each party in interest will not ship during the current week in excess of his proportion of a total shipment of 100 cars, basing such proportion on the average weekly shipments to Boston for the eight weeks ending June 25, 1897. It was also agreed that parties in interest would endeavor to obtain for the current week margins of 50 cents."

"Pittsburg: It was agreed that each party in interest would not ship in excess of 90 per cent of the average weekly shipments for the four weeks ending June 12, 1897."

Limiting Shipments.
 The letter contained directions limiting the total shipments for the week of June 25, 1897, to 22,277,023 pounds of fresh meat, of which 2,000,000 pounds went to Boston, and 72,912 to Pittsburg.

Several similar letters were introduced by the government, and it was pointed out that they were all unsigned and in the form Henry Veeder testified the packers' letters were written.

After Attorney Butler had questioned Henry Veeder, secretary of the packers' pools, regarding the details of the combinations from May, 1898, to July 1, 1902, when the witness said the last fresh meat pool dissolved and he severed his connection with the packers, the government attorney sprung a surprise on the defendants by reading the letters and offering them in evidence.

NEW POLICY FOR TEMPERANCE FORCES

Futility of Efforts to Carry Local Option in Cities and Large Towns Means That License Reduction Slogan Will Be Adopted—Hard to Make Headway.

Some of the representative Toronto temperance men, sizing up the Ontario situation, in view of the results on Monday, take the view that there will only be one more round fought on a provincial scale by the Ontario Alliance on local option lines. That will take place next January. After that a new plan of campaign will have to be adopted by the alliance, or the drys will have to go on the defensive.

The position taken in well informed temperance circles is that the territory in which the adoption of local option by a three-fifths majority is likely in Ontario is now very limited, and will be exhausted by another general engagement.

Reverse in Centres.
 Where important urban municipalities were attacked, not only did the local option bylaws fail to get a three-fifths majority, but they were voted down in straight majorities. It is recognized by the drys that the movement from the rural municipalities to the cities is not favorable to the adoption of drastic prohibitory liquor legislation. Men who have been in the fight and have given the outlook thought, say that the course which the alliance will take is already marked out by the logic of events, and that it will take the form of a license reduction and earlier closing movement.

The alliance had one of its organizers, Dr. McTavish, assisting in the license reduction movement which has just cut off 10 licenses at Kingston.

Temperance Well Organized.
 The alliance was never in such good fighting trim as it has become during the past three years under the generalship of Rev. Ben H. Spence. He has now a staff of effective speakers and organizers, an alliance weekly paper, with a big circulation, and he is successful in securing ample campaign funds each year.

There is a quiet tip going around that a movement will be gradually developed in Toronto for earlier closing of the liquor shops and bars and that it will be championed in due time, by Controller McCarthy and Ald. Austin.

Hard Row to Hoe.
 There are nominally 175 municipalities where local option contests could be brought on next January, but most of them are hard places from the alliance standpoint or else are too sparsely settled for organization purposes.

Additional returns received yesterday of the local option votes leave the net

POLICE CENSUS SUNDAY, JAN. 21

Commissioners Fixed Date at Meeting Yesterday—Refuse to Allow Rifle Club.

At the meeting of the board of police commissioners held yesterday afternoon it was decided that a police census of the city would be taken on Sunday, Jan. 21.

The commissioners refused to allow the formation of a rifle club within the police force, objecting to it on the ground that the members of such a club would be liable to military service.

The resignation of P. C. Bustard on the grounds of ill-health will not be considered until he is examined by the medical board.

A leave of three months was granted to Inspector William Davis, whose resignation will then take effect, and the chief declared that even the appointment of a successor would not be considered until after expiry of that leave.

Three acting detectives, Turner, Koester and Greig, have been returned to the uniform ranks.

ACTOR OWES A. J. SMALL.
 NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Sidney Drew, the actor, filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy to-day, listing his liabilities at \$3,667, and his assets at \$3,900. Chief among the liabilities is a judgment of \$10,000 for breach of contract, held by A. J. Small of Toronto. Four other debts for breach of contract, he states, total \$8500.

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