

## LEAVE DECISION TO CONVENTION

Premier Yuan Shi Kai, After Conference With Princes and Nobles, Accepts Principle of Proposal

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A Peking despatch says that after conferring with the imperial princes and nobles, Premier Yuan Shi Kai sent a telegram last night to Tang Shao Yi, his representative at the peace conference at Shanghai, accepting in principle that the proposed national convention should decide whether China shall be transformed into a republic or remain a monarchy.

The premier points out that the convention must not take a snap judgment or its decision would not have the nation's confidence. Several months' preparation, he said, would be necessary, and Tang Shao Yi is instructed not to discuss with Wang Jingfang and other revolutionary leaders plans for the election of a president.

**Settlement Soon**  
NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Settlement of the question of the future form of government in China, now the subject of the conference between the revolutionists and imperialists at Shanghai, is predicted "in two or three days," according to a cablegram received here today by the Columbia University Chinese students' committee from Tang Shao Yi, representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai at the conference.

The message is in answer to a long cablegram sent to Tang Shao Yi yesterday. The students asked the adoption of a republican government.

**Republic Impossible**  
PALTO ALTO, Cal., Dec. 28.—"A republican form of government in China would be an absolute failure. It will be a calamity to the nation if a republic is established," thus declared today Professor W. G. Bateman, of the Imperial University of China at Tientsin, who has arrived at his home here, having been driven out of China as a result of the revolution.

"The people of China are more ignorant than we in our country know. They are in no position to govern themselves. The nation can be saved only by enlightened despotism."

## REMARKABLE TOWER

Wireless Station at Nauen, Germany, Provided With Structure of Unique Character

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The wireless telegraph station at Nauen, close to Berlin, now possesses a tower which is destined to be the highest in the world, with the exception of the Eiffel tower in Paris. The tower was originally planned to be built in order to increase the range of the wireless station, which is already able to communicate directly with New York. It was decided to build another superstructure of 300 ft. This engineering feat has now been accomplished, and in great measure, the tower's construction, and it is anything but an attractive feature of the district, appearing like a huge mast of iron trellis work springing vertically from the earth's surface towards the sky, from the uppermost extremity of which a net of wirework stretches towards the ground.

From a technical point of view, however, the Nauen tower is probably original. Its sole foundation is a single steel ball let into the earth, upon which rests the entire weight of 600 feet of ironwork. Upon a structure of such immense height the power of the wind is naturally considerable, and owing to the small sectional area of the tower it was impossible to counteract the wind pressure by widespread foundations. It was therefore decided to allow the tower a certain amount of "give," and to this end its hollow structure was planned, within certain limits, is allowed to swing to the force of the wind.

## OPPOSE TARIFF WAR

Two Parties in Russian Duma Object to Proposed Retaliation Against United States

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 26.—The Progressives and members of the Left will oppose the Octobrists' motion in the Duma pertaining to retaliatory measures against the United States.

Lately M. Guchkov and Nationalist parties, which control a majority in the Duma, introduced a proposal to provide for tariff war schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the treaty of 1832.

The proposal aims at an increase in the Russian duties, and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles admitted free under the present tariff.

The opponents of this measure object on the ground that the Russian consumers would suffer greatly, especially in the matter of cotton. Dispatches from Moscow say that many of the leading commercial men decry a tariff war against the United States.

## AIR TRAFFIC

Clauses in French Official Decree for Its Regulation Make Odd Provisions

PARIS, Dec. 28.—Many of the clauses in the official decree for the regulation of air traffic in France are striking in their novelty. Air craft, it is provided, must carry three lights and a motor horn, the former for use by night and the latter for use in fog. The aviator himself must also be prepared to descend "when invited to do so" by officials, using a recognized code of signals. Other exacting clauses require a navigation certificate for each aviator, a permit for each craft, the display of the registration number in a prominent position, and the use

of a log-book for recording the names of all passengers, with the route taken and the time-table of the journey. The negative clauses forbid an aviator or passengers to carry explosives, cameras, or wireless telegraphy equipment, and fix the minimum distance of approach between two machines in flight at 100 metres, or roughly 300 ft. How the observance of these laws is to be enforced is a matter that the French authorities will have to consider before long. Circumstantial evidence, no doubt, is likely to play a great part in prosecutions. Charges of driving without lights or colliding with a fog with the steeple of a village church without having previously sounded the horn may cause some difficulty in substantiating even if the defendant should consent to appear, or be in a condition to do so. It is, no doubt, this case that the present decrees have been primarily framed for the assistance of military authorities. The stipulations with regard to wireless telegraphy, cameras, and explosives have obviously a military basis, while the log-book may be regarded as a check on the aerial whereabouts of suspects.

## DECLARATION OF WAR

Bradford Branch of Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants Passes Strong Resolution

BRADFORD, Eng., Dec. 26.—At a meeting of the Bradford branch of the Amalgamated Society of Railway Servants, held here the following resolution was passed unanimously: "That this meeting, having given respect for constitutional authority, and believing that such authority is competent to deal with all alleged violations of the law, considers that the formation of a volunteer police force organized and controlled by the capitalist classes outside and above the law of the land and openly supported by the railway companies, is a menace to our liberties, and must be seriously met by organized action. We therefore resolve to take steps to put them on an equal footing; and, to that end, recommend the immediate formation of a Trade Union Physical Protection League, whose objects shall be the training and equipment of selected trade unionists in order that our organizations may be in a position to meet on equal terms the bullies of organized capital."

It was decided that this resolution should also be sent to the conference of the railway union at Wakefield for adoption.

## Boycott in Prison

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 26.—An exclusive union among the prisoners at the Penitentiary penal establishment formed to boycott an "undesirable" convict has proven successful, and the man has been transferred to another prison. The man had previously served a sentence in the same prison, and because of his conduct at the time the other convicts would have nothing to do with him. With great secrecy they formed a union, pledging themselves to put the man in " Coventry." As soon as the convict entered one of the "shops" the other men would immediately drop their tools, refusing work when he left. An official inquiry was held, and after a spokesman had put the case of the convicts to the Commissioner, the ringleaders were sentenced to two days' imprisonment. The next day, however, the "undesirable" was transferred to another prison.

## Domestic Servants Protest

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The domestic servants held a skilful meeting at Albert Hall, the faithful since to protest against the proposed Lloyd-George's compulsory insurance bill. The hall was packed from floor to ceiling, every place in every box and gallery being taken. The meeting was held in long queues outside the building, hoping in vain that by some lucky chance they might enter in and join with their comrades in the great protest. It was a astonishing manifestation. "We won't pay" that was the shout that went up in the hall; and in view of their resolute demeanor it will be surprising if Lloyd George or any one else can make them.

## PRINCE RUPERT LEAVES

G. T. P. Liner Carried Many Passengers from the North—Placed Half-Masted in Engineer's Memory

The steamer Prince Rupert, Captain Johnson, of the G. T. P., which came from Prince Rupert on Sunday morning and left again the following morning for the north, brought a good complement of passengers, 82 in the first class, from the G. T. P. port. Mr. J. A. McNicol, superintendent at Prince Rupert and Major Gibson were among the travelers. The three-funnelled steamer had her flags at half mast while in port on Christmas day in memory of Chief Engineer Wilson of the steamer Prince Albert, who died on board that steamer on Thursday as a result of heart failure.

## PRINCESS MAY RETURNS

C. P. M. Liner Brought Fuel Oil for the New Steamer Princess Alice—Sails North Again on Friday

The steamer Princess May, Capt. McLeod, of the C. P. M., returned on Sunday from Skagway, bringing from the mainland a supply of fuel oil which is being pumped into the tanks of the new C. P. M. steamer Princess Alice. The Princess May encountered rough weather in the north, and on Thursday night, when a heavy gale blew in Milbank sound, she put in for shelter behind one of the northern islands. The steamer will leave again for the north on Friday night.

## New Allan Liners

Two high-speed turbine Allan liners are being built for the Liverpool-Canada service. The British anti-voting system will be adopted, and each vessel will accommodate 200 first-class, 500 second class and 1000 third class passengers; all in state rooms. Practically every first-class state room will have direct access to the bathroom. Safety system will be assured by a perfect system of bulkheads. The dimensions of these two liners, 570 feet by 72 feet by 45 feet 6 inches will be the largest yet adopted in a vessel for the St. Lawrence trade.

"Pauline, the Good," one of the most famous and hospitable Indian women of the Interior of British Columbia is dead at Merritt.

## THOUSANDS IN HIS POCKET

Archibald Tiderington-Embezzler from Walla Walla Arrested Here Carried Small Fortune on His Person

Chased by the authorities of the State of Washington and the Pinkertons for the past month, and a half, Archibald Tiderington, wanted on a charge of embezzlement alleged to have been committed at Walla Walla, was arrested last evening by Detective Frank Murray in his room on Michigan street where he secured lodgings on Sunday immediately following his arrival in the city from Nainaimo. In a wallet was found, when he was searched, the sum of \$13,293 in Canadian currency of which \$12,350 was in one hundred and fifty dollar bills. The authorities at Walla Walla have been notified of the arrest.

John Croft was the name under which Tiderington was passing since his arrival here but he has used other aliases since he disappeared from Walla Walla. Tiderington was a merchant at Walla Walla and agent there of the Mitchell, Lewis, Staver company, of Portland, Oregon, which concern avowed the warrant for his arrest charging him, as agent of the company, with embezzling the sum of \$3,000 with intent to defraud. Prior to the issuance of the warrant he suddenly left Walla Walla, taking with him about \$15,000 in cash and leaving, it is alleged, a number of large debts and his business affairs in a bad condition. He was believed to have escaped to this side of the boundary. For the past month a Pinkerton detective has been in this city and Vancouver on a hunt for the fugitive but despite the fact that Tiderington spent some time in Vancouver where he changed his American bills into Canadian currency and afterwards, went to Alberni and visited Camerlang, Cameron, Beck and Nadeau, he succeeded in making his way to Victoria, coming down on the E. & N. train on Sunday. The local detectives were aware of his arrival and the two days' search disclosed his lodging place where he had secured a room under the name of John Croft.

Tiderington after his arrest, refused to make any statement until after he had secured counsel. Alderman Morphy is acting on his behalf. It is expected that the prisoner will fight extradition.

## Chase in Walla Walla

WALLA WALLA, Wn., Dec. 28.—Archibald Tiderington was one of the oldest harness makers in Walla Walla, though he is a native Canadian, and had never been naturalized in this country. He was doing an apparently thriving business here before his sudden disappearance several days ago, after which it was finally found that he had changed all his property into cash, and had left contracted debts behind, for which creditors have already filed bankruptcy proceedings.

## PROMINENT SHIPOWNER SAILS ON MAKURA

Lord Incheape Among Passengers Booked for Australian Steamer—Negotiated Commercial Treaty

Among the passengers booked to sail for the Antipodes on the R. M. S. Makura, which leaves the outer wharf this afternoon, is Lord Incheape, better known as Sir James Lytle Mackay, G. C. M. G., K. C. S. I., K. C. E. Lord Incheape is a prominent connected with the British shipping trade and has been prominent in Imperial affairs, Lord Incheape cannot but be prominent in the Indian trade, being a partner in the prominent firm of Messrs. Mackenzie, Mackenzie & Co., of Calcutta, Bombay and Karachi, and Gray & Co., of London. He is 54, and in 1891 became a member of the legislative council of India. He then became a special correspondent for the British India Steam Navigation company.

Lord Incheape was made known best probably because of his negotiation of the commercial treaty between Britain and China for the year 1911. He spent a year in China arranging this treaty, which was signed on September 13, 1911. He served on a committee appointed to report on the possibility of improving consular missions, including the international commission regarding the introduction of the gold standard into Mexico and China, and the committee appointed to consider the advisability of a national indemnity for ships and cargoes seized in wartime.

## STEAMER PENNSYLVANIA FEELS EARTHQUAKES

Pacific Mail Steamer Returns to Golden Gate After Eventful Voyage to Panama and Way Ports

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—Many earthquakes and one or two days in which she encountered unusually heavy seas featured the voyage of the Pacific Mail liner Pennsylvania, which arrived in port today from Panama and Way ports. Chief Engineer J. E. Keenan was caught by a huge roller that boarded the Pennsylvania off the Gulf of Tehuantepec and was swept 100 feet along the deck, dashed against a winch and seriously bruised.

The earthquake zone was entered at 8 o'clock on the morning of December 17, and the upheavals continued until 3 o'clock in the afternoon, coming at intervals of about twenty minutes. The Pennsylvania was off Acapulco at the time.

## Fruit Demonstration

A series of lectures and demonstrations in fruit and vegetable growing will be held under the direction of the Horticultural branch of the Department of Agriculture at Ganex Harbor, Salt Spring Island, Monday, January 8, at 2 p. m.; Pender Island, Monday, January 8, at 2 p. m.; Shawnigan Lake, Wednesday, January 10, at 2 p. m.; Ladysmith, Thursday, January 11, at 2 p. m.; Alberni (Court House) Thursday and Friday, January 11 and 12, at 2 p. m. Not only

fruit and vegetable growers, but all agriculturists, will find the lectures on soils, cultivation and plant growth, of value to them.

## Englishmen Defeated

Sydney, Dec. 28.—The test cricket match resulted in a defeat for the Englishmen by 146 runs. Australia scored 447 and 308. England compiled 218 and 221. Trumper was the only man to score over the century with 113. Hobbs 63, Hearn 76 and Gunn 42 were the highest contributors for England. Captain Warner is still ill, but hopes to be able to play in the third test match.

## McVey Got Decision

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 26.—In the fight here yesterday between Sam McVey and Sam Langford, both American pugilists, McVey won on points. The bout went the scheduled twenty rounds. In the first and second rounds honors were fairly even, both men showing caution but landing hard. In the third round Langford scored a heavy right to the jaw. McVey came back with a hook which sent Langford to the floor, but he got to his feet immediately.

## Planters' Private Jail

SYDNEY, N.S.W., Dec. 23.—The existence of a private jail in one of the more remote islands of British New Guinea which is under the administration of the Australian Commonwealth government was reported by the government agent Messrs. England when they arrived at Samar last week. Mr. Ryan, a government official, reported that on the island of Samar the white planters had erected a substantial private jail. Natives against whom charges were brought were given a 14-day term in the jail. The prisoners consisted of carrying bags of sand up and down the same hill for hours in the sun, varied by "penal servitude" on one of the plantations.

## THREE LINES FOR C. N. R. CO.

Sir Donald Mann in Interview at San Francisco Says Company Will Have Lines to China and Australia

Sir Donald Mann told an interviewer at San Francisco when passing through that city en route to Southern California that the Canadian Northern system proposed to operate not only steamship lines to the Orient and to Australia, but also a line to Europe by way of the Panama Canal to carry the Great Northern mail service. A San Francisco despatch quotes Sir D. D. Mann as follows:

"When the Canadian Northern road is completed, a line to Europe by way of the Panama Canal to carry the Great Northern mail service, and goes on saying, 'The plans of the Canadian Northern embrace a new line of steamships across the Pacific to Alaska and China to compete with the present line of the Canadian Pacific steamers and with the proposed line of the Grand Trunk Pacific, which is almost ready to be placed in commission.'"

The Canadian Northern is almost completed into Vancouver, the construction of the road now being carried on through Yellowhead Pass in the Rocky Mountains, and within the next 18 months transcontinental trains will be running from Montreal to Vancouver and to Prince Rupert. A line of steamers is already in commission carrying grain from the eastern provinces of Canada to Europe for the Canadian Northern, and it is the intention to carry all grain shipped from Vancouver and Prince Rupert to Europe through Vancouver and then in its vessels through the Panama Canal. This will be a line independent of the Australia and China lines of steamers which will be placed in commission."

Pending alterations in the C. N. P. line along the South Thompson river, as a result of recent surveys, all the construction camps in the locality have closed down for the time being.

More big game hunters outfitted in Elko this season than ever before. The war between the municipal officers and the police magistrate at Sumnerland has ended in the payment to the municipality of the amount of collected fines in dispute.

Several Vancouver sportsmen have recently been heavily fined at Chilliwack for shooting on fenced lands belonging to Louis Ebohot, the founder of the East Kootenay town of that name, is dead, at Grand Forks.

L. A. White has succeeded E. C. Davey as secretary of the New Westminster school board.

Dusan Wurmirevich, Robert Dishart, and Alex. Thompson met death in the No. 2 mine of the Nicola Valley Coal and Coke Co., at Middlesboro last week through the failure of the fan to work.

The Kamloops City council has refused a grant of \$1,000 toward the centenary celebration fund.

Vaseau lake, near Penticton, is reported swarming with thousands of wild ducks.

Merritt Freemasons are to erect a worthy temple in the very near future.

Prince Rupert has invited an architect to draw plans for the hospital extensions in the northern railroad city.

The B. C. Packers' Association has placed with the Wallace shipyard of Vancouver an order for four new tugs.

South Vancouver school grounds are to be systematically and permanently beautified by the carrying forward of a comprehensive tree planting programme.

Merritt proposes to float a loan of \$2,000 for city hall, jail and fire department purposes.

At the forthcoming municipal elections in Burnaby, a referendum will be submitted to the people on the question of introducing the communist form of local government and also of abolishing the ward system.

The old city hospital building at Vancouver is hereafter to be utilized as an aged women's home.

## ARMY AND NAVY IN AUSTRALIA

Lieutenant Simons Describes Spirit in Which Commonwealth People Approached Question of Defence

VANCOUVER, Dec. 25.—A clear exposition of the system of defence and of the operation of the compulsory military training system as it applies in the great island commonwealth was given today by Lieut. J. J. Simons of the new Australian army, who has been detailed to take charge of the cadets who are now making a tour of the English-speaking countries. We said: "The adoption of the policy of a 'White Australia' bears with it a great responsibility. If a pure race ideal is worth adopting, it is surely also worth defending. This spirit has led to the adoption of a defense policy, which, while it will eventually relieve the empire of the responsibilities of Australian defence, will eventually make the Australian people self-reliant."

"Collaterally with the growth of Imperial sentiment, the sentiment of an Australian nationality has become a growing force, but it is not a factor which is anti-Imperialist. The popular conception of Imperialism in Australia is that we should arrive at a practical interpretation of the motto 'alliance, not dependence.' We realize that the union of the different parts of the empire should be a partnership of equals, not a military control for several decades without involving any question of severance from the British empire was quite lost sight of, as was also the fact that this separate control did not prevent us from helping the empires in the Balkans and South Africa. We feel that a separate navy will not prevent us from assisting the Motherland should hostilities occur which would necessitate the employ of the empire's naval units."

"The national pride of Australia is satisfied by the sense of ownership expressed in the phrase 'We have a navy of our own.'"

"The campaign in favor of compulsory military service was carried on for some years against the forces of hostility and apathy. The hostile element urged that compulsion was not right."

"Those who have forgotten history could possibly see it in this way, for whenever in the history of the English-speaking race extra service has been required, compulsion often in a most brutal form was used. Every school boy has heard of the days of Nelson, when the press gangs played an important part in filling the constantly depleted ranks of the navy."

"We in Australia view the matter in this light. Compulsory training is only one of the forms of compulsory education. We educate a man to fight the battle of commerce, and we expect that in a crisis he may be in a like manner called upon to fight another kind of battle in which his very existence may be at stake, and which, in these days of modern war development, requires more science than does the commercial struggle. Modern invention has made war a science, and it is a science in which one cannot engage with any chance of success without having undergone a lengthy period of drill training."

"Compulsory service is no more an interference with the freedom of the individual than is compulsory taxation. Who would trust to voluntary taxation to carry on the affairs of the country? We know such an experiment would be a complete failure as the voluntary system of service has undoubtedly proved to be."

"We are converting Australia into something like an armed camp because we do not like war. We hate it as we do the smallpox or other epidemics, but because we fear these visitations, it is no reason why we should neglect to take precautions against them."

**Post Office Burned**—The post office at Strawberry Vale was totally destroyed by fire last Thursday. The explosion of an oil lamp is said to have been responsible for the burning of the fire. The neighbors were telephoned to for assistance, but by the time even the nearest arrived it was seen at once that nothing could be done, and a couple of wheelbarrows of ashes was a ruined cash register was all that remained of post office and store. Mr. Perry W. Fisher, the postmaster, had not long taken charge of this office.

**Planting of Road Posts**—Mr. P. W. Luce, secretary of the Canadian Highway association, called upon Hon. Ross Taylor, minister of public works, yesterday to arrange for the marking of the Island highway from Duncan to Alberni with the posts of the association. The Victoria Automobile association has already marked the Island motorway road north from this city as far as Cowichan Bay, and the intention of the Highway association is now to carry on this work to the west coast. The intention is to do the work next month. Mr. W. J. Kerr of New Westminster, the president of the association, will probably accompany the party who will plant the posts at suitable intervals.

The damaged Japanese liner Awa Maru, which returned to Seattle yesterday, with a cylinder cover broken, will spend three days undergoing repairs. The Hefferman Engine Works was awarded the contract for repairing the vessel.

The Prince Rupert City Council has passed a bylaw reducing the indemnity of its members.

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Cockburn's Red Label, per bottle.....\$1.25  
Cockburn's Black Label, per bottle.....\$1.00  
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California Port, per bottle.....50c  
Native Port, per bottle.....35c

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Calgary, quarts, per dozen \$2.40; pints, per dozen.....\$1.50  
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