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Our Trustees, having faith in the generous-hearted people of Canada, have continued to carry on this work during the past year.

Money to pay doctors, food, nursing and caring of these sick ones, is urgently needed. Will your readers help and have the joy of sharing in a work that has the promise of the Master's reward?

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CONTINUATION OF MANCHUS UNLIKELY

Whatever the Outcome of Negotiations Yuan Shi Kai Will Probably Be Ruler of Peking

(Publishers Press News Service) Shanghai. — Prospects of peace in China become more definite today with the announcement that all six of the great Powers, Great Britain, France, the United States, Germany, Italy and Japan, are united in co-operative effort to assist Dr. Wang Fang and Tang Shao Yi in their negotiations. There was rejoicing today when it was learned that the representatives of the six Powers were preparing to offer formally their assistance for the speedy conclusion of a understanding by the negotiators at the present conference.

It is clearly understood that this action by the powers is taken in the most friendly manner.

The pourparlers between Wang Fang and Tang Shao Yi opened with surprising smoothness and there was a complete absence of any sense of strain which might have seriously retarded the diplomatic progress of the conference. It is unmistakably evident, however, that the continuation of Manchu rule, even as concerns the imperial throne at Peking, is considered unlikely by either side. In this connection much significance is attached to the statement of Tang Shao Yi that he does not regard the throne, but rather the Premier. Coupled with Wang Fang's early insistence upon the establishment of a republic, this is taken to mean that Yuan Shi Kai is prepared to concede the ending of the dynasty.

Even though the present dynasty is ousted, the Premier evidently hopes to retain the Imperial form of government, possibly with the present Emperor designated as the first ruler of a new Chinese dynasty and with Yuan Shi Kai as regent.

STANDARD'S VICE PRESIDENT

WILLIAM B. BEMIS

New York. — The election of Mr. William B. Bemis as vice president and director of the Standard Oil Co. of New York has brought into greater prominence a career which has been remarkable in the annals of the oil world.

Mr. Bemis was born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1864, and completed his academic education there, entering the service of the Standard Oil Co. in 1882. He organized the statistical department of the company and became interested in foreign trade relations.

In 1893 Mr. Bemis married Miss Frances Ford of Cleveland and now resides in Larchmont, New York. He is an enthusiastic sportsman and possesses a unique collection of trophies gathered from all parts of the world.

CANARY IN CAGE HELPS SAVE MINERS.

Canaries in cages were used very successfully in the rescue work at the Cross Mountain mine at Briceville, Tenn. The picture shows one of the rescuers with oxygen equipment and a canary. Poisonous gas quickly kills the bird. Miners without helmets are not permitted to enter chambers where the canary cannot live.

GOULD'S BUY CASTLE IN OLD SCOTLAND

London. — It's "Laird" Gould now, George Gould having bought a castle at Menzies, a beautiful country place in Scotland surrounded by several thousand acres of woodlands. Arrangements for obtaining the estate are declared to have been carried on through Lord Decies, who, with his wife, formerly Miss Gould, is expected to spend much of his time there with the Goulds.

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A ROMANTIC IRISH MARRIAGE

Claim That Only One Witness Being Present at Wedding Null and Void According to the Roman Catholic Church

(Publishers Press News Service) Dublin. — In the Probate Court, before Mr. Justice Madden, an application for annulling the hearing of the case of the marriage of the petitioner, William Archer, and the respondent, Mrs. Ussher, was heard. The petition is brought by the husband for the nullity of the marriage. The family residence is at Eastwell, Louisa, County Galway.

Mr. Serjeant Macarty, who appeared for the respondent, Mrs. Ussher, said that the ceremony was performed by a Roman Catholic priest in the presence of one witness. The petitioner now said that the marriage was null and void by reason of the fact that only one witness was present and that the ceremony was not carried out according to the rites, regulations, and ceremonies of the Roman Catholic Church or according to law. The respondent denied that the marriage was null and void for any of the reasons stated by the petitioner.

In a replying affidavit the petitioner said that the contract of marriage was not accompanied by a valid religious ceremony as was required by law, that it was subject to and on the express condition that it should be according to the rites of the Roman Catholic Church and on the express condition that the Roman Catholic Church should permit of the same being valid.

INDIAN PRINCE TO BE SPANKED

Delhi. — The Gaekwar of Baroda, an Indian prince, is to be spanked, figuratively, for insulting King George of England at the Durbar ceremonies. The Indian potentate, who has long been hostile to British rule, attended the Durbar in casual dress instead of robes of state. When the time came to pay homage to the king, he gave a perfunctory bow and turned his back on the king. He has been forced to apologize and further steps will be taken to curb him.

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Paris. — Ziem, sitting cross-legged on a table beside a window, worked as a tailor's assistant for several years. His life was thrown into a new channel by the arrival in the court yard of an Italian family in which there was a handsome, auburn-haired girl who sang as a ballad singer. The father played a hurdy-gurdy, the mother made lace and a boy performed divers gymnastic feats. The girl had a fine voice. Her father wanted a new coat and asked the elder Ziem to make it and Mme. Ziem to take in a part of the family as lodgers. She took in the boy and girl.

The latter lifted the future painter out of himself with her Venetian songs and accounts of the glorious city to which she hoped soon to return. Her name was Caterina. When she went away Ziem felt miserable. He lost spirit and could not shake off the sort of paralysis that had seized on all his faculties. At last he determined — with the help of his needle and his talent, as he thought, of portrait painter and violinist — to make his way to Venice. He answered to his hopes of going down by water to Marselles, for he knew no geography, and thence to Rome.

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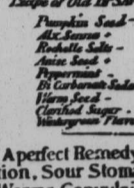
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