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Tragic End of a Chinese Autocrat.

Yuan Shih Kai, then President for life and virtual autocrat of China, attempted in the autumn of 1915 to restore the monarchy, with himself as Emperor. A somewhat farcial national election was held, most of the provinces voting in his favour, with the result that Yuan, who had previously denied any intention to accept the throne, now declared that he had been forced to submit to the people's will. The Powers urged him strongly not to proceed, but the Coronation of Yuan as Emperor was fixed, and a new Court and new nobility were in course of rapid formation. This development was viewed with special disapproval by Japan, and led to a rebellion. Yuan sought to conciliate his opponents first by postponing the Coronation and then by openly cancelling the whole monarchist scheme. The Republicans, however, were not to be placated. In April 1916 Tuan Chi-jui, a famous general whose authority was recognised by the soldiers of both North and South China, was appointed Premier, and Yuan nominally abandoned his autocratic powers. On the morning of June 6, an extraordinary mandate was issued in Yuan's name, and a few hours after signing it his death was announced. Whether he died of a complaint induced by nervous prostration, as was officially announced, or whether his end was aided by external causes, was regarded by many as doubtful, though possibly those concerned are aware of the real facts of the case. China is not the only country where political intriguers remove troublesome adventurers.

Harbor Grace Notes.

The play, "The Red Rosette," will be staged in the Academy Hall on Wednesday night, 7th inst., and not Thursday, 8th., as mentioned in notes of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Parsons arrived from St. John's on Thursday last.

Mrs. Otto Wells and two children arrived from St. John's on Wednesday last to spend the summer months with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Parsons.

Miss Stella Dwyer left town by Saturday afternoon's train for St. John's, to take a position with the Trade Review. We wish her success in her new sphere of work.

Mr. J. Savage of Messrs. Harvey & Co., St. John's, came to town on Thursday to look after a shipment of fish for that firm.

Mr. and Mrs. Douglas French arrived from the city by Wednesday's train. Mrs. French had been at the General Hospital undergoing treatment for injuries received by a fall a couple of months ago.

Mrs. Geo. T. Gordon who had been undergoing treatment at the General Hospital, St. John's, returned home on Thursday.

Mrs. H. Taylor and daughter, Miss Maggie, spent a short time here visiting relatives and friends during the week. Mrs. Taylor has been employed at the W. U. Cable Co.'s Staff House, Heart's Content, for the last four years or so, and has now resigned her position there, having accepted a position in St. John's. Accompanied by her daughter, she left for the city by Saturday morning's train.

Mr. H. Payn of the Western Union Cable Co., who had been in St. John's on holidays, returned to town again last week.

Schr. Grilse, Fred Mansfield, master, and owned by M. Button & Sons, New Melbourne, T.B., was docked here on the 1st inst. and came off the following day.

Schr. Iron Bound, John M. Snow, master, and owned by Mr. Geo. Hierlihy, Bay Roberts, was also docked on the 1st inst. and came off the next day.

Schooners Garland, Robin, Vickers Vimy and Samuel R. Crane were docked here since Thursday last.

Schr. Faustina, Capt. White, which ship had been here with a load of coal to Messrs. R. D. McRae and Sons, left port Saturday morning for St. John's.

Mr. E. Simmons' schooner Dorothy left port on the 3rd inst for St. John's.

Schr. Smuggler, Capt. J. Johnston, came off dock on Friday and left port again Saturday morning.

The motor boat "Zelda B.," Capt. Barnes, arrived in port on Friday night, bringing a number of passengers from Bell Island to spend the week-end. The boat returned again to the Island Sunday afternoon.—COR.

Hr. Grace, June 5, 1922.

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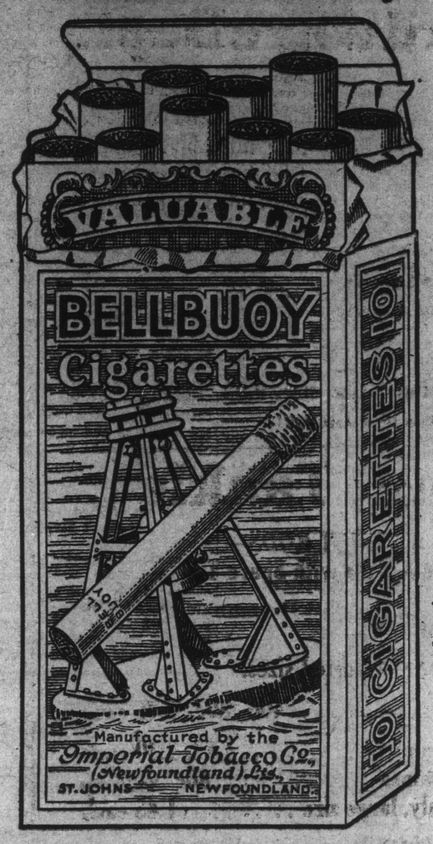

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Here's the old belief again:
"Kill an ant and it will rain."

Yesterday I passed along
Where a merry-hearted throng
Counted out the same self way
Of our long forgotten play,
And I heard the "meenie,-mo"
Of our distant long ago.

Wide the eyes that glistened th
In a world so wondrous fair.
Wise the heads that nodded
At the thing they'd come to kn
And I smiled at this refrain:
"Kill an ant and it will rain"

Oh, thought I, 'tis very strang
Childhood's fancies never chang
That is what we used to say
In our golden yesterday:
"Eeenie, meenie, meinie mo!
One, two, three and out you go."

Long forgotten, still it lives,
Joy to little hearts it gives,
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