

TRYING TO MAKE INTO ONE GREAT UNITED NATION

Resignation of Cabinet Considered in Peking to be First Step.

Peking, Dec. 21.—The resignation of the cabinet today is considered the first definite move by General Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian "war lord," to clear the slate for the reformation of the North and South, and an attempt to set up a strong Government which will be able to cope with foreign powers, offset the weakness hitherto shown by China at the Washington Conference, and "save Manchuria for the Chinese."

One of the chief difficulties confronting General Chang is his personal unpopularity among the Chinese, and he therefore is endeavoring to control the movement around General Wu Pei Fu, the hero of the Yangtze and a popular idol.

Chang Tso Lin apparently hopes to effect a compromise among the strongest factions, uniting all under his own leadership, rather than attempting to eliminate first one and then another. His scheme apparently is a financial reorganization, a readjustment of public offices and division of the spoils among the important factions, including Canton. He is depending on his own power to accomplish this purpose, but his ability to cope with the gigantic problem of unifying China remains to be proved.

He has already succeeded in patching up the quarrel within the Chiao-tung clique, which is the most powerful political group in the Chinese Republic today, and he has united both factions under his own leadership. He has lived up to the military governors of North China under his banner.

Through his Anhui followers he is able to get into close and commanding touch with Dr. Sun Yat Sen and the Canton Government.

In planning to make use of General Wu Pei Fu, Chang expects to make him his own tool or to eliminate him later. Wu Pei Fu will be practically forced to co-operate with Chang, though the latter runs the danger of Wu Pei Fu eventually being able to wrest the power from him, for Wu Pei Fu also is capable and strong.

Worried Over Manchuria.

General Chang evidently is worried for fear that Manchuria, or at least valuable economic rights in Manchuria, will go to Japan at the Washington Conference. Chang, who over the last three eastern provinces which go to make up Manchuria, has risen through sheer ability from a brigand to his present high position, and is considered the strongest individual in China today. If Manchuria should be placed on the operating table at Washington, it is General Chang, his country and his people who would feel the knife. He has been accused in Japan of being pro-Japanese, but the accusation is seldom heard in China. It is true he has used the Japanese and Japanese money, but he points out that he has seldom met Japanese demands. He is an opportunist who has not failed to use every means in his climb to power. Although he may not be strong enough to unify China, he certainly is in a better position than anyone else. He is a dictator of the type of Yuan Shi Kai.

Russia Watches Conference.

Soviet Russia's decision whether or not to seek a trade and diplomatic treaty with China depends on the outcome of a forthcoming conference here regarding the ownership of the Chinese Eastern Railway, according to an interview given to your correspondent by Alexander Paikow, who has arrived in Peking from Moscow as the Soviet representative at the conference. The conference was moved to Peking from Manchuria station to permit C. C. Wang to participate for China. The Far East Republic also has been given representation by courtesy, but Paikow denies any connection between China and Moscow. Paikow says a wave of pro-American feeling has swept over the Russian people because of the Italian Stages famine relief work, but that the Soviet Government feels bitter because of its exclusion from the Washington Conference.

"The Hilde Pacific Conference"

of weaker nations, called by Moscow, will convene at Trkutak in a few days, according to Paikow.

COMMON COUNCIL PLEASE COPY.

The Moncton City Council are considering the erection of a new market building and a police station to relieve the unemployment situation in the railway town, and also the building of a new municipal home. The city fathers of St. John may perhaps take a leaf out of the book of their Moncton confreres and consider the building of a municipal building to house the city hall and court house.

Every soldier or former service man who is a holder of the Victoria Cross is authorized by the British Government to affix "V. C." to his name. Miss Julia Shivers, nurse of the Army Nurses Training School, is the first and only woman major in the United States army.

Says Porto Ricans Plan No Secession From United States

Head of Island Senate Answers Recent Charges Going the Rounds.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Porto Rico is not planning to "secede" from the United States and her political leaders are not dictators or plotters seeking to undermine the authority of the Federal Government, says Antonio R. Barcelo, president of the island Senate, speaking for the Porto Rican Commission in Washington, of which he is a member, in a public statement here in answer to recent charges by members of the administration of Governor R. Montt, Rely.

One of the reasons advanced by Governor Rely in justification for his hostility toward the majority party, says the statement, "is that the very predominance of that party in the island is such as to exercise a pernicious influence upon all efforts for a good government, and that its leader, Mr. Barcelo, has developed into a dictator who is using his great power to thwart the beneficent efforts of the Government."

The members of the commission that has been sent to Washington from Porto Rico to prefer charges looking to the removal of the governor, unanimously refute this charge. They claim that the Unionist party is primarily a patriotic league. In its ranks are to be found both conservative and radical elements who find a common meeting ground in the party's ideal of self-government. They claim it will enable their people to prove their capacity to assume all the obligations that go with the exercise of government.

"Such a patriotic organization they claim has naturally obtained the support of the great majority of the respecting and patriotic islanders. This has been repeatedly shown by their overwhelming victories whenever they have applied to the voters for election to the commission, on the other hand, characterize the membership of the minor political parties which oppose the Unionists as being divided into two classes; first, those who would be content to see Porto Rico play a service part, and secondly, those, who by bowing to a strong power centered in the Governor, would be willing to surrender the public control of the island if they would be benefited thereby."

"Under the terms of the Organic Act as presently amended," continues the statement, "it must be apparent that if anything approaching a dictatorship exists on the island it is the result of the acts of the Governor himself and a small circle of politicians who have been directing his policy. It is ridiculous to accuse the Unionist party or Mr. Barcelo, its leader, of dictatorship, for they have exercised no powers other than those granted by the Organic Act and the laws of the island, to the people who elected them as representatives."

"Fortunately, the officials confirmed by the Senate under the new Organic Act have shown efficiency, honesty and capacity, and the General Assembly has accomplished a great and truly constructive work in the social and economic reform they have placed upon the statute books. There are few states in the Union that would lay claim to a higher standard than that displayed by the island legislature. This may be verified by the annual report of the Governor which is in turn made a part of the annual report of the Secretary of War to the President.

"The powers of the Governor as provided under the Foraker Act, in many respects, have been preserved in the Act of 1917. The general supervision of public affairs is still vested in him; he has the power to remove appointees and he enjoys an almost absolute veto power over the acts of the legislature. With such power wisely exercised, an able and diplomatic governor could well leave to the other branches of the government the exercise of powers granted them by the Organic Act, allowing them the exercise and development of their own initiative and limiting himself to preventing any abuse of power. This is the proper way of assisting the people to prepare themselves for self-government, otherwise, if the governor arrogates to himself all powers, he will destroy the incentive of the people to participate in public affairs."

Official Leader of Opposition

Mooted Question

Determining of Question Important as Position Carries Salary of \$10,000 Besides Indemnity.

(Ottawa, Dec. 22.—(Canadian Press)—Who will lead the official opposition in the next House?

Immediately following the general election, Hon. T. A. Crerar, leader of the National Progressives, and head of the largest group in opposition to the coming Liberal Ministry, was regarded as the natural leader of the official opposition, but subsequent developments have brought a Liberal-Progressive alliance within the bounds of possibility. Should it be brought about, Mr. Crerar, instead of opposing, will support the Government. Conservatives will then naturally become the official opposition and Hon. Arthur Meighen (if he decides to remain in politics) will be the leader. Mr. Meighen will, however, have to secure a seat.

The question of determining the leader of the official opposition is important inasmuch as the position carries with it a salary like that of a cabinet minister, of \$10,000 a year in addition to the seasonal indemnity of \$1,000.

THE COMMITTEE ON GAS WARFARE REACH IMPASSE

U. S. Experts Favor Use of Poisonous Gases, in Opposition to Other Experts.

Washington, Dec. 22.—The committee on gas warfare, of the Armament Conference, was understood, today, to have reached the conclusion that it was impracticable to formulate binding rules in this respect when so many nations are not represented at the present conference.

The committee has decided, it was understood, to recommend, that, after adjournment of this conference, a systematic inquiry should be undertaken through some agency to be designated by the conference to develop the views of nations not participating in the conference.

U. S. Favors Gas

The committee on gas warfare, also, was said to have reached an impasse, partially as a result of United States technical experts favoring the use of poisonous gases in war in opposition to the technical experts of other powers. The United States Advisory Committee, of which General Pershing is a member, has recommended the abandonment of the use of other United States experts have held that the use of gas is actually more humane than attacks by shells and machine guns. A proposal was made to limit gas attacks to strictly military areas, but all the experts, except those of the United States, held that his would be impracticable from the nature of the weapon as the gas was sure to be diffused into civilian localities, and with dreadful results as its presence would not be known in time for the population to escape.

Police Court Cases Yesterday

In the police court yesterday afternoon, the hearing of two liquor charges against Walter Bell was resumed. Mr. Bell pleaded guilty to the first charge and was fined \$200. The second case was dismissed for want of sufficient evidence. W. M. Ryan appeared for the prosecution, and E. J. Ritchie for Bell.

In the case against Percy Hand, assistant manager of the Canadian Debating Company, the deposit of \$200 put up at the previous hearing was accepted and the case as a fine. B. Dever appeared for Hand and W. M. Ryan for the prosecution.

Edward Farren, charged with selling liquor, was before the court yesterday afternoon. The evidence of sub-inspector Killen was taken and the case was postponed for a week. One man, charged with being drunk, pleaded not guilty yesterday morning. Detective Saunders testified that the man had been arrested in a house in union street on suspicion of stealing a watch. He was taken to the station, but it was found that he had nothing to do with the theft, so he was allowed to go again. By this time, the witness said, he was too drunk to look out for himself, so they put him out in King street east and immediately arrested him again.

Died

KENNEDY.—Victoria Violet Kennedy, in her 24th year, wife of Allen R. Kennedy, Victoria Hotel, St. John.

Funeral Sunday at Port Elgin, N. B.

TRECARTIN.—Victoria Violet Trecartin, in her 24th year, wife of Edward S. Trecartin, aged 40 years, leaving a loving wife two sons, one daughter, four brothers and two sisters mourning.

Notice of funeral later.

England, with a population of 45,000,000, possesses a standing army of 635,000 men and 5,215,000 in the reserves. The United States army has 180,000 officers, or approximately one to every seven enlisted men.

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Reestablishment of Canada Wheat Board Seems Assured

Definite Steps Taken at Meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

Winnipeg, Dec. 22.—Definite steps towards securing re-establishment of the Canadian Wheat Board were taken at this morning's session of the meeting of the Canadian Council of Agriculture.

Following acceptance of a report of the Wheat Pool Committee rejecting the original plan for a wheat pool, a resolution was adopted, which urges the Federal Government "to reinstate

the Canadian Wheat Board to handle the wheat crop of 1922 and until such further time as world conditions again become normal."

The council also unanimously adopted a resolution advising the new Federal administration to watch the action of the Imperial authorities in regard to the removal of the embargo on wheat and if the occasion presents itself to press for fulfillment of the British Minister of Agriculture's promise in 1917 that the embargo would be removed.

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Students Home For Christmas Holidays

Many Reach City to Spend Festive Season With Relatives and Friends.

A large number of students from the different Universities of the Maritime Provinces arrived here last evening on the Moncton Express which was two hours late, many whose homes are in the city and others enroute to their different destinations. Among the passengers on the incoming train was Rev. Father Melnyk of St. Francis Xavier College, Antigonish, N. S., who is on his way to his home in Cambridge, Mass., where he will spend the Christmas vacation with relatives. Sir Charles Dalton of United States and formerly of Prince Edward Island was also listed among the passengers. Sir Charles is one of the kind benefactors of St. Dunstan's University, Charlottetown, P. E. I., the Dalton Hall of that University which is occupied by senior students being named after him. Among the students for St. John were: James Wholly, Walter Bridges, William McElvarty, Arthur Melnick, Malcolm Rogers, Harry Burns, Professor Oswald McDonald, M. A. B. A. (St. Joseph's) and a number of others all of St. Joseph's University; Chester Brown and many others from Mount Allison; Edward and Fred Jennings, Victor Moran and others from St. Francis Xavier and Harry J. O'Connell and Leo and Louis Mallette from St. Dunstan's, Fred Carney of St. Joseph's went out on the Montreal last evening.

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LETTER FROM FORMER KAISER IS CONDEMNED

Causes Sensation in Berlin and is Bitterly Attacked by Socialist Press.

Berlin, Dec. 22.—The former Kaiser's remarkable letter to Field Marshal Hindenburg is not likely to do the cause of Hohenzollernism much good in Germany. Even ardent monarchists sharply criticize the fact that publication of the letter was permitted at the moment when the London reparations conference begins, and it is important to Germany that allied public opinion should not be needlessly irritated by taking up old controversies.

Many newspapers express the hope that the Allies will not confine in the matter the German former Kaiser with the German people, and it is certain that the world should know that the letter to Field Marshal Hindenburg has in fact done no service here to the declining cause of Hohenzollernism.

Vigorous comments in "Vorwaerts" and "Friedrich," the leading Socialist newspapers, indicate that the German workers are not likely to bestow sympathy of the former Emperor. "Vorwaerts" says that the former Kaiser whose pre-war speeches proved such a disturbing factor in the world, is least suited man to come forward as Germany's champion. "Friedrich" takes bluntly of "the former crown prince who is not responsible for either his actions or words."

Extraordinary Scenes Occurred in Daily Over Adjournment

Griffith and Mary MacSwiney in Passage of Words—Collins Given Jolt.

London, Dec. 22.—According to a despatch to the Press Association from Dublin, extraordinary scenes occurred in the Daily Breeze over adjournment motion. A reference to Arthur Griffith to the length of MacSwiney's speech brought a remark: "For seventy-four days I through Brixton (meaning Brixton Prison) and I think I have a right to speak for the honor of my nation."

Another incident occurred when Countess Markievicz referred to Mael Collins as having faced President Lloyd George night after night. Mr. Collins was worn out and weary. To this, according to the Press Association, Mr. Collins retorted: "I never was worn out and weary. I was admitted that I was somewhat befogged," retorted Countess.

Give Himself Away.

A young man sat in a parlor at To him, a beautiful girl entered. Upon the young man arose, took cigars, from his upper waist pocket, laid them carefully on piano, and then advanced towards girl passionately, his arms outstretched.

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