

RECEIVE WORD THAT EMPEROR WAS POISONED

Startling Report from Pekin

GUARDING CAPITAL, 1,000 Policemen Parole the Streets—Reforms Will be Instituted

PEKIN, Nov. 18.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead. The Chinese had been so accustomed to look upon the dowager as the one person dominating all that the announcement of her death caused a little change in the ceremonial features and the arrangements during the early hours of the day, but today there has come a marked change. Prince Chun, the regent, has taken a firm grip on affairs, and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

At about a thousand gendarmes guarded the streets and other military forces were held in readiness for any emergency. Every precaution was taken to prevent recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread insurrection. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches and in some cases augmented by reinforcements from other places.

The statement was made, however, at the legation that there was no fear that the Chinese would be unable to afford adequate protection, but that within the legations were more alert than usual and seemingly anxious to have the least doubts arising from the swift movement of events in the last few days.

There were many occurrences today to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the Dowager Yehonala and Yuan Shih-kai, the grand councillor and one of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports they went far toward creating alarm.

NEW YORK, N. Y., Nov. 18.—Despite reports from Pekin that the regency of Prince Chun means the end of progressive reform, members of the Chinese Reform Association in this city and in other parts of the world are inclined to believe that the sudden death of the rulers of the empire spells nothing but reaction. These reformers boldly assert that the emperor's taking off would be a foul play. They apparently are not concerned as to the manner of the emperor's death, but declare that if the emperor had survived the dowager, he would have given a new impetus to the reforms which he advocated in 1898, while temporarily advised by Kang Yu Wei, now the head of the Chinese reform movement throughout the world. Kang Yu Wei barely escaped with his life when the emperor's death became known.

The Chinese reform movement progressive influence he was exerting over the emperor, and when she ordered the beheading of all the new ideas.

The followers in this city of the movement, headed by Kang Yu Wei are in something of a ferment and declare that the dominance of Yuan Shih-kai, viceroy of Pechili and president of the Board of Foreign Relations, who is generally reported now to be in control of affairs, means a reaction.

The Chinese reform association branch in this city, which includes its membership a daughter of the great reformer Kang Yu Wei himself, gave out tonight a copy and translation of a code despatch received today from Shanghai. The translation, as announced, is as follows:

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BIBLE SOCIETY'S WORK DESCRIBED

Rev. Dr. Campbell Delivers Interesting Address in Albert

A DOG'S CARELESSNESS

HOPEWELL HILLS, Nov. 15.—Rev. Dr. G. M. Campbell, general secretary for the Maritime Provinces and Newfoundland for the Canadian Bible Society, auxiliary to the B. F. Bible Society, gave an exceedingly interesting address in the Methodist church here this morning. The doctor, who is an eloquent speaker, gave an impressive story of the history and work of the B. F. Bible Society, whose stupendous operations had given to the world the word of God in 42 languages of humanity. The speaker told of his visit to London and to the great headquarters of the society there, where the work of the Bible producing concern was planned and the translations made. This institution had been declared, the speaker said, to be the greatest thing in the city of London, the city of great things, and the reason for this statement could be understood by anyone who listened to Dr. Campbell's description of the magnitude and far-reaching effects of this society's noble work. Dr. Campbell referred to the work of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which had his warmest sympathy. He, however, realized that as this movement greatly increased the revenue for missionary purposes and would possibly double the number of missionaries in the field, it would mean the necessity of an increased number of Bibles, the missionary's weapon and should call for additional support for the Bible society. At present the income received from the sale of the Bibles was only a little over one-third of the cost of production. The speaker made an eloquent appeal for the stranger at the gates of Canada, into whose hands the Bible society hoped to place copies, in their mother tongue, of the Book which has made the British Empire what it is today, and without which Canada could not aspire to its highest ideals. A special collection was taken in the interest of the society.

Mr. and Mrs. Eben Steeves went away for a while yesterday, leaving as the only occupier of the house a small dog, which they tied up with a rope in the kitchen. The dog, when left to himself, got his rope clear from what it was fastened to and finally got the string on fire from the kitchen stove, the oilcloth on the floor being burnt through and the boards on fire when Mr. and Mrs. Steeves arrived home.

While two of G. D. Prescott's lumbermen were working from the woods on Saturday and Sunday, they had the fallen trees, one of them almost jumped on a large bear that was lying on the ground, sunning himself. Bruin made no fuss and walked into the woods without special complaint at being disturbed in his siesta.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported at Riverville. One of the teachers at the Consolidated School, it is understood, has the disease.

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Provincial News

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Norman (colored), of Marysville, has lost two children this morning with typhoid fever, and a third is seriously ill from the same disease. The use of salt water is said to have been the cause.

The Young Men's Liberal Club at their meeting last night decided to keep the rooms open during the winter months and to have a series of debates. The club is in a flourishing condition.

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SUFFRAGETTES ARE NIGHT OF REVELRY ENDS IN TRAGEDY

Movement in England Expected to Decline Same as in America

OVERCOME BY GAS

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The anti-suffragists here are very much pleased and encouraged by a message received from a familiar body in the United States, and, of course, the militant suffragettes here are very angry. The facts that they adduce clearly support Mrs. Humphry Ward's statement that the movement in favor of woman suffrage in the United States is declining. It is not unlikely that the narrow escape from the same course that it has taken in America and that their wild antics and threats will prove the undoing of these militants.

For the last few years the female suffragist movement has been growing. Candidates for parliament without much thought pledged themselves to write for the giving of the parliamentary franchise to women of the question has become a really serious issue a counter movement has arisen. Which in the end will prove the strongest? Who can say? It is quite clear, however, that it will be impossible to carry woman's suffrage by a dash, as the militant suffragettes appear to imagine.

ATLANTIC CITY, Nov. 18.—As a result of a night of revelry in a house on Gardner's Basin, in the section, Ella Clark, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Clark of 2022 Baltic avenue, died in the morgue and Arthur Pennock and Walter Reynolds, companions of the girl in the escapade, are in a narrow escape from being hanged for her fate. Gas that leaked into the room from an improvised fitting was the direct cause of the tragedy.

It seems that the gas was not detected because all three were intoxicated. The young men are still dazed and have but a dim recollection of what occurred. Both insist, however, that the girl was not hanged from the gallows. City detectives have not completed their work, but profess to believe that the death of the girl was accidental.

Soon after daylight this morning James Endicott, a fisherman and part of one of the rooms in the big and lonely hotel, saw a light burning in the room that he knew had no regular tenant, and after repeated knocks brought no answer opened the door.

"I saw the girl lying on the bed, as if she stepped back to dodge the gas," he said. "I did not see the girl, but I saw the light burning on the floor as I crossed the room." Endicott called for help and dragged the body of the girl and her unconscious companions into the air. Fry's policeman, answered the call, but hurriedly summoned physicians, who did nothing for the girl, who had been dead for more than an hour. The young men were taken to the City Hospital, where they recovered consciousness after hours of treatment.

The story of the cause of the tragedy was quickly shown to the police. Empty beer bottles and glasses were on the table, and a small table in the little room, clothed table leading to a small stove was pouring forth gas.

A small boy first identified the dead girl from having seen her in a boardwalk candy shop during the summer. Word was sent at once to the mother, who was found just as she was starting out for the police station to report her daughter missing since last night. She was taken to the morgue, where she fell unconscious when she saw the face of the girl.

From what the police can gather it appears that the trip to the bathhouse was planned by the two young men, and that the girl yesterday or before. Robert Lowry, one of the owners of the bathhouse, told of a request from young Pennock for the use of the unoccupied room for a night. Lowry says he did not approve of the use, but he believed the place was to be put and refused. Later, however, the young men got the key that admitted them.

Although refusing to admit any criminal intent or action on the part of himself or his companion, young Pennock insisted that the affair was a planned revel. He told the police that he and Reynolds, both of whom are well known young men about town, had met at the apartment and went with her to the bathhouse. They lighted the gas and then patched up the pipe leading to the stove to get some heat.

"We all got doped, but thought it was the drink and the shut-up room," he said. Pennock says that he even had a slight recollection of the girl falling over a stupor, but by this time the gas had numbed both him and his companion and he fell unconscious before they could reach the window or door.

The girl was well known in Atlantic City and the affair has created a sensation. Her parents say that they had no idea that she was anything but a dutiful daughter and above reproach, but acquaintances tell of similar escapades. Only in the Broadway shop, it is employed in the Broadway shop.

No direct charge has yet been filed against the two young men, who will be held, however, subject to the findings of the coroner. Their parents say they are sure that the girl's death was the result of an accident and have engaged lawyers to try to get the prisoners out of the window and in a few days.

The bathhouse where the tragedy occurred is a centre of yachting interest in Atlantic City. Hundreds of well known Philadelphia yachtsmen have cottages and slips along the basin which it fronts and a score of family parties occupy the bathhouse during the winter. So far no one can be found who saw the young men and the girl enter the room or who heard any sounds of revelry there.

WINNIPEG MAN CURED OF RHEUMATISM

Remarkable Case of Cure After Specialists Failed.

Winnipeg, Man.—A prominent resident of this city, who for personal reasons does not wish his name mentioned publicly, but who permits me to show his letter to interested enquirers, writes to say that he was suddenly taken with excruciating pains in the back and limbs, which were pronounced by his physicians as Rheumatism. Hot applications were at once resorted to, the usual medicines administered, supplied by electrical treatment, but all to no purpose. In his desperation, he took G. N. Pills on his own account, and a few hours after taking the first pill he commenced to subside. He continued taking them until in 48 hours he had not an ache or a pain left. G. N. Pills are sold at 50c a box—\$2.00 a dozen. If you are afflicted with rheumatism, do not waste your money on other remedies. Sample box free if you mention this paper.

Dept. B. N., Toronto Drug & Chemical Co., Limited, Toronto, 118

WARREN, R. I., Nov. 16.—In working among a number of high power electric wires at the power station of the New York and New Haven and Hartford R. R. at Bradley, Win. Quan, who was at work on a ladder, accidentally touched a live wire with his head, completing a circuit and was instantly electrocuted. Fred Foss, who tried to pull Quan's body away from the wire, was also electrocuted. Quan was 35 years old, resided in Fall River, where he leaves a widow and four children. Foss lives in this town, was about 28 years of age and unmarried.

HALIFAX BUILDERS' WILL NOT GRANT EIGHT-HOUR DAY. HALIFAX, N. S., Nov. 16.—The Master Builders of Halifax met this afternoon and decided that for the time being they would maintain a nine-hour day. The labor unions have been asking for eight and on the new science college building which is being erected for the Nova Scotia government an understanding this the master builders say they are determined to stick to a nine-hour day.

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