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REVOLUTIONISTS MAY TAKE MORE TOWNS

IMPORTANT CITIES REPORTED IN DANGER

Imperial Troops Capture Native City of Hankow After Two Engagements

Shanghai, Oct. 28.—Wireless dispatches from Hankow report a sweeping victory for the Imperial troops yesterday caused a flutter in Shanghai to-day. The reports were received even by official circles with interest.

Rebel sympathizers declared that the dispatches were undoubtedly sent from a government source to bolster up a faltering cause.

The wireless dispatches were caught by some of the German naval operators. They gave no details, but said they were fighting all day yesterday at Hankow, and that the result was a sweeping government victory, compelling the rebels to abandon Hankow and fall back across the Han river into Han Yang.

Whatever the situation around Hankow, matters have grown more desperate for the government cause in the vicinity of Shanghai and along the coast of the Yangtze river.

There were persistent rumors today that Ching Kiang, 150 miles above Shanghai, was about to fall into the hands of the rebels.

Ching Kiang is the first of the series of lower river forts above Shanghai, and is regarded as the key to the defence of the city. It is conceded that all the forts below it as far as Wu Sung will surely fall.

Wu Sung, ten miles above Shanghai, marks the city's very last line of defence.

West of Shanghai, the wealthy city of So Chow is threatened, while above Ching Kiang, three important cities, Hankow, Yang Chow and Wu Hu, are believed to be in danger.

All four of these cities reported today that while the situation was quiet, there was open sympathy for the rebel cause and probably little hope would be entertained of their recovery.

It is believed here that Sheng Huan has dismissed his minister of posts and communications, is coming to Shanghai, where he has a magnificent home. More than 200 pieces of his baggage have arrived here from Peking addressed in the care of a foreigner.

The business situation is still precarious. The money market is in an alarming state on account of the vast amounts of specie withdrawn from the banks here by Peking and other cities.

Situation at Amoy. Amoy, China, Oct. 28.—Revolutionary sympathy developed to such an alarming extent here that Tao-tai Chang, the only high Manchuk official at Amoy, to-day sent his family to So Chow, the capital of the province, for protection.

As a precaution, all the members of the household on their voyage southward wore the clothing of the Han Chinese, discarding their Manchu robes.

Rebels Driven Back. So Okan, China, Oct. 28.—(From a correspondent with the Imperial army under General Yin Tchang.)—The native city of Hankow was reported from the rebels yesterday after a day of sanguinary fighting. The Imperialists captured the city after a day of fighting.

CONCILIATION BOARD FAVORS EMPLOYEES

DEMANDS OF G. T. MEN SAID TO BE REASONABLE

Report Sent to Minister of Labor—Number of Company's Claims Denied

Winnipeg, Oct. 28.—There is a strongly favorable tone to the report of the conciliation board on the Grand Trunk trouble with its machinists and boilermakers, a copy of which has been forwarded to the Minister of Labor. On the five points claimed by the men, the board declares that the men are reasonable and the company unjustified in its objections.

The men ask for the recognition of a representative committee on grievances, a nine-hour day, definition of trades, schedule agreement, and minimum rate of pay.

The board, consisting of Rev. Dr. Spradling, chairman; Rev. Dr. J. L. Gordon, recognized as representative of the company, but without any active assistance from it, and T. J. Murray, representing the men, has discussed all the points and in each one either minimizes the objections raised by the company to the granting of the demand or denies the right of the company's claims.

In the plainest words the report points out the men were reasonable in their offer to return to work if the company would not discriminate against them pending the conciliation board's action. The claims of the company that the wages were equal on the G. T. P. and on the C. N. R. and C. P. R. were denied on the figures shown in the company's payroll submitted to the board.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK TARIFF. Santa Barbara, Cal., Oct. 28.—Believing that the men who placed dynamite in the switch frog of the railroad tracks at Point Escarpment, an automobile car having fired a shot at Engineer Monte King of the Southern Pacific, Santa Barbara, Cal., today found a number of men in the vicinity of the switch frog.

That they were desperadoes, was determined by the men who switched canyons.

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THE DAWN OF A NEW ERA

PREPARING FOR REFERENDUM VOTE

AGREEMENT TO BE SUBMITTED TO MINERS

Representatives of Companies and Men Arrive at Work at Lethbridge

Lethbridge, Oct. 28.—The basis upon which the referendum vote will be taken in the two districts, Belfast and Fort Augustus, at the present time the parties in the legislature stand fourteen to fourteen, the two vacancies having been represented by Liberals. For several months Premier Palmer's seat has been vacant, he having accepted the attorney-generalship after the former premier, Hon. Mr. Hassard, had been appointed to the Supreme Court. Premier Palmer will run for Fort Augustus against Dr. Dewar and in Belfast the candidates are Naah, Liberal; and McPhail, Conservative. Should the seats go one each in the by-election, the House would then stand with the speaker in the chair, fifteen Conservatives to fourteen Liberals. The government is liberal.

COMMISSION ON WATERWAYS

APPOINTMENT OF CANADIANS RATIFIED

Work Will Be Commenced When Taffi Fills Vacancy in U. S. Section

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—His Majesty King George, acting on the recommendation of Premier Asquith, has formally ratified the appointment of Sir Geo. Gibbons and Messrs. Aime, Geoffrin, of Montreal, and B. Hill, of St. John, as the Canadian members for the International Waterways Commission, established under the treaty arranged last year by the Imperial and American governments.

The personnel of the Canadian section of the commission was recommended to the Imperial government on August 11 last by the Laurier government. A cable was received from the colonial office early in September stating that the names submitted had been approved by His Majesty, and that Ambassador Bryce had been notified to that effect.

A preliminary meeting for the commissioners was held at Washington on September 15, and the arrangements were made to actively take up the work. Since the general election of September 11, the formal papers had been received by the state department from London announcing the appointment of the Canadian commissioners by the Imperial government.

The statements appearing in the Conservative press that the Borden government would appoint new commissioners are therefore not authoritative, since the appointment is an Imperial prerogative, and has already been approved by the King on the advice of Premier Asquith.

The Canadian commissioners will continue to act, and as soon as President Taft appoints a successor to Senator Carver, who was chairman of the American section of the commission until his death a few weeks ago, the joint commission will meet and actively take up the many important questions now awaiting their consideration.

SEVEN MINISTERS UNOPPOSED

House Elections Will Also Be Acclamation

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SHOPLIFTERS SENTENCED

Duluth, Minn., Oct. 28.—Although he stole for love of his sister and in order to see her fashionably clad, Oliver Nelson was sentenced to an indeterminate term at Stillwater, after he had pleaded guilty to grand larceny in the second degree. The sister, Anna Nelson, was given a similar sentence.

The couple were charged with shoplifting about \$400 worth of merchandise taken from Duluth stores. They were found in the rooms. Although at first they maintained their innocence, they confessed later they had operated by means of a pasteboard box, in which was a hole through which they slipped their stolen goods. They came here from Minneapolis recently. Nelson has held responsible positions and his sister worked as a domestic in the homes of Minneapolis and Duluth families.

CONSPIRACY UNEARTHED

Guayaquil, Oct. 28.—Several arrests have been made at Guayaquil following the discovery of what is believed to have been a conspiracy involving the assassination of President Estrada and former president-general Plaza.

J. L. BECKWITH IS TO RUN FOR MAYOR

ENTERS CONTEST IN ANSWER TO APPEALS

Campaign Non-Political—Stands for Clean Administration and Progress

(From Saturday's Daily.) That there will be a contest in the mayoralty election in January next was made known this morning when J. L. Beckwith announced his intention of becoming a candidate in opposition to Mayor Morley.

Mr. Beckwith has had a number of deputations from different business and private sections of the city wait upon him and urge him to become a candidate, but said that now he has made up his mind he will go through with the fight.

"I wish to say," he said, "that my candidature will, as far as I am concerned, be absolutely non-political. I realize, as others do, that the utmost harmony must prevail at the city hall and in the council chamber to get the best results. I would, if elected, go into office untrammelled, and with no strings on me by any cliques and would work for a clean and honest administration so far as my ability would enable me to give it to the city."

"I think that with the large amount of work at present being undertaken in the city there should be a full and complete start in the engineer's department, so that that official's time should be unhampered with things which in their course should be looked after by members of the engineer's staff."

"I do not consider that the office of mayor should be looked upon as a menial office for one man. There are at present a number of large undertakings being conducted by the city. There are some started and some suggested, such as the city hall, the new high school, the completion of the new high school and support all necessary matters in connection with school improvements. These I think are absolutely necessary to the welfare of the city."

Officers of British Cruiser Exonerated. Result of Inquiry Into Collision Between the Hawke and Olympic.

New York, Oct. 28.—The British naval court of inquiry in the collision between the White Star liner Olympic and the British cruiser Hawke has completely exonerated the Hawke and placed the blame on the liner, according to dispatches received by shipping men in this city.

The report as received here says that under the navigation laws, the cruiser was passing up the Solent and had the right of way. The liner thus became the overtaking ship and is found to have forced the cruiser over the shoals of the narrow fairway.

Then the auction drew the stern of the warship under the Olympic.

RAILWAY INSPECTORS

Ottawa, Oct. 28.—Messrs. G. B. Watson, Walter F. Loveland, Robert E. Allen, R. J. Long, W. A. Wilmut, Allen F. D. Maitland, G. K. McLean, J. H. Latremouille, W. H. McGregor, W. H. Smith, W. G. Gladwin and George A. Smith, have been appointed inspectors by an order of the railway commission. They are to examine and report on condition of locomotives and right-of-way in British Columbia of railways under the board's jurisdiction.

MEAT PRICES ADVANCE

New York, Oct. 28.—There has been another jump in the price of meat in New York City. According to figures furnished by one of the largest wholesale dealers in the city within the last three days, ribs of the first class have advanced from 16 1/4 to 17 cents a pound, and of the second class from 13 1/4 to 14 cents. Loin of the first class are selling for 17 cents a pound, as against 16 1/4 cents three days ago, while those of the second class show an advance of a cent and a half.

SUSPENSION IS AT ONCE REMOVED

ALDERMEN REINSTATE CITY ENGINEER SMITH

Unanimous Vote Sustains Official After Remarkable Debate Lasting Hours

(From Saturday's Daily.) The council chamber was the scene last evening of one of the most memorable gatherings in its history, excitement being maintained at fever heat during the three hours in which the city fathers were engaged in considering Mayor Morley's letter suspending City Engineer Smith from his duties.

That the official would be sustained by the aldermen there was little doubt, but that the endorsement of him should have been carried without a division was more than surprising. The crowd was strongly favorable to Mr. Smith, and many times ability references to him by his friends in the council were received with applause. The aldermen in their zeal to discuss the history of the Morley regime, and what they declared to be the dead set which had been made against Mr. Smith from the time he first came here in the spring of 1910 by his worship, very nearly talked out the motion, but a seven o'clock came without anyone having moved for suspension of the standing rule as to adjournment. It was only by chance that the chair was prevented from declaring the motion for reinstatement lost under the standing orders of the council. Alderman Humber said if the mayor had done this they would at once have called for applications and elected the engineer to his post then again. The huge crowd, which thronged the chamber, and overflowed into the lobby, did not leave until the resolution was put at 11:20 and the council adjourned. In his position, there are a number of applause shown the popular feeling.

The mayor did not reply to the long indictment made by aldermen after aldermen statements which were his own and admitted in some quarters as being a masterpiece of oratory.

Even a temporizing policy like that proposed by Alderman Langley, to appoint a superintendent of construction, only got a small measure of support, and although he secured the promise of further consideration at the next meeting, the aldermen were not in a mood for compromises, and determined to come out clearly for the engineer.

The Mayor's letter was as follows:—"Gentlemen, I have to inform you that I have this day suspended Mr. Angus Smith from the office of city engineer, on account of general inability to cope with the requirements of the position. The developments of the past few weeks have more than ever convinced me that the city cannot afford to carry on the service of the department under Mr. Smith's jurisdiction. In dealing with Mr. Smith, consideration has been given to his interests, such as the private company would entertain for a moment."

"When the council of last year unanimously decided to make a change, the mayor was instructed to acquire Mr. Smith privately of the decision of the council to enable him to frame his own reason for leaving the city service, in order that his future should not be prejudiced. Mr. Smith at once made Mr. Charles Gregg, the then Times reporter, aware of the matter, who immediately made it public, and with others succeeded in bringing such influence to bear upon the council as to cause it to reverse its decision, voiding the issue for the remainder of that year, by affording Mr. Smith six months' probation. Not until Mr. Gregg had made the matter public did the mayor write Mr. Smith on August 9th, 1910, officially notifying him of the council's decision."

"In the early part of this year, although the council except one alderman, expressed the opinion that Mr. Smith was not a sufficiently heavy weight for the office, when the position of construction engineer was offered Mr. Astley, the understanding was that Mr. Smith would be allowed to remain for the non-construction part of the service."

"When lately the question of obtaining Mr. Astley's services as construction engineer was again before the council, the mayor presented retaining Mr. Smith for the special work of making an official survey and map of the whole city, a work of which the city is in urgent need, and for which he was to retain the salary he has been receiving for a very much more responsible and onerous position."

"That the mayor made no move between the first and second time of consideration of Mr. Astley was on account of an impossibility to locate any other engineer of known ability for the city's particular requirements."

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