

PROBLEMS THAT CONFRONT CHINA

JAPAN EXPECTED TO WITHDRAW FROM KOREA

Regency, in Letter to W. H. Taft, Explains Dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai.

Pekin, Feb. 25.—The regency of the empire has caused to be sent to President-elect William H. Taft a communication in the form of a private letter in which its ideas and the attitude of the regency and its advisors on the most vital questions now before the empire, are set forth at considerable length.

This communication is the first direct expression of the regent's views on the various subjects touched upon, and it comes at a time when it is known that the regent is personally anxious regarding the interpretation by foreign powers of the recent dismissal from office of Grand Councillor Yuan Shi Kai and the American and British official action following this step.

The official of the regency, who composed the letter to Mr. Taft, lays emphasis upon the fact that the recent ministerial change was entirely a family and personal matter, and that it does not signify any change in the international or external policies of the empire, on the contrary, the government purposes vigorously to carry out reform.

In the matter of the consumption of opium, the communication describes this as China's humiliation, but it says the habit can be eradicated, and that the United States is helping to this end.

Concerning Manchuria, the regency recites that the United States is fully cognizant of the recent proposals looking to a Japanese-American agreement to help China in the government of this territory, and it trusts in American aid. The regency expects Japan to withdraw from Manchuria, and commending in this connection the communication says that lasting peace is dependent upon the return of the Japanese to their own islands. Good relations between China and Japan are of paramount importance.

The regency sees obstacles in the way of Japan quitting Korea, but it entertains the conviction that ultimately Japan will give up her foothold in both China and Korea.

CARDINAL SANCHEA DEAD.

Toledo, Spain, Feb. 25.—Cardinal Sanchea, archbishop of Toledo, died here to-day.

BANK DISCOUNT RATE.

London, Feb. 25.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England remains unchanged to-day at 3 per cent.

CROWDED GANGWAY COLLAPSES; 10 DEAD

Disaster During Loading of Atlantic Liner at Hamburg Wharf.

Hamburg, Feb. 25.—Ten persons were killed and seventeen injured last night through the slipping of a gangway between the wharf and the steamer Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, which was being loaded preparatory to sailing for New York on Saturday next. No passengers were among the victims.

Those on the gangway when the accident occurred included members of the crew, stevedores and stewards. These were dashed into the water, which was covered with thick drift ice. The majority of them sustained broken bones, and several were badly crushed. Only seventeen of them were rescued, and the officials estimate the dead, some of whose bodies have not been recovered, at ten or more.

DEATH OF BRITISH ADMIRAL.

Sir Charles Fane Was Formerly Commander on Newfoundland Station.

Halifax, N.S., Feb. 25.—A cable received here yesterday announced the death at Edinburgh of Admiral Sir Charles George Fane, K.C.B., formerly commander of the Newfoundland station and A. D. C. to the late Queen Victoria. Sir Charles retired in 1902. He had Crimean and Turkish medals. He married here in 1875 the youngest daughter of Sir Edward Kenny and sister of the late T. E. Kenny, ex-M.P. Lady Fane and five children survive.

CZAR'S PHILANTHROPY.

Donation of \$2,500 for Russian Y. M. C. A.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Emperor Nicholas has given \$2,500 to the Russian Young Men's Christian Association, founded in this city by Anson Phelps Stokes, of New York. J. R. Mott, general secretary of the World's Student Christian Federation of New York, is expected here next Saturday. He will deliver a series of lectures under the auspices of the federation in St. Petersburg, Moscow and Dorpat.

OUTCRY FOR FORGER'S NAME IS GROWING

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—The Free Press on Mr. Borden's latest explanation of the forged telegram incident, said yesterday: "There is only one comment to be made in regard to the document read in parliament by Mr. Borden about the confession of a man whose name is not given, who forged the telegram with Mr. Borden's name to it, which elected Mr. Barnard in Victoria and won Conservative victories in Kootenay and Yale-Cariboo. The forger's name should be made public."

NOT PLEASED WITH M'BRIDE

NANAIMO CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION DISBANDS

Government, in Distributing Patronage, Omits to Consult Coal City Tories.

(Special to the Times.)

Nanaimo, Feb. 25.—The feeling of dissatisfaction in local Conservative circles over the actions of the M.C.B., culminated at the annual meeting of the Nanaimo association, the matter of local appointments that have ignored the executive of the association has been discussed and quite recently, the matter of local appointments to the boards of public commissioners were discussed. There also has been a consideration and assent from the powers that be to which it was entitled, and at the annual meeting last night it was unanimously agreed that the association should disband as a protest so the treatment it has received. A copy of this resolution will be read at the executive meeting of the B. C. Conservative Association to-day in Victoria.

Private advices from Nanaimo state that Conservatives there are dissatisfied with the growing tendency towards Socialism of the McBride government. The lavish expenditures and appropriations, the raising of money by royal warrant when no urgent necessity for funds existed, have estranged the royalty of the Nanaimo "faithful" with the result that as an organization they will cease to exercise their duties in the McBride machine. The disaffected spirits will leave the political fortunes of the Coal City in the hands of the Socialist member, Mr. Hawthornthwaite, and the Liberals of that city.

125 PTOMAINE VICTIMS.

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 25.—Only Principal Hutton, out of 126 student athletes and nine professors, who attended the feast to the athletic champions of the university held recently, escaped three days of misery from ptomaine poisoning. The effects were exactly the same in all cases. Prof. Hutton and the students' physical instructor said yesterday that most of them had recovered. Just what article of food was responsible no one knows.

COMPULSORY VACCINATION.

Kingston, Ont., Feb. 25.—The local board of health has decided to push the vaccination law to the limit. It will fine those who resist until they comply. Many will leave the city rather than do this, which their consciences disapprove.

TWENTY-THREE CASUALTIES.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 25.—Three persons were fatally injured and twenty days of misery from ptomaine poisoning. The effects were exactly the same in all cases. Prof. Hutton and the students' physical instructor said yesterday that most of them had recovered. Just what article of food was responsible no one knows.

"GIVE US INDEPENDENCE OR GIVE US DEATH"

Koreans in Hawaii Send Message to Emperor of Japan.

Honolulu, Feb. 25.—At a convention held by 300 Korean residents of the island of Hawaii, the following message was drafted and cabled to the Emperor of Japan: "We now learn that negotiations for the annexation of Korea by Japan are under way. We assert that such negotiations are unauthorized, and we beg your Majesty to prevent such annexation and to insure Korean independence. The message conclude with 'Give us independence or give us death.'"

FINNISH DIET RESIGNS.

Helsingfors, Finland, Feb. 25.—The Finnish senate has resigned.



THE BEAVER EXTENDS HOSPITALITY TO THE WALLABY.

WINNIPEG POLICE COURT METHODS

ES PAID THROUGH INIQUITOUS TRAFFIC

Shocking Revelations Disclosed in Legislature—Manitoba's Telephone "Surplus."

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—Some startling revelations were made at the public accounts committee of the legislature to-day, due to the close questioning of officials by the Liberals. Magistrate McMicken explained his system of collecting fines. Immoral women, when unable to pay, are given time to earn the money, their jewelry and diamonds being taken as security in the meantime, the magistrate telling them to go out and earn the money. Commissioner Paterson was examined in connection with telephones. It was learned that the government included in its telephone surplus of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars in advance which were not earned until this year, that there is no surplus shown by a hundred thousand dollars, the overdraft being carried at the bank having been transferred to this account.

BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF TOBACCO COMBINE

Control of Industry Rests in Hands of a Few Capitalists.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—Herbert Knox Smith, commissioner of corporations, to-day made public sub-divisions 2 and 3 of his report on the tobacco industry. They deal with the present organization of the tobacco combine, so-called, its degree of control in that industry, and the development of that control. These divisions of the report, resulting from a thorough investigation into the business operations of the tobacco combine, contain an elaborate discussion of the methods by which the manufacture of tobacco, except cigars, has come under the control of a comparatively few capitalists.

"AMERICA'S BID FOR CANADA"

Detroit, Mich., Feb. 25.—The Detroit Board of Commerce has issued invitations for a Canadian reciprocity conference to be held in Detroit on April 22nd, 23rd and 24th. Invitations were sent to the civic organizations of St. Paul, Minneapolis, Duluth, Chicago, Milwaukee, Toledo, Cleveland, Erie, Buffalo and Rochester. It is pointed out by the promoters of the conference that the Canadian preferential tariff law opens the way for reciprocity if congress can be induced to take action in the matter.

OCEAN MAIL SUBSIDY.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 25.—The house committee on post offices and post roads agreed to-day to report favorably to the house the senate bill for an ocean mail subsidy.

PROVINCE WITH A RAILWAY POLICY

ALBERTA GRANTS BOND GUARANTEE OF \$27,000,000

Roads Running in Every Direction—Territory Will Be Gridironed.

(Special to the Times.)

Edmonton, Alta., Feb. 25.—At a session lasting until midnight, the legislature granted twenty-seven and a half millions of dollars in a bond guarantee to secure railways running in every direction. Twenty thousand dollars a mile will be given to a railway from Edmonton to Fort McMurray, fourteen thousand dollars a mile to the Grand Trunk Pacific for five hundred miles, and the Canadian Northern for nine hundred miles of branch lines. The province will be gridironed.

INCREASED WAGES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS

Government to Take Up Reorganization of Outside Service.

(Special to the Times.)

Ottawa, Feb. 25.—A deputation representing the outside civil service waited on Sir Wilfrid Laurier this morning to ask for a general increase in salaries and the reorganization of the outside service along similar lines as that effected in the inside service by the act of last session. The deputation included Dr. Barrett, of the inland revenue branch of Winnipeg; Mr. Frank Adamson, immigration agent at Winnipeg, and a number of others from Ontario points. They were accompanied by Messrs. Turfitt, Ralph Smith and Dr. McIntyre.

Sir Wilfrid stated that it was the intention of the government to take up in the near future the whole question of salaries and the reorganization of the outside service, and the government hoped to effect similar reforms to those accomplished in the inside service.

"AN ENGLISHMAN'S HOME."

London, Feb. 25.—The anxiety of the government not to give offence to Germany is reflected in the decision of the censor of plays, who has refused to sanction the production of a five-minute playlet, consisting of a burlesque of "An Englishman's Home."

LIFE SENTENCE FOR EX-CHIEF OF POLICE

Simcoe, Ont., Feb. 25.—Former Chief of Police Maloney was yesterday found guilty of attempting to murder ex-Constable Wilpie and was sentenced to life imprisonment in the penitentiary. Maloney is a former army man and served in the South African war.

"PART OF HUB OF UNIVERSE"

JUBILEE OF ANGLICAN CHURCH IN PROVINCE

Significant Statement is Made by Archbishop of Canterbury.

(Special to the Times.)

London, Feb. 25.—A big Mansion House meeting was held yesterday to commemorate the jubilee work of the Church of England in British Columbia, and to further an appeal for aid to establish St. Mark's college for the purpose of training clergy, which is to be attached as a hostel to the provincial university and to be under the control of representatives of each diocese of British Columbia. It will likely cost \$30,000.

The Archbishop of Canterbury emphasized the importance of the work for the church in British Columbia, which fifty years hence, he said, would possibly be part of the hub of the universe and was bound to be the meeting place of east and west. He paid a great tribute to that remarkable man of God, Bishop Hills, of British Columbia, and his work in the province. Lord Strathcona and Mr. Eurdett-Coutts, M. P., also supported the appeal.

BRITISH VIEW OF BALKAN CRISIS

Germany Still Withholds Offer of Her Good Services.

London, Feb. 25.—The British government is not so apprehensive regarding the situation in the Balkans as are some of the other governments of Europe, according to dispatches received here from various capitals on the continent. The foreign office of course recognizes that an undue prolongation of the tension between Austria-Hungary and Serbia is dangerous, but it is hopeful of an early relaxation in the situation. So far as is known here officially, Germany has not taken any action to relieve the situation nor offered her good offices.

U. S. SILVER NOT TO CIRCULATE IN CANADA

Dominion Mint Will Manufacture Sufficient for Needs of Country.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 25.—The government will again put into force the regulations to pay Canadian banks three-eighths per cent for the return to the United States of all American silver now circulating in the Dominion. This, according to an official of the mint, indicates that the government intends manufacturing the whole of the silver coinage circulating in the Dominion and produce therefrom a valuable source of revenue.

AUSTRIAN PRINCE IS DROWNED.

Heir to Great Estates in Galicia Loses His Life Off Tenerife. Santa Cruz, Tenerife, Feb. 25.—Prince Casimir Sapleha Kodenski, of a noted Austrian line, was drowned off here yesterday. He was heir to great estates in Galicia. Prince Casimir was born in 1882.

IMMENSE FLOW OF NATURAL GAS

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—The Southern Alberta Irrigation Company has struck a flow of natural gas at less than two thousand feet deep, equal to seven million cubic feet a day. This is the greatest find of its kind on the continent.

MAY ACCEPT PRINCIPALSHIP.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 25.—The Rev. Clarence Mackinnon, of Westminster church, will probably accept the principalship of the Theological college at Lethbridge.

SOCIETY WOMEN GO TO PRISON

TITLED SUFFRAGETTE ONE OF 28 ARRESTED

Will Wear Convict Garb and Live on Meagre Fare.

London, Feb. 25.—Refusing to give security for their future good behavior, a number of women suffragettes, who were arrested last night while attempting to reach Premier Asquith to present to him a petition in the interests of their cause, were sentenced to imprisonment. Most of the terms were for one month. An exception was made in the case of Mrs. Ethelwick Lawrence, who having previous convictions against her, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment. Lady Constance Lytton, sister of Lord Lytton, and daughter of the former viscount of India, was made a brief address on behalf of her fellow victims. She asked the magistrate to note that the arrested women did not belong to the disorderly or law-breaking classes, but were women of honorable position, and that many of them had done service for the welfare of the community. They would not consent to be bound over to keep the peace, Mrs. Lawrence declared, and she claimed that they were entitled to treatment as political prisoners.

Most of the 28 women sentenced took their punishment in dignified silence. One asked not to be given the insulting alternative of being bound over because that would be, she said, simply suggesting that she was a coward, not a woman at all. All of the women were committed to the "second division," which in the case of the present batch of prisoners, who belong mostly to the educated classes, entails drastic changes in food and methods of living. They all will be garbled in the rough and uncouth ready-made prison garments, spotted with a broad arrow, and their food will be the ordinary prison fare of thin porridge, watered cocoa, and a small allowance of meat and potatoes once a day. They will not be allowed to communicate with each other and they will be obliged to exercise in single file in the prison court yard. In spite of this, far from alluring prospect, all the women went off to their uninviting captivity giving outwardly signs of the utmost cheerfulness.

F. W. PETERS IS IN THE CITY

C. P. R. OFFICIAL TO SPEND SOME DAYS HERE

He Will Take Part in Convention Next Week.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

F. W. Peters, assistant to the second vice-president of the C. P. R., is in the city. He has been in Vancouver, attending the sittings of the railway commission and having finished this business there came on ahead of the commission the sittings of which he will attend on Saturday, and which he hopes will also be concluded on that day.

Mr. Peters will also be here next week to attend the convention between the fruit-growers and transportation people, which will commence at the government buildings on Monday. In this convention he is very much interested and will doubtless give the growers a lot of good advice.

There will be a delegate present from every fruit-growing district in British Columbia and such subjects as packing, inspection of fruit, distribution and transportation will be discussed. Mr. Peters when asked for his views on the industry said:

"We are going to see if anything can be done to put the business of fruit-growing in a better position. Here in British Columbia there is the best soil and climate for fruit-growing that is to be found anywhere, and the market is also the best in the world. On the prairies there is a constant demand from a people that cannot possibly grow the fruit themselves. There is also a protection in the form of a duty on imported fruit. For these reasons it should not be necessary for the people on the prairies to go across the line for their fruit but it should be supplied right here. The railway rates do not in any way favor the Americans and there seems to be no good reason why the produce should not be raised here."

Asked about the wheat shipping by way of the Pacific Coast Mr. Peters said that this was really the first year that Alberta had had a surplus over and above some flour which had for a number of years been sent this way. The C. P. R., he said, had been looking forward to this time and preparing for it so that now they were in a position to handle grain coming this way. Suitable elevators would be built at Vancouver and everything done to facilitate the shipping business on this coast.

Mr. Peters, who is accompanied by Mrs. Peters, is taking advantage of the proximity of the Victoria golf links to enjoy a little recreation there while waiting for the more serious business for which he came.

SUGGESTS TUNNEL TO REPLACE QUEBEC BRIDGE

Submarine Structure to Be Bolted to Supporting Piers.

Montreal, Que., Feb. 25.—J. S. Armstrong, of St. John, N. B., appeared before the council of the board of trade yesterday with a novel proposition. The board of trade has taken considerable interest in the Quebec bridge because it is believed that its height above the water would make it a hindrance to navigation between Quebec and Montreal.

Mr. Armstrong's proposal, which he illustrated with plans, was that instead of reconstructing the bridge as originally designed, it should be replaced by a submarine tunnel across the river, located about forty feet below the low water surface of the river and supported on piers. The tunnel would consist of a huge steel tube, surrounded with a thick covering of cement securely bolted to the supporting piers, to keep it from rising to the surface. It would run across the river directly from Quebec to Levis and would have four tracks, two of which could be used for street railway purposes. The cost Mr. Armstrong placed at about the same figure as that of a bridge.

It was decided to hold a special meeting of the board to-day when Mr. Armstrong will explain the project to the members. The plan of construction is the same as that adopted for the tunnel being built between Windsor and Detroit, except that at that point, the water not being so deep the tunnel is being laid in a trench excavated at the bottom of the river. The novelty of the Armstrong plan lies in the supporting piers.

LUMBER MILL BURNED.

Vancouver, Feb. 24.—In some unexplained manner the Fairview Cedar Lumber Company's mill on the south shore of Dease creek, near the Granville street bridge, caught fire early this morning, and in less than half an hour the building was burned to the ground. It had not been used for some time and there was not much material or plant inside, so that the damage to both the mill and machinery will not be more than \$5,000.

The pine tree flourishes in a poor soil, and in the most exposed positions, in common with other conifers, it sheds only a portion of its leaves each year.



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