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PROGRESS IN CHINA

China to Work out a Parliamentary System of Government in Nine Years—What is Hoped to Attain.

The constitution under which it is planned to lead China from her present form of despotic government to a parliamentary system of administration is a remarkable and interesting document. It was promulgated in Peking on Aug. 27 and is of great length.

The phraseology is always oriental, poetical in some places, while in others it typifies the strivings of the westerners to make clear to hesitating minds the outline of a political future of a new and untried variety. It is an effort to arouse from passivity the toiling masses of the interior. The subject is approached in a most serious but not say prayerful attitude.

The fact that China is granted this constitution "by the imperial will" is reiterated again and again. It is set forth that the imperial government, under constitution, shall not be criticized on the principle that the "sacred majesty of the sovereign may not be offended against," and that the leaders of the political parties are to be appointed by the throne.

Full government under this constitution will become effective only at the end of nine years. In the meantime the country is to be led step by step to preparedness for the boon. There are many evidences that the proposed system is called "constitutional," it is far removed in many particulars from the best institutions of popular government in the west.

Broadly speaking the document follows the constitution of Japan. Some of its most striking features are: "We took to our emperor dowager and emperor to see that they take the measure of heaven and earth as their measure and the heart of the people as their heart. The officials and people within the wide seas are reverently grateful."

"The establishment of constitutional government in China has been prepared for, and the beginning and the end must both be carefully planned; there must be no empty verbiage without real substance."

"In regard to opening parliament, it is like building a house; workmen and material must be gathered. The house may then be planned and worked out. The work must be watched day and night without intermission from the beginning to the end, and so it may reach completion. Or it is like making a journey. Clothing, food, boats, carts must be got ready and the traveler must press on day after day without stopping for rest, and so he will reach his destination."

The framers of the constitution are apprehensive and "beg, as the condition of the country is perilous and the hearts of the people uneasy, trouble within and calamity from without, danger threatening and no parliament at the side to investigate matters, that urgent measures may be taken to overcome half-heartedness and procrastination; that there may be peace above and completion below."

"We have therefore, laid down the general principles of the constitution and the programme for the work of getting everything in readiness in nine years."

"There will be boundless daily improvement. May the 'silken sounds' descend to inform the emperor and fix the road for 10,000 years, comforting the hopes of the myriads who long for peace."

Fourteen laws are then submitted, as follows:

1. The Ta Ch'ing emperor will rule supreme over the Ta Ch'ing empire for 1,000 generations in succession, and be honored forever.
2. Majesty of the sovereign.
3. Rights of promulgating laws.
4. Convocation, suspension, extension, and dissolution of parliament.
5. Appointment, payment, promotion, degradation of officials.
6. Command over army and navy.
7. Power to make war, peace, and treaties, to receive and appoint ambassadors.
8. Martial law.
9. Rewards and pardons.
10. Right over judges and the administration of laws.
11. Injunction.
12. Right of raising funds when parliament is not in session.
13. Right of fixing the expenses of the imperial household.
14. Respecting authority over the imperial clan.

"Mercy is from above," the document goes on. "Officials below may not arrogate it to themselves. Officers and people who keep within the law will have freedom of speech, of the press, and of assemblies; or shall not be liable to arrest or restrictions or punishment except as prescribed by law. They shall not be disturbed without cause in their possession of property, nor interfered with in their dwellings, and they have the obligation to pay taxes and render military service and the duty of obedience to the law of the land. Members of parliament shall not speak disrespectfully of the court nor slander others. Violators of this law will be punished."

Among the things included in the nine year program are:
1908—Local self-government.
1909—Election of provincial assemblies; issuing of school books.
1910—Provincial assemblies open.
1911—Local self-government continued; rules on imperial taxation; extension of schools.
1912—Completion of general arrangement of urban self-government.
1913—Police registration; courts; criminal code promulgated.
1914—Rural self-government established.
1915—Imperial household expenses fixed; public accounting enforced; police system complete.
1916—Promulgation of full constitution; appointment of a premier.
The document concludes with these words:
"In the forty-third year of Kuang Hsu, or 1917, China will be, by following this plan, a parliamentary country like Japan or Russia."

SENATOR DAVIS SUED

The suit brought on by W. H. Adcock of Winnipeg, against Senator T. O. Davis, of Prince Albert, and Valentine Batz, M.P., of Parkhill, Ontario, will be heard before the high court at Ottawa in November. The action is to recover an interest in certain valuable coal lands in Alberta, and asking damages to the extent of twenty-five thousand dollars. The case promises to be one of great interest, as several prominent Liberal politicians are said to be involved also an official of the Indian Department and some startling exposures are expected. It is very probable that another action will be commenced against Davis before this reaches court.—Prince Albert Times.

SERIOUS DEPLETION IN FUNDS

HARD TIMES HARD ON THE POOR CONSUMPTIVE
Muskoka Free Hospital for Consumptives Makes an Urgent Appeal for Money.
\$35,000 Required to Cover Bank Overdraft and Provide for Maintenance of Poor Patients.

These head-lines tell the story of our needs.

They are heavy and urgent. Many times during the past twelve months the question has pressed itself upon the Trustees, "Can we continue the work further?"

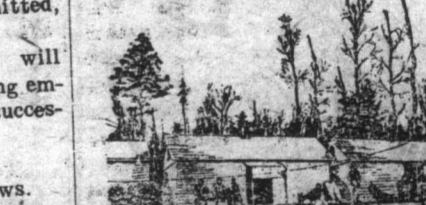
Every month brought its quota of accounts for salaries and wages of staff, bills of butcher, milkman, eggs, groceries, heavy coal bills—a serious item—and other uncontrollable expenses so long as the doors were kept open.



These had to be paid somehow. Contributions—especially after the turn of the year when the financial depression was felt at its keenest—fell off to such an extent, that each month the burden became heavier.

During all this period there was only one thing to do, and that was to lean on our banker—swelling the bank overdraft.

The trial was the severest in the history of these Muskoka Homes, in which nearly 3,000 persons, stricken by the dread white plague, have been cared for.



But never for a single hour did the doors of the Free Hospital fail to swing open, and give a welcome to suffering ones without money and without price.

The good news has gone forth of a rich harvest the wide Dominion over.

Friends, we come to you at this time, when the clouds of depression are being lifted, asking that you now—in the direness of our extremity—help to lift the burden being carried—not for any personal gain, but solely, alone, only on behalf of suffering sisters and brothers.

Our plea is on behalf of the sick ones.

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Contributions may be sent to W. J. GAGE, Esq., Chairman Executive Committee, 84 Spadina Avenue, Toronto; or J. S. ROBERTSON, Sec.-Treasurer National Sanitarium Association, 347 King Street West, Toronto, Canada.

BULGARIA YIELDED

Foreign Powers Presented an Ultimatum and 60,000 Reservists were Disbanded—Compensate Turkey.

Sofia, Bulgaria, Oct. 28.—The decision of Bulgaria to disband its reserves and make financial compensation to Turkey, was brought about by the presentation of what was practically an ultimatum by Great Britain, France and Russia, supported by Germany and Italy. Identical notes from the first named three powers were presented to the Bulgarian government. They demanded the disbandment of the Bulgarian reserves within three days and a promise to send delegates to Constantinople to negotiate the question of the financial compensation for Turkey.

Sofia, Oct. 29.—The Bulgarian government has informed a representative of the foreign powers here of its acceptance of the principle of paying compensation to Turkey, which has been the burden of persistent diplomatic representations during the last fortnight on the part of all the great powers. This decision was arrived at by the cabinet this morning after a long debate in which Emperor Ferdinand used all his influence in favor of peace with compensation. As a further step in the direction of peace 60,000 reservists will be discharged tomorrow leaving the army at its normal strength, 60,000. The government will send a plenipotentiary to Constantinople to negotiate a treaty with Turkey. It is believed that by these steps Bulgaria has done its utmost to clear the situation and conciliate opinion abroad.

THE RUSSIAN PARLIAMENT

St. Petersburg, Oct. 28.—The Russian parliament will re-open tomorrow for the autumn session which promises to be the most fruitful since the establishment of the duma. A number of important forms which were in the committee stage are now ready for consideration.

GENERAL NEWS

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—The Canada Gazette formally announces the appointment of Lord Strathcona to the Royal Victorian Order.

Ottawa, Oct. 29.—For the first time in eight months of the present fiscal year there was a net decrease of 2,236 in the number of homestead entries made in the Canadian west. The total number of entries was 16,428, as against 20,658 last year. During the month of August there were 1,859 entries representing 4,467 people. Americans headed the list with 124, English came next with 287, and Canadians from Ontario third with 245. Of the foreigners, Austro-Hungarians headed the list with 128 entries.

Copenhagen, Oct. 29.—The famous Norwegian Arctic explorer, Ronald Amundsen, leader of the Gjøra expedition, which discovered the Northwest passage, has planned a new exploit for the polar regions next year. He will then try to reach the North Pole by adopting Fridtjof Nansen's plan of drifting northward on the Arctic current. He will, however, choose a more easterly starting point than Nansen did, probably because he fears the too close proximity of Bering Strait. It is not improbable that Nansen's old ship, the Fram, will be used on this expedition.

St. John, N.B., Oct. 28.—Col. H. H. McLean, M.P. elect for Queensbury, has good news to back up his claim of his election to Canadian parliament. The cable tells that his son, Lieut. C. W. McLean of the Imperial army, has been promoted to a captaincy in the Royal Horse Artillery, British crack corps, and transferred from India, where he has been two years, home to England. Capt. McLean was the youngest officer of the Canadian contingents to the Boer war and distinguished himself there, and on Lord Methuen's recommendation was given a commission in the Imperial army. He is now only 27 and has forged ahead rapidly.

Ottawa, Oct. 30.—When Thomas E. Fox, after a terrible struggle with D. J. Reardon on the edge of a cliff at Primrose Hill on Sept. 3rd threw him over, he did the proper thing, and was warmly commended by Magistrate O'Keefe this morning. Fox was walking with his sweetheart on a moonlight evening, when Reardon, who was a married man, insulted her. A desperate struggle ensued, during which Reardon was thrown over a forty-foot cliff. Fox fell with him. Reardon was instantly killed, but Fox falling uppermost, was only injured. The straight forward story he told the coroner's jury, said the magistrate, entirely exonerated him of any charge of having caused the death of Reardon. Fox was acquitted.

Edmonton, Oct. 31.—Frost and snow have tied up the grading operations on the G.T.R. west of Edmonton, when one week more of fine weather would have seen the completion of grading from Edmonton to

the Pembina River. Contractors are still keeping their men in camp in hopes that the present weather will let up so that they can finish their contracts this year. If warmer weather does not come in three or four days' work will be finally closed for the winter, except in muskegs and blasting through limestone along Wehampun lake. There are 800 or 900 men on the grade between Pembina and MacLeod rivers. Last year the work on the G.T.R. grade was carried on until well on in December, and in some parts until January. The freeze up this year is unusually early.

Montreal, Oct. 30.—Judge Choquet today sentenced Dr. J. U. Geoffrion to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Geoffrion, who at one time occupied a somewhat prominent position in the medical profession here, was at the head of an organization known as the "mange Le Linge" Club, probably one of the most infamous organizations that this continent ever saw. There were all told upward of thirty men members, while young boys were constantly falling into the clutches of these wretches. Their headquarters was at the residence of Dr. Geoffrion, where the most outrageous practices were every day occurring. When exposure came many members of the club fled the country but five were held and have now been tried and convicted. The others will receive their sentences tomorrow.

LEGAL FISTIC FIGHT

Winnipeg, Oct. 28.—An aftermath of the bitter election contest here took place this afternoon on Main street when E. L. Howell, K.C., a son of Chief Justice Howell, attacked Hon. John Campbell, attorney general, who has sworn out a warrant for Howell's arrest. The matter arose from a conversation over the telephone between Howell and the attorney general last Sunday night, when the former demanded admittance to two Liberals arrested and placed in the provincial jail on bribery charges. Howell stated that the attorney general called him a "blatherskite" in the course of this conversation. Campbell was walking down Main street when Howell stopped him and struck him. The case was first adjourned for a day, and on the final hearing Howell was fined \$20 and costs.

BALLOON BURST

Berlin, Oct. 29.—The Parseval military, rigid, dirigible balloon, which made an ascent today, burst while at a height of 2,000 yards, and while a rapid descent. When close to the ground its pace slackened, and it landed gently in a tree. The occupants were uninjured. The balloon was making its second flight before a military commission appointed to deliberate whether it was suitable for military purposes. Major General Parry, the inventor, was present. Within the past few months the Parseval balloon has made several unofficial trips. On Sept. 10 while it was attempting a flight from Tegal, Berlin to Dobritz, it was struck by a squall and the gas bag collapsed, the balloon coming down on the roof of a villa. Count Zeppelin's reconstructed airship No. 1 had a most successful trial today, lasting three hours. The air ship is now altered, and is an improved small edition of the one that was burned at Echterningen. Wood is substituted for aluminum in many parts, and the motors are of 48 horse power instead of 110. The crew number 12. The airship performed wonderful manoeuvres, notwithstanding the fact that the wind was blowing at a lively rate. It soared, gyrated and turned angles with ease, and then returned to the shed under perfect control. Experts say that it is the best airship Count Zeppelin has yet built.

SAVE THIS, ANYWAY.

Put it in Some Safe Place, for It May Come in Handy Some Day.

Here is a simple home made mixture as given by an eminent authority on Kidney diseases, who makes the statement that it will relieve almost any case of kidney trouble if taken before the stage of Bright's disease. He states that such symptoms as lame back, pain in the side, frequent desire to urinate, especially at night, painful and discolored urination, are readily overcome. Here is the recipe. Try it:

Fluid Extract Dandelion, one half ounce, Compound Kargon one ounce, Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Take a teaspoonful after each meal and at bedtime.

A well known druggist here in a town is authority that these ingredients are all harmless and easily mixed at home by shaking well in a bottle. This mixture has a peculiar healing and soothing effect upon the entire Kidney and Urinary structure, and often overcomes the worst forms of Rheumatism in just a little while. This mixture is said to cure all blood disorders and cure the Rheumatism by forcing the kidneys to filter and strain from the blood and system all uric acid and foul decomposed waste matter, which causes these afflictions. Try it if you aren't well. Save the prescription.

PRECEPTORY INSTITUTED

Knights of United Templars of Malta for Saskatchewan—Officers Elected—Visitors Entertained at Banquet.

Wascana Preceptory of the Knights of United Templars of Malta was instituted in Regina last Thursday afternoon at the Masonic temple. The officers of the Winnipeg Preceptory under Provincial Prior, S. T. Hanscombe, took charge of the work. There was a large number of candidates, many from Regina city, but the majority from other points in Saskatchewan. After the degree work had been put on the visitors were entertained at a banquet at the King's hotel.

The officers of the new preceptory are:

- Presiding Preceptor—H. V. Bigelow
- Constable—Dr. J. M. Shaw
- Marshal—L. Morris
- Chaplain—Rev. W. B. Tate, Qu'Appelle
- Registrar—D. G. Ranage
- Treasurer—Chas. O. Hodgkins
- Sub-Marshal—F. W. Logan
- Captain of the Guards—E. J. Wright
- Almoner—J. A. Webb, Prince Albert
- First standard bearer—J. McCauly, Moose Jaw
- Second Standard Bearer—E. W. F. Harris, Arcola
- Assistant Standard Bearer—Mr. McVickar, Wolsely
- Sword Bearer—F. B. Lean, Saskatchewan
- Organist—H. N. Scott, Estevan
- Guard—F. Dymott, Regina

The Bell Telephone Co. has started a gang of men at work to complete the telephone line from Rosthern to Duck Lake. The poles are set up for a distance of three miles out of Rosthern and from this point work was started. The company will finish the line to Duck Lake and if weather permits will continue towards Prince Albert the objective point. At the south end it is intended to extend the telephone line from Esque to Saskatchewan, giving direct communication from this point to Prince Albert. R. A. Choquette of Regina, is supervising the construction work here. The Bell Co. has not signified its intention of putting in a local system at Duck Lake, but it is altogether likely that this will be done if a sufficient number of subscribers can be secured.—Rosthern Enterprise.

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