

In Pekin's Palace

Graphic Account of the Scene at Abdication of China's Emperor.

A Glimpse of the Inner Working of an Oriental Court.

The North China Daily News publishes a translation of a letter it has received from a member of the Reform party in Peking, containing an account of the scene in the palace when the Emperor signed his decree of abdication. The information was obtained from a eunuch of the palace, and the News vouches for its reliability.

"To begin at the beginning—previous to the 22nd of January last, Peking was filled with disquieting rumors which gradually filtered into the palace. Some declared that the Emperor had been secretly deposed; others again stated that the Emperor had been made away with by poison; but when the Emperor Dowager heard of them she simply smiled in that grim way of hers, which to the terrified eyes of those around her, meant that she had decided on some course which, even if it were paved with the blood of thousands, would not detract from her subsequent goal. It is also significant of the woman that none—except, perhaps, her favorite eunuch, Li Lien-ying, and Prince Ching—of those who daily attended upon her, knew exactly what the Emperor Dowager intended to do, although it was quite clear that some sort of coup was on the tapis. But when the fateful 24th of January, 1900, came, every one knew that, only a few hours before, the Emperor had been forced to sign his abdication and

A Gloom Spread Over the Capital

like a pall, accentuated as it was by chilly, lowering skies. "I was one of those who stood around with ink and pen for the Emperor to use, while the Emperor Dowager herself held out the pen to him. Even then His Majesty hesitated to take the sign of the royal prerogative, and the decree of abdication held out to him; but an imperious stamp of the right foot and those piercing, menacing eyes of the Emperor Dowager frowning upon him seemed to enthrall and fascinate the Emperor, who immediately stretched forth a trembling hand and the next moment, with a groan and a gesture of despair, as it were, the fatal deed was done and the Emperor Dowager triumphantly snatched the 'decree' from her nephew's hand. Then a sudden change occurred, which those around her were too accustomed to see to be startled or astonished at. The Emperor Dowager's face became instantly suffused with smiles, her eyes became soft and benevolent, and she was as kind and friendly as the Emperor himself. He, poor fallen Majesty, had sunk down on his chair after

Signing the Fatal Paper,

while a sudden deadly paleness manifested itself on his countenance, and a moment after he had died his robe and the carpet beneath him with his life blood. His Majesty's excitement had been too much for his weak health, and it seemed that he had burst one of his lesser blood vessels. Very kindly and gently the Emperor Dowager herself attended to the Emperor, and when he seemed to have somewhat recovered himself, herself supported him on one side, waving away the eunuchs who had come forward to do so, and with a surpassing solicitude for his health and comfort, arranged the pillows and cushion in His Majesty's sedan chair, which was to carry him back to his usual prison—the water-surrounded kiosk at the Southern Lake Palace, which is very near the Emperor Dowager's own residence of Eho Park. She herself escorted the Emperor to his place of retreat called the Ying tai, and having seen him securely confined within its high walls and the drawbridge once more brought over, her face resumed that hard inscrutable look usual to it as she and her numerous retainers returned to Peking. All the way from Peking to his prison, I heard the Emperor

Weeping of His Lard Fate.

He was so utterly broken down and oppressed. Poor Majesty! his meanness subject amongst his 400,000,000 people would have refused to exchange places with him on that day. Many of us who escorted His Majesty dropped tears of sympathy, and I perceived the author of all his evils to see how she took it. Her heart seemed to be of stone. There was that set, stern look in her eyes, but not the least sign of softening.

"I can assure you that the Emperor Dowager had everything prepared for the crowning of the new Emperor on the 1st day of the New Year (31st January), but on the 27th of the month the Tsungli Yamen handed to her Kin Lien-shan's memorial, praying that the Emperor be allowed to resume the reins of government, even in his illness, for that was the only way to satisfy His Majesty's millions of subjects throughout the Empire."

"Oh, the rage of the Emperor Dowager when she read that obnoxious telegram! I have seen many of her displays of temper and anger, but none like this one—it surpassed even her rage at Kang Yu-wei and his Reformers. We eunuchs and even the Prince of Li, who brought the telegram, were simply

Terrified and Trembled Lest

her anger should fall on anyone present! 'Who dare send such a telegram?' at last came her question—'Kin Yuan-shan (Kin's official name) of Shanghai, and over a thousand others' was the Prince of Li's reply. 'Very well. We'll show them how we deal with traitors who cross our path,' and the Prince of Li backed out of the presence with a sense of relief clearly depicted on his face. As a matter of fact, I really think if this had been the only protest sent, the Emperor Dowager and her advisers would have tried to brazen it out and have ignored the telegram; but unfortunately for their schemes no less than forty-six protests of the same kind came to Pe-

king, one after the other, some a dozen in a day, until the Emperor Dowager believed that there was really something in it, and decided to defer her coup. Mark me, not gave up her intentions, but merely deferred them.

"As a consequence Kin Lien-shan is praised sky-high as a devoted patriot and supporter of the Emperor by almost everyone in Peking, always excepting the Emperor Dowager, her advisers and their partisans; but on the other hand, these denounce Kin as the ringleader of rebellion; and I may give a warning that the Emperor Dowager is determined to have his head even if it should cost her half the Empire. There will be nothing left undone in order to encompass her end, and I heard the Emperor Dowager say recently to Prince Ching, who, as Grand Chamberlain, can enter the palace at all hours of the day and night to see the Emperor Dowager, that 'others of Kang Yu-wei and Kin's party must also be put out of the way before either she or the new Emperor will be able to rule the Empire quietly.' Finally you may not know that, ever since the fateful, enforced abdication of the Emperor, His Majesty has four times attempted to commit suicide, his last attempt being the refusal of food and drink in order to starve himself to death."

CANADIAN LOYALTY.

London, April 5.—Mr. Gilbert Parker has been interviewed by the Morning Post on Canadian martial spirit in reference to South Africa.

Mr. Parker argues that the recent display of loyalty in Canada was not an "outburst" as it is generally called, but the "inevitable result of Canada's growth into a nation." Her position, he says, has compelled her to provide for the defence of her own borders, because in the event of war it would be impossible for Great Britain to help her, at least in the initial stages, and the Canadians have always anticipated a war either for the defence of their own shores and borders, or for the defence of the Empire.

"The development of the federation which culminated in the election of Sir Wilfrid Laurier has been therefore synchronous with military development until Canada now possesses a sound militia establishment of 35,000 men. Canadians are asking if it has been practicable to unite English and French-Canadians under a French premier, why it is not possible to amalgamate the British and French temperaments, being closer, and there being on religious matters, but something more in the direction of a federation of the Empire will come out of the present situation than the mere hoisting of the Union Jack at Pretoria. What direction the union will take is a matter of serious speculation, but some closer union, I believe, is in the mind of every Canadian and every Australian. I have a feeling that three years hence the minister of war, sitting in Pall Mall, will be able to put his finger on Toronto, Vancouver, Halifax, Melbourne, Brisbane and Adelaide, with as full knowledge of their military possibilities as he is now able to do with Newcastle or Manchester."

THE MARKETS.

There is no distinct change in the market, although the present season causes considerable demand for seeds, the market is inclined to remain steady. In connection with fish, the salmon run on the rivers, notably the Fraser, not being quite under way, salmon are on the scarce side, and other fish, however, being plentiful. The retail prices this week are as follows:

Flour—		
Ogilvie's Hungarian, per bbl.	5.00	
Lake of the Woods, per bbl.	5.00	
Let's, per bbl.	5.00	
O. K., per bbl.	5.00	
Starbuck, per bbl.	5.00	
Galt's Hungarian, per bbl.	5.00	
Primer, per bbl.	5.00	
X.X. Borden, per bbl.	5.00	
Wheat, per ton	27.00	26.00
Corn (white), per ton	20.00	19.00
Corn (cracked), per ton	20.00	19.00
Barley, per ton	28.00	27.00
Oats, per ton	20.00	19.00
Roll'd oats (B. & K.), 7½ sack	4.00	
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Feed—		
Hay (baled), per ton	15.00	14.00
Straw, per bale	5.00	4.00
Midlings, per ton	20.00	19.00
Brass, per ton	20.00	19.00
Ground feed, per ton	25.00	24.00
Vegetables—		
Potatoes (new), per 100 lbs.	1.00	1.25
Water cress, per bunch	5	
Cabbage, per head	10	10
Caulliflower, per head	10	10
Celery, per bunch	10	10
Let's, per bunch	10	10
Onions, per lb.	3	3
Garlic, per lb.	3	3
Gherkins, per lb.	3	3
Radishes, 2 bunches for	5	
Carrots, per lb.	10	10
Tomatoes, per lb.	10	10
Cumbers, Island, 3 for	10	10
Pumpkins, per lb.	2	
Fish—		
Salmon (smoked), per lb.	20	
Salmon (sprung), per lb.	20	
Oysters (Olympian), per pt.	50	
Oysters (Eastern), per pt.	50	
Shrimps, per lb.	50	
Cod, per lb.	8	10
Flounders, per lb.	10	10
Herring, per lb.	5	5
Smelts, per lb.	10	10
Flounders, per lb.	10	10
Crabs, 3 for	20	
Farm Produce—		
Fresh Island Eggs	20	
Eggs (Mainland), per doz	20	
Butter (Dette creamery)	25	
Best dairy butter, other than Dette	15	20
Butter (Cowichan)	15	20
Cheese (Canadian)	15	20
Lard, per lb.	15	20
Meats—		
Hams (American), per lb.	15	
Hams (Canadian), per lb.	15	
Bacon (American), per lb.	17	15
Bacon (Canadian), per lb.	14	15
Bacon (rolled), per lb.	12	15
Bacon (long clear), per lb.	12	15
Shoulders, per lb.	8	10
Mutton, per lb.	10	15
Ved, per lb.	10	15
Pork, per lb.	10	15
Fruit—		
App. Oranges, per doz	150	20
Jap. Oranges, per doz	150	20
Bananas, per dozen	30	40
Coconuts, each	10	15
Lemons (California), per doz	100	25
Lemons (small), per doz	100	25
Apples, per box	150	200
Pears, 3 lbs. for	125	
Grapes, per lb.	125	
Muscatales, per lb.	15	
Wash. Navel Oranges, per doz	25	
Poultry—		
Dressed fowl (per pair)	1.50	1.75
Dressed Turkey, per lb.	1.50	1.60
Duck, dressed, each	20	25
Game—		
Brant, per pair	1.00	

Gen. Lord Seymour has issued an order that hereafter artillery guards on all forts at Halifax barracks shall be armed with fixed bayonets. This is the first time in Halifax that artillery guards have been required to mount with fixed bayonets.

Mining News

Rossland Camp.

The Rossland Miner in its weekly mining review says:

The mining review this week presents a feature which has not been known for several years, to wit, there was not a single pound of ore sent from the camp to the smelters. This is an abnormal condition of affairs which should not be allowed long to exist. The ore is in the mines, and it should be taken out. The Evening Star would have shipped but the road leading from the mine to the railroad is too soft for wagons to haul loads over. The big mines are shut down awaiting a decision on the contract system, and so there were no shipments. The Evening Star promises to send some ore to the smelter this week, and this will prevent an abnormal condition of affairs which should not be allowed long to exist.

Douglas-Hunter.—Mr. Leslie Belor, who has been at the Douglas-Hunter mine on Sophie mountain for the past seven months, is in the city. This mine is located about 3,000 feet from the town, and is owned by an incorporated company with headquarters in Spokane. Mr. Belor says that the property is opened by a series of tunnels. The first tunnel is in for a distance of 138 feet, and is a drift tunnel driven along the ledge. The second tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The third tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The fourth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The fifth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The sixth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The seventh tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The eighth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The ninth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. 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The ninety-eighth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The ninety-ninth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut. The hundredth tunnel is in for a distance of 30 feet, and is a cross-cut.

White Bear.—Drifting and cross-cutting on the 350-foot level continues. Arthur.—The work is being pushed and the tunnel is for a distance of 30 feet. Frequent bunches of ore are being met which leads to the impression that the main ledge will soon be encountered. Sunset (No. 2).—Work on the No. 3 ledge continues.

body that was found in No. 1 tunnel. When this has been fully explored in level No. 2 the intention is to also locate it in No. 3 level. This will be at depth of 450 feet. The work of drifting along the ledge on the 300-foot level is in progress. The ore chute on this level is 12 feet wide and the ore is on a high grade, carrying large values in gold and copper.

Iron Mask.—Superintendent Hall reports that good progress is being made with the two shafts which are being pursued for development purposes. The No. 2 winze is now within 35 feet of the 500-foot level. The drift through the big dyke and displacement has got to the other side, and a cross-cut was started on Saturday to the north to find the vein. Judging from the levels above the ledge should be distant about 30 to 35 feet, and it will probably be reached early next week. As the work is purely development in character and no ore is being encountered, there have been no shipments to the smelter.

California.—The new 10-drill compressor, which was installed a few days since, is doing satisfactory work. One machine is now at work in the tunnel. No. 1.—The shaft is down about 520 feet, and there is also one machine drifting on the 400-foot level west. Josie.—Cross-cutting is proceeding on the west drifts on both the 300 and the 400-foot levels. A drift, now in about 400 feet, is being driven on the 500-foot level to the eastward.

Iron Colt.—The shaft is down to a depth of 43 feet. One machine is at work in the shaft. Another machine is in use in drifting along the north ledge. White Bear.—Drifting and cross-cutting on the 350-foot level continues. Arthur.—The work is being pushed and the tunnel is for a distance of 30 feet. Frequent bunches of ore are being met which leads to the impression that the main ledge will soon be encountered. Sunset (No. 2).—Work on the No. 3 ledge continues.

Along the Waterfront.

THE GUN.

Interstate Park, L. I., April 6.—There were 23 straight scores among the two hundred and eleven young men who faced the traps yesterday in the Grand American handicap. Among them was H. D. Smith, of St. Thomas, Ont. The handicap will be completed today.

THE TURF.

SPLendid IMPORTATIONS. J. A. McNeil has just returned from California, bringing with him four magnificent horses, including a span of bays whom he purchased for E. B. Seabrook, manager of the Alhambra Iron Works. The animals were purchased from the stables of F. C. Talbot, of San Leandro, and are splendidly matched. The other horses were purchased by Mr. McNeil for his own use.

THE OAR.

EXECUTIVE MEETING. Toronto, March 30.—A meeting of the Executive Association of Amateur Oarsmen has been called for Saturday at the Queen's hotel, at which the place for the annual regatta will be selected. Brockville, which has now had the regatta two years in succession, is after it again. It will be suggested to limit the number of prizes that individuals may win. In addition, an endeavor will be made to do something towards improving the condition of amateur rowing in this country, which has not been satisfactory for some years.

YACHTING.

NANAIMO CLUB MEETING. The meeting of the Royal Yacht Club of Nanaimo was well attended and showed that the members are taking an active and increasing interest in the affairs of the club. Seven new members were balloted for and accepted, which makes the total number now nearly fifty. During the evening some discussion took place on the question of having special regattas in connection with the Queen's birthday celebration, and a committee was appointed to interview the central committee when it should be appointed to ask the yacht club be allowed to take the aquatic part of the programme in charge.

BASEBALL.

TO ORGANIZE A LEAGUE. An effort has recently been made at Detroit to organize an intermediate baseball league. It is proposed to organize a league of eight clubs, four in Canadian cities and four in Michigan. Hamilton, London, St. Thomas and Woodstock were presented at the meeting yesterday. An application was received to admit Chatham. It is proposed to put clubs in Jackson, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Muskegon, and a committee was appointed to pay a visit to these cities. None of the Michigan cities were represented at the meeting. Port Huron made application to be one of the Michigan cities, and it is possible that it will be taken in if one of the other cities fails to come in. In case an international league is not organized, the Canadian league will continue.

THE KENNEL.

SEATTLE BENCH SHOW. Among the Victorians who will enter their dogs in the bench show of the Seattle Kennel Club, which commences in Seattle on April 10th, is Emil Pfendner, who is confident that his fifteen months old, black dog, Vancouver, will show up well. Entries for the show will close on Friday next.

VICTORIA'S REPRESENTATIVES.

Among the dogs which left in charge of Frank Turner yesterday morning for Tacoma to compete in the Tacoma kennel show were: Mrs. Hitchcock's Great Dane, Dr. Joseph Duncan's and Dr. Garesche's Irish setters, O. C. Bass's Gordon setter, Emil Pfendner's St. Bernard, five cockers from the Royal City Kennels, three of J. W. Oregional's cockers, Mrs. Bradley Dyne's five Irish and Scotch terriers, Mr. Plimley's two English setters, and an English setter and pointer belonging to Frank Turner.

THE FRISCO SHOW.

The premium list for the fourth annual show of the San Francisco Kennel Club, to be held in the Bay City on May 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, contains many handsome prizes for dogs of every class and grade. There are numerous trophies in the way of silver cups to be awarded, while other prizes will be offered in abundance. The entries will close on Sunday, April 21st, and as soon thereafter as practicable the exhibitor will receive a ticket for identification, and a numbered tag corresponding with the stall number of his dog. The rules for the government of the show will be those adopted by the American Kennel Club. The club officers are as follows: President, A. B. Spreckels; 1st vice-president, John E. de Ruyter; 2nd vice-president, J. L. Bepko; Directors, A. B. Spreckels, John E. de Ruyter, J. L. Bepko, L. S. Greenbaum, J. P. Norman, Henry J. Crocker; secretary and treasurer, H. H. Carlton; acting secretary and treasurer, J. P. Norman; bench show committee, N. H. Hickman, L. M. Greenbaum, J. P. Norman, W. S. Kittle, W. C. Brown; judge, James Mortimer; of Hempstead, L. I., will judge all classes; clerk, D. J. Sinclair; superintendent, J. C. Langenderfer; cashier, H. D. Laidlaw; veterinary surgeons, F. W. Skatte, D. C. S., Montreal, M. R. C. V. S., London; K. O. Steers, D. V. S.

THE TACOMA TOURNAMENT. The spring tournament of the Tacoma Golf Club was brought to a conclusion on Saturday, the playing of the final being productive of the keenest excitement. Undoubtedly the greatest interest centred in the result of the men's open competition, which was begun on the first day of the meeting and was concluded Saturday. Griggs won in the final after a close game with Adams, who defeated Eberly in the semi-finals. A summary of the men's open, in which seventeen were entered, shows that in the semi-finals Adams beat Eberly 3 up, 2 to play, and Griggs beat Burdell 6 up, 5 to play. In the final Griggs beat Adams, 1 up.

GOLF.

In the semi-finals of the women's open competition Mrs. Loomis beat Mrs. Potter, 3 up, 1 to play, and Mrs. Jones won from Mrs. Anderson by default. The match between Mrs. Loomis and Mrs. Jones for the final will be played this week. In the men's approaching contest, H. J. Bremner won the prize for the nearest approach and Mr. Van Gilson, Jr., made the best average of four balls. In this contest two prizes were offered, one for the best approach and one for the best average. Two balls were played from 75 yards and two from 50 yards, with bunkers 25 yards from the hole. The women's driving contest was over a course forty yards wide with a carry of forty yards. Mrs. Jones made the longest drive and Miss Kershaw secured the best average of four balls in this event. In the men's open handicap there were thirty-four contestants for honors, and the event was followed with great interest. Three prizes were offered in the handicaps, one for first, one for second, and one for the best scratch score. Yesterday's best score over the 18-hole course was made in this event by Strout, who scored 68, winning thereby the prize for the best scratch score.

Eighteen entries were received for the women's open handicap, 18-hole course, and resulted in Miss Kershaw winning the scratch prize, Mrs. Potter first with handicap, and Mrs. Jones second with handicap. In the putting contest, same rules as those governing previous putting contests, E. A. Strout, of Seattle, won in the play-off of the tie with Captain Taylor, also of Seattle. The highest score at putting yesterday was 14, while 16 was made the day before. The ties of 14 and 16 for Thursday's and Friday's games were played off on Saturday, W. N. Ward, of Victoria, winning from Captain Taylor.

The passengers who have been waiting the sailing of the Alpha have went to Vancouver by the Islander this morning, as the north bound steamer, whose officers are endeavor to take her through the ice pack first of the fleet, sails from there this afternoon. All her passenger and freight space has been taken up. Among the larger shippers 'who have freight on her are J. D. Thagard, who is taking up large quantities of lumber, and Frye, Bruan & Co., the well-known packers of Seattle, whose freight bill for the goods sent up by them will amount to over \$7,000. Their freight consists of over six carloads of stuff, which has been sent to Vancouver on the S. & I. railway. There is among their goods eggs, beef, general produce, groceries, etc. The question of when the Alpha will be able to reach Cape Nome was a much discussed one on the waterfront this morning. A sailing man who has made many trips to the Arctic says that even as late as May 30th he has been unable to get through the ice-packs. The ice extends south from Cape Nome for between 500 and 700 miles. Some mariners believe that the Alpha will have to steam about for some time or find an anchorage to wait for the breaking up of the ice when she gets to the edge of the pack ice. Others believe that every-thing points to the fact that this will be an early spring in the North, taking into consideration the mildness of the winter. The Alpha's officers intend to go by the route usually followed by the whalers, by glancing well to the westward and working their way round by the channel opened up by the whalers in the spring. By this route she is expected to arrive at the goldfields much earlier than by the eastward. The Seattle Times commenting on the sailing of the Alpha, says: "It was reported on the water front today that the Alpha people have been guaranteeing their customers and passengers to land them and their freight at Nome ahead of all their competitors. No one seems to know anything of any new orders touching the customs regulations and all manner of comment is heard on the Alpha's proposed trip. Some even go so far as to say that she is liable to be seized if she makes entry at Dutch harbor and starts out for Nome without landing her cargo. It is possible, they say, for her to land her passengers, but they will not be allowed to take ashore any freight or baggage."

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The Sorby Scheme

The Sub-Committee on Engineering Held a Meeting This Morning.

Cannot Estimate Cost of Revetment Wall From Sorby's Plan.

Although the general committee on preliminary investigation into the Sorby harbor scheme, several weeks ago, decided that they could not endorse the scheme from a revenue standpoint, the sub-committee on engineering did not consider the duties ended, and consequently convened this morning to investigate for which they were appointed. There were present Mayor Hayward, ex offic