

MANCHU RULE IS NEAR AN END

EXTRAVAGANT PROMISES
MADE BY THRONE

Efforts to Rally All Classes to
the Support of Royal
Standard

Peking, Oct. 31.—The state of terror which has taken possession of the empire since the death of the late emperor has been further intensified by a long list of edicts supplementing yesterday's remarkable proclamation and offering further concessions of the government of a radical character.

To-day's edicts indicate that even though the dynasty survives Manchukuo is at an end. The transfer even of the cabinet officers to native Chinese is expected and the throne shall be retained equally among them. A system by which Manchukuo persons who are paid to be to be discontinued and the Manchus are to earn a living by their own enterprise.

All to-day's edicts, like that of yesterday, are written in the first person, as coming from the infant emperor himself. This is unusual and appears to be a device adopted by the throne's advisors in a pathetic attempt to create the attention of the people to loyalty to their sovereign.

The edicts make a complete capitulation to the demands of the National Assembly and even go so far as to offer extravagant praise to the rebels for having about the great reforms which are promised.

The throne acknowledges its incapacity to handle the affairs of the empire, and asks that its lapses be pardoned and requests the assistance and advice of all citizens. Finally it makes a hysterical appeal to rally Chinese and Manchus alike to the royal standard by hinting at grave dangers which it thinks should be faced by a united people. In the struggle for existence, the infant emperor even condemns many of his own closest relatives. The present of freedom, he declares, has not sought the interests of the people, but only its own purpose.

The revolutionists are unimpressed by the flood of edicts from the emperor. They declare that the dynasty's partial surrender has come too late. Moreover, they do not trust the throne, regarding their present position as too strong for yielding to promises which they feel are insincere.

But while the edicts have apparently failed of their hoped-for effect in conciliating the rebels, they have stirred up a most formidable opposition from a new source.

The announcement that most of the Manchus officials must go and that the Manchus pensions will be cut off immediately produced a pronounced dissatisfaction in the ranks of the Manchus and many members of this race at once began talking of a massacre of revenge.

There were indications to-day that these proposals would find support particularly among the younger Manchus, who will move be stripped of their high offices and unable longer to exploit their positions. The missions and even private houses occupied by foreigners were besieged by Manchus and Chinese, who sought protection from each other.

Prince Ching, the premier, is using his influence to restrain that element of the Manchus who may be disposed to violence. For their part the Manchus fear a rebel invasion of the capital.

The government has asked the mission directors to establish a Red Cross hospital outside of the city.

LOS ANGELES MAYORALTY.

Mr. Harriman, Attorney for the McNamara, is Candidate for Nomination.

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 31.—For the first time in the history of the city, the red ladies and pennants, symbols of Social Democracy, fluttered by dozens and scores outside the 100-foot limits of polling booths, where the men of Los Angeles were casting votes today in the primary for the selection of candidates. The crimson ribbons were worn by workers for Job Harriman, attorney for the McNamara brothers and Socialist candidate for mayor, and in numbers and industry workers matched those who were distinguished by the white ribbon of the "Good Government" forces, supporting the present mayor, George Alexander. Incidentally this is the last time that men will have the exclusive privilege of deciding such a question.

At the city election, December 5, the women will vote. Twenty-three thousand women already are on the registration roll, and it is estimated that the total will reach 40,000 when the registration books count is complete.

TRIES TO ESCAPE.

Nelson, B. C., Oct. 31.—Seeking to evade arrest, Mike Sobol, jumped three stories from his boarding house bedroom in sight of the constable and landed on the sidewalk unhurt. He was arrested and appeared in the police court to-morrow charged with the theft of \$75 worth of clothing from a section camp at Pile-Mile.

WAR ON RATS.

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 31.—The municipal commission has decided to inaugurate a war for the extermination of rats in this port. It voted to offer a bounty of five cents a head. No concerted effort has ever been made here before on the rodents with the results that the harbor is now overrun by them. The carcasses will be sent to the Seattle municipal laboratory for examination for possible bubonic plague germs.

ITALIAN TROOPS FORCED TO RETREAT

BUSY BUILDING
ENTRENCHMENT IN TRIPOLI

Turks and Arab Allies Hope to
Recapture City—Seize
Guns and Provisions

Constantinople, Oct. 31.—The Turkish troops with their Arab allies have returned to the forts at Tripoli and forced the Italians to re-entrench themselves within the city, after abandoning large quantities of guns, rifles, ammunition and provisions, according to a telegram from Rahmat Bey, the deputy of Salonica, who is now at Tripoli.

The message was received by the Tanin, last midnight, and reads: "The Italians were unable to resist the fierce assaults of the Arabs and were compelled to retreat. The Italians still hold three forts. The Arabs are displaying remarkable heroism and hope to re-capture the city."

The message was undated.

Reinforcements for Italians.

Naples, Oct. 31.—Further reinforcements for the Italian troops in Tripoli are being assembled here. The movement is attended with much secrecy.

From an authoritative source, it is learned that the present reinforcements will form another army division comprising four regiments of infantry, besides supplementary troops, artillery, cavalry and engineers totalling about 15,000 men. It is evident that the government is preparing for still later expeditions, as steamers chartered as transports are still being retained at considerable expense. Judging from the arrangements made here, which is the headquarters of the commissary for the colonies, a further expedition of troops will follow in the near future. It is expected that before the first of the year, Italy will have an army of occupation in Tripoli numbering 100,000 men.

Captives Shot Down.

Berlin, Oct. 31.—A dispatch to the Lokal Anzeiger from Tripoli, dated October 26, by way of Tunis, says the Italians lost in last Monday's battle 565 killed or wounded. The Turkish losses were slight, but the Arabian cavalry met with severe losses.

The Italians are seizing hundreds of natives, bringing them into the city in chains and shooting them in groups. Italian discipline is demoralized. The soldiers have lost their heads and are almost out of control of their officers. The general staff is more than uneasy.

The correspondent says that in Thursday's battle the losses on both sides were enormous. Hundreds of Tripolitans broke through the Italian lines and disappeared in the oasis. For the first time the Turks were repulsed, instead of withdrawing voluntarily. Nevertheless, they repeated several times their vain attacks.

The Turks have organized a regular caravan service for provisioning their forces from the southern provinces. The Arabs are streaming more numerous than ever to the aid of the Turks, even from the most remote provinces.

TWO CHILDREN PERISH IN FIRE

Flames Destroy Home While
Little Ones Sleep—Aviator
Burned to Death

Schenectady, N. Y., Oct. 31.—While Mrs. Pulchow was out last night fire destroyed her home and burned to death two of her three children, while they were sleeping. The father, who has not lived with his wife for some time, watched the fire from across the street, apparently uninterested and made no attempt to enter the home.

Aviator's Death.

Garden City, N. Y., Oct. 31.—Edwin S. Fleet, an aviator at the Nassau Boulevard field, was burned to death in his bed at his hotel last night. He had been reading and fell asleep with a lighted cigarette in his hand.

Women Burned to Death.

North Yakima, Wash., Oct. 31.—From burns received from spreading oil on a new lamp, Mrs. Robert Moberly, 2164 South Seventh street, died in St. Elizabeth's hospital. Her first attempt to ignite the dry wick failed, and she turned the lamp upside down to let the oil run into the wick. It spread into the bowl and her next match put the oil in a blaze. With her hair and eyebrows burned, she ran into the home of a neighbor, who cut her clothing from her.

BRIDE MURDERED.

Albuquerque, N. M., Oct. 31.—With the nose of a lazo about her neck and her body covered with bruises, indicating according to the authorities that she had been dragged around the room until dead, the body of Mrs. Gertrude Griego was found in her home at San Rafael, 100 miles west of here. She was 16 years old and a bride of only a few weeks. Toribio Griego, her husband, and his mother were arrested and will be held pending an investigation. The arrests took place after a posse, which included Griego, had scoured the country adjacent to San Rafael and had found no traces of the murderer. The authorities state that Griego was insanely jealous of his wife.



SOME FOUNDLING

—Montreal Herald.

MR. BORDEN—I don't mean to appear heartless, but I should be much happier now if this little darling had never been born.

ROCKEFELLER WELCOMES MARSHAL

New York, Oct. 31.—A copy of the complaint in the government suit for the dissolution of the steel trust was served on John D. Rockefeller at Pocantico Hills, the service being arranged for by Marshal Henkle, and when Deputy Marshal Crawford arrived at Tarrytown he found Mr. Rockefeller's rig waiting for him. The deputy drove over to the mansion, served the papers on Mr. Rockefeller and received an invitation to breakfast. The deputy had already breakfasted and declined the invitation.

FOX HUNTERS HAVE NARROW ESCAPE

Train Sweeps Round Curve as
Horsemen Ride Along
C. P. R.

Ottawa, Oct. 31.—Several members of Ottawa Hunt Club, including Hon. Clifford Sifton and Dr. J. C. Rutherford, Dominion veterinary, had a narrow escape from death on Saturday morning following a fox along the C. P. R. Prescott line when a train swept round the curve and the horsemen had to hurry for their lives. The fox which was being pursued and two dogs were killed by the train.

CHOLERA IN ITALY.

Chiasso, Switzerland, Oct. 31.—The report of the Italian government shows that there were 241 cases with 104 deaths from cholera in Italy during the week ending October 23.

LESSONS FROM BATTLESHIP EXPLOSION

U. S. Naval Secretary Orders
Precautions in Handling
Smokeless Powder

Washington, D. C., Oct. 31.—Extraordinary precaution in the handling of smokeless powder has been ordered by Secretary of the Navy Meyer, as the result of the reports of the explosion which destroyed the French battleship Liberté which was due to the deterioration of this high explosive.

When smokeless powder is taken from magazines on shore to the ships, or from the ships to shore for target practice, the order says it must be efficiently shaded from the direct rays of the sun and protected from exposure to a temperature higher than 100 degrees Fahrenheit. When this has not been done, the exposed ammunition is segregated, and if on board ships it must be landed at a naval magazine at the first opportunity if there is reason for the belief that it has deteriorated.

MUSHROOM POWER.

An illustration of the remarkable lifting power of mushrooms has occurred at Bristol, England. An asphalt para in the St. Jude's district recently began to bulge upwards, and soon afterwards the heavy mass split in several places. The cause of the upheaval was found to be growing mushrooms, of which some two pounds were gathered from a small space beneath the pavement.

REFERENDUM ON NAVAL QUESTION

NEW MINISTER TELLS
OF PREMIER'S PROMISE

Hon. L. P. Pelletier Says Policy
He Advocated in Quebec
Will Be Carried Out

Quebec, Oct. 31.—Hon. L. P. Pelletier, the new postmaster-general, who was re-elected by acclamation in Quebec county, made some important declarations at the meeting held immediately after the nomination at Lorette. On the navy question Mr. Pelletier declared that as a minister of the crown he was not going to take another position than the one he had taken in the last campaign, that is, that he would insist upon having a referendum on the navy question. This referendum would be held, he declared.

"When I was called to Mr. Borden's cabinet," he continued, "I was not asked to withdraw a single line of the programme that I have submitted to my electors and my efforts will tend to complete the carrying out of this programme. We shall have the referendum that we ask for and we shall stand by the decision of the majority of the Canadian people on that question. Moreover, we may be offered more than a referendum and we will be still more glad to accept it."

Commenting upon the latter's declaration, Armand Lavergne went further. "I know," he said, "that Mr. Pelletier will carry out his promise about referendum. But I am in a position to say more—I assure you that you shall have this referendum. While Mr. Borden was forming his cabinet, I went to Ottawa to see him and I said to him: 'Here is the province of Quebec, regenerated, do you want her?'"

"Mr. Borden tendered me a loyal hand and I can assure you that he is not a fanatic as he was called in Quebec. English-speaking people from the sister provinces have at last understood us. They have understood that if we want this Canadian confederation to live, there must not be any more question of victors and vanquished in this country. We want an idea of complete equality between the great races who live together in Canada."

"We are confident that the present government will protect sufficiently the rights of the French-Canadians. They are in good hands."

CHURCHILL'S PLANS FOR WAR COUNCIL

New First Lord of Admiralty at
Work on Scheme Re-
garding Navies

London, Oct. 31.—It is understood that Winston Churchill, the new first lord of the Admiralty, is considering the establishment of a war council, which among other things will act as a connecting link with the administration of overseas navies, thus promoting the unity idea.

DIES ON TRAIN.

James Wilson, Toronto Park Commissioner, Passes Away Suddenly at Kamloops.

Toronto, Oct. 31.—James Wilson, whose death was reported from Kamloops, B.C., early this morning, was commissioner of Toronto parks since 1908. He came from Niagara Falls park, of which he was superintendent. He was on his way to leave of absence when he died on the train. His early career was with the G. T. R. at Montreal. His widow was with him when the fatal came. A family of one daughter and three sons survive.

BY-ELECTIONS FOR ALBERTA LEGISLATURE

There Are Four Vacancies in
the Provincial
House

Calgary, Alberta, Oct. 31.—Four provincial bye-elections are being fought to-day, namely Lethbridge, Pincher Creek, Gleichen and MacLeod, all in the southern part of the province. Assisted by Senator Loughheed and R. B. Bennett, M. P., the opposition has made a strenuous effort to capture the quarter, the main issue being the policy of Premier Sifton on the great waterways question.

MANITOBA BAR SOCIETY.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—J. A. M. Atkins, M. P. elect, is taking steps toward the formation of a Manitoba bar society, and lawyers of the province will be invited to meet at Winnipeg on November 10 for that purpose.

BRITISH SUBJECTS TO REMAIN NEUTRAL

Enlistment in Turkish of Gre-
cian Armies Punishable by
Hard Labor Imprisonment

Although perhaps it is not generally known, it is nevertheless an offence punishable by imprisonment with or without hard labor to enlist at the present time in the armies of either His Majesty the King of Italy or His Imperial Majesty the Sultan of Turkey, subjects resident in British Columbia by proclamation printed in the current issues of the government Gazette, and made by His Majesty King George V.

The proclamation makes it illegal and punishable to take part in the war, to quit or go on board any ship with a view to quitting His Majesty's dominions with intent to accept service with either power. It is an offence to induce any person to do so, and for a master mariner to take any person on board whose intention he knows to be that of enlisting in either army. It is also illegal to build any ship or take part in furnishing munitions of war to the belligerent powers.

The proclamation is made under authority of an act of parliament passed during the 33rd and 34th year of the reign of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, and in respect to the present war, dates from October 3rd, 1911.

Supplementary to the proclamation is an order governing shipping to prevent as far as possible the use of British ports and harbors by vessels of the warring nations.

ONTARIO ELECTIONS EARLY IN DECEMBER

PREMIER WHITNEY
ISSUES MANIFESTO

Cabinet Minister to Continue
Work of Hydro-Electric
Commission

Toronto, Oct. 31.—The provincial elections will take place Monday, December 11, with nomination a week earlier. The date was announced yesterday by Sir James Whitney, who also issued his manifesto to the people of the province setting forth the accomplishments of the government since its advent to power in 1905, and the reasons for the decision to hold the general election now.

One of the most important announcements made by the premier is that the time has arrived for the discontinuance of the hydro-electric power commission and the creation of a new department of government with a cabinet minister at the head to take over the work carried on by the commission.

Announcement is also made of the decision to develop northern Ontario with the assistance of the Dominion government and further provincial appropriations. As the former Dominion government granted bonuses of \$6,400 a mile to new railways, but persistently refused to give a bonus to the Temiskaming & Northern Ontario railway, application for the payment of the bonus will be made to the Borden government.

HUNTERS FIND BODY.

Ashland, Ore., Oct. 31.—The body of Nathan Rogandy, a business man of Albany, Ore., who mysteriously disappeared while in this city on business several months ago, was found by hunters two miles southeast of this city Sunday. Large rewards for information as to Rogandy's whereabouts have been standing since shortly after his disappearance. There are indications that Rogandy was slain and his body dragged to the place where it was found.

G. P. R. LINER FLOATED.

Montreal, Oct. 31.—The C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain, which has been stranded in the channel here for three days, is safely afloat in deep water to-day. The united efforts of ten tugs and her own steam were required to pull her off.

Fifteen hundred tons of cargo had to be lightened before the vessel could be moved. The vessel is only slightly damaged.

REVIEW OF U. S. WARSHIPS.

San Diego, Cal., Oct. 31.—With two submarines steaming north to San Pedro and twenty-four warships of the Pacific fleet preparing to follow this afternoon, the great mobilization and review of this great body of warships in western waters will take place in the harbor at San Pedro, commencing to-morrow afternoon.

After the mobilization is complete the warships will steam for their respective stations on the coast on the morning of November 3.

SHOT DOWN WHILE WALKING WITH WIFE

San Bernardino Man Killed by
Stranger a Few Feet
From Home

San Bernardino, Cal., Oct. 31.—Miss taken for another man, Santiago Avila was shot and killed early yesterday by an unidentified assassin while walking to his home with his arm around his wife's waist. When within a few feet of his home, a stranger accosted Avila, asking "Is this Juan?" He replied in the negative.

The words were hardly out of his mouth before the stranger opened fire, firing six shots, all but one going wild. The last hit pierced Avila's body, causing instant death. Mrs. Avila, fainting at the first shot, falling unconscious into her husband's arms.

She narrowly escaped death. Pedestrians found Mrs. Avila unconscious around her in a death clasp.

YELLOW FEVER IN HONOLULU.

Honolulu, Oct. 31.—A case of yellow fever has been discovered here. The victim is a Hawaiian and he is believed to have been infected with the disease from the Japanese liner Hongkong Maru, which recently arrived here from Central America.

EVA BOOTH ILL.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Miss Eva Booth, commander of the Salvation Army in America, was taken ill last night at the Army hall as she was about to address a meeting. Miss Booth has just ended a month's tour of the Western states and is said to be suffering from a nervous breakdown.

TRAINS COLLIDE.

Stockman Killed and Several Others Injured in Wreck Near Winnipeg.

Winnipeg, Oct. 31.—Thomas Chapman, a stockman of Medicine Hat, Alta., was killed and several others were seriously injured when a C. P. R. stock train was telescoped by a freight train last night near here. Fifty head of cattle were killed.

MOVED DOWN BY MACHINE GUNS

REBEL BATTALION AND
LOYAL TROOPS CLASH

Thousand Revolutionists Killed
During Fighting of Last
Six Days

Hankow, Oct. 31.—Via Wu Hu.—The revolutionists have rallied and re-organized their forces and are furiously contesting the imperialists' advance on Han Yang. The insurgents still hold a section of the city which separates the foreign concessions from the native city. The Red Cross directors estimate that 1,000 revolutionists have been killed and between 2,000 and 3,000 wounded during the fighting of the last six days.

In a rebel battalion, which faced the Imperialist machine guns with intrepid tenacity, only two or three escaped. The others were mowed down. The loyalists lost from 200 to 300 killed.

Massacre Feared.

Shanghai, Oct. 31.—A few days will tell the future fortune of China. The burning of the native city of Hankow by Imperialists, accompanied according to reports, by brutal treatment of Chinese by Manchus, has created the worst possible impression.

It is predicted that unless the Manchus immediately demonstrate the sincerity of the Imperial edicts being issued at Peking the slaughter will exceed that of the Tai Ping rebellion.

The district of the Yangtze Kiang river is quiet. There is every indication that the native cities of Shanghai, Nanking, Ching Kiang, Chan Chow and the lower Yangtze forts will be in the hands of the rebels within a week. Further reports of small up-river towns and others in the heart of the Szechuen province going over to the rebels are received.

The panic among the officials at Peking is regarded as one of the worst features of the situation, as it betrays a weakness on the part of the dynasty before the spirit of revolution. Leaders of the new party look on the issuance of the edicts as a victory far greater than anything that had been won in fighting.

Rebel Victory Reported.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 31.—A dispatch reporting the re-capture of Hankow by the rebels was received here to-day from Shanghai by the Chinese Free Press.

According to the message the rebel army from Han Yang moved against the Imperial forces and surrounded the city. The Royalists were compelled to withdraw after two of their regiments had been captured.

The reported victory of the rebels at Hankow is confirmed in part by the Ching Sai Yat Po, which also received a cable from Shanghai to-day. While this dispatch does not state that Hankow itself has been taken, the authoritative news is given out that Fachien, the first railway station outside of the city and a point of great strategic importance has been captured by the rebels in a battle and is now being strongly fortified. This battle, it is said, has just taken place.

Another piece of news from Canton has it that this city is in a critical state because of impending conflict between the rebels and the officials belonging to the Manchus regime. The people are leaving the city in all directions.

The Imperial forces at Chin Shan, near Canton, have rebelled. The victory there has fortified his city against a rebel attack.

At Canton.

Canton, Oct. 31.—The dragon flag was again hoisted here to-day. Business is being resumed.

Report Denied.

San Francisco, Cal., Oct. 31.—A report from Washington that many of the officers of the Chinese revolutionary army received their military training in America profoundly untrue, said the leaders of the Chinese National Association here to-day. They say the revolutionary activity outside of China has consisted in spreading the revolutionary propaganda and in organizing centres for the collection of funds to finance the rebellion. In proof of the inexactness of the report, they point to the statement that care was taken to exclude Manchus or Tartars from the companies secretly drilling in the United States. This, they say, shows that the report is not of trustworthy origin, as the Chinese in America and the South Pacific Islands are from the Cantonese province and there are no Manchurians in this country.

Two hundred and forty Chinese members of the crew of a passenger steamship plying between this city and Oriental ports voluntarily had their queues shaved off here to-day as an expression of their opposition to the Manchus.

The hair-cutting took place within a short time after the vessel had docked.

Many Chinese in the local quarter have hidden themselves of their queues during the past three weeks.

The revolutionary spirit here appears to be gaining.

DENIES STRIKE STORY.

Chicago, Oct. 31.—Officials of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad here to-day denied that their shopmen are talking of a strike and taking a strike vote to force a wage increase.

F. O. Melchior, vice-president in charge of operation, says the road had no official notice that any vote was being taken. He says the only ungranted demand of the men was for recognition of the system of federation, the same cause for which striking on the Harriman lines are now striking.