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## CHINA UNABLE TO RESUME CONTROL OF MONGOLIA

Russian Government's Request Met With Reply that Nothing Can be Done at Present.

Understood that Religious Functionary Has Been Appointed Khan.

Russia Wishes Mongolia to Remain Buffer State—China Agrees to Send Commissioners, but Sincerity is Doubtful.

Peking, Dec. 28.—In response to a direct request of the Russian government, handed to the Chinese foreign office by the Russian Charge D'Affaires today, that China should promptly resume control of Mongolia, the Chinese government declared its inability to comply at the present moment. The only action the government is able to take regarding Mongolia, the independence of which has been proclaimed, is the appointment of two commissioners, who have been ordered to proceed by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway to Urga, the chief city, to persuade the Mongol authorities, if possible, to renew their allegiance to China, but in view of the present crisis it is probable that these commissioners will never leave Peking.

It is understood that the Kutuktu, who is the religious head of the Mongol Buddhists, was proclaimed Khan today. The independence move is largely religious. The dissatisfaction of the Mongolian people has been long standing, the Russians say, owing to Chinese corruption. The Chinese amban or governors, have always plundered the Mongols and enriched themselves while at the same time carrying on an unjust administration. For several years past the Chinese have been aggravating Russia, and have been treating her contemptuously since the Japanese expedition, when they even began to organize modern troops and take other military measures along the Russian frontiers.

Russia has often protested against this, and the Chinese foreign board has verbally agreed to the Russian demands, but has never fulfilled the promises. As late as October the foreign board's written reply evaded Russia's demands.

Russian troops have been protecting lives and interests in Mongolia, but the government does not desire the continuance of the expenses and annoyances.

The attaches of Japan and Great Britain may be expected to watch events closely, but there will be no alarm until Russian troops cross the Gobi desert. The construction later of the Balkal-Kalgan railway might necessitate the employment of Russian troops for protection, as was the case along the trans-Siberian in Manchuria, but that is a consideration for the future. The step is apparently only a diplomatic one in the Russian programme of expansion which did not terminate with the treaty of Portsmouth.

Although the Russians declare their desire that Mongolia shall continue as a buffer state, the attitude of the Mongolian princes who assembled in Peking today, depends entirely on circumstances. As they are not able to defend themselves they will probably accept terms from the Peking government whether monarchial or republican.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 28.—The Russian foreign office denies the report that Russian troops have entered Mongolia.

It is pointed out by the authorities that the garrison of the town of Kobi, the chief town of the northern district of Mongolia, Kobito in western Mongolia and Uliastai, a fortified city with a Chinese garrison, total only about 240 men. A squadron of Cossacks were sent recently to the newly established consulate at Kobi and this movement evidently gave rise to the report that a Russian army was entering Mongolia.

The idea of extending the Russian protectorate over Mongolia exists in certain circles here, but Russian diplomacy has so far been inactive and has adhered to the policy of non-interference in Chinese affairs. If the Mongolians however, insistently press for protection they might be able to secure results, and Russia might be forced to act in case Mongolian autonomy is menaced.

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## COMPANIES ORGANIZED TO REGULATE PRICES

Government Hopes to Show that Kenwood and Aetna Trading Companies Were Instruments of Packers — Said Former Made Yearly Profit of \$4,000,000 on \$14,000 Capital.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Objections by counsel for the defence to evidence in figuring the test cost of the animals slaughtered, the packers were enabled to keep the profits of the various concerns within reasonable limits, according to government counsel. The argument of counsel on the objection will be continued when court reconvenes tomorrow morning. Previous to the argument, Veevor gave details of the organization of the National Packing Company, which was formed March 18, 1903, and which the government contends was the instrument used by the indicted packers to fix the price of meat. The witness said that this corporation, which was capitalized at \$15,000,000, was formed by the merging of thirteen companies and their subsidiaries and that the properties were paid for in stock of the National Packing Company.

## WEAKNESSES IN THE PUBLIC SERVICE TO BE ELIMINATED

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Chairman Morin, of the new board of civil service investigators, discussing the probable scope of the inquiry today, said the main object was to get at the weaknesses in the departmental administration and thus, by cutting them out, improve the efficiency of the service as a whole. It was not intended to make it a mere rubber stamp, he said. There will be both public and private sittings, anything in the general public interest being wide open to the public. Counsel will be engaged to bring out such facts as may be found necessary to probe after.

## IMMIGRATION TIDE TURNING FROM U.S. TO SOUTH OF EUROPE

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—With the year 1911 almost completed, the Department of the Interior has compiled figures showing immigration has totalled 351,595, as against 311,084 in 1910. The British immigration shows a particularly large increase, reaching 141,035, in comparison with 123,013 for the year 1910. The American immigration increased some four thousand, the figures this year, December excepted, being 125,399. The continental immigration jumped six thousand, totalling this year 72,478. Advice received by W. D. Scott, Superintendent of Immigration, show that there has been a remarkable movement from the U. S. to southern Europe this year. One steamship company alone has reported to him a falling off in the number of passengers from Europe to the U. S. of 30 per cent., and an increase in traffic from New York to Europe of 48 per cent.

## ITALIANS EXPECT ANOTHER ONSLAUGHT OF TURKISH TROOPS

Tripoli, Dec. 28.—According to information gathered by the airmen attached to the Italian army, and by scouting parties of cavalry, the Turks and the Arabs are concentrating in force to the south of Anzara. The Italians send out frequently small parties to make reconnaissances, but they do not proceed far away from the Italian camp, as another onslaught by the Turks is feared. The position of the Turks is the same from which they made their last attack which resulted in a severe fight lasting six hours and the retirement of the Italians.

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## BRITAIN WILL NOT INTERFERE

No Deviation from Attitude Taken by Sir Edward Grey in November on Russo-Persian Trouble.

RUSSIA WILL NOT BE EMBARRASSED.

London, Dec. 28.—The Foreign Office declares to be absolutely without warrant and entirely incorrect, the statement that the British government had sent an ultimatum to Russia demanding the immediate cessation of the ravages of the Cossacks in Persia. Grey spoke in the House of Commons on Nov. 27, on the foreign affairs, and recognized that the action of Russia in northern Persia was justified from the Russian point of view. On that occasion he also testified to Russian royalty to the Anglo-Russian agreement in regard to Persia. The Foreign Office is not in the least likely to take any step that will embarrass Russia in the present crisis. The British government even finds it necessary to send reinforcements of troops from India to southern Persia in consequence of the attack on British Consul Smart at Kazroon, but a large punitive expedition is not at present contemplated.

## MANUFACTURERS BUCK PROPOSED TO LOWER DUTY ON PULP

Washington, Dec. 28.—American pulp and paper manufacturers are bringing pressure to bear upon President Taft to induce him to refuse to yield to the demand of certain European governments for the free admission of their pulp and print paper on terms of equality with the Canadian product. The disposition of the administration has been to let this matter be determined by the courts, but as this involves long delay the diplomatic protestants are by no means satisfied. The German Ambassador, the German Department has informed the State Department that Germany would not accord to American exporters the reduced duties on tool steel and hard rubber accorded to Swedish and Japanese exporters, unless America did admit German wood pulp and print paper free of duty.

## WOOL PRODUCTION IN STATES IS SAID TO BE DECREASING

Boston, Dec. 28.—The total domestic wool clip for 1911, exclusive of pulled wool, is 27,547,000 pounds, as estimated by the National Association of Wool Manufacturers, which tonight made public its annual wool review. This is a decrease of 3,314,500 pounds from last year. The estimate of pulled wool for 1911 is 40,000,000 pounds, making a total production for the country, 318,477,000 pounds, or 2,818,850 pounds less than in 1910. The value of this product is estimated at \$66,571,337, or nearly \$5,000,000 less than that of 1910.

## COLLECTIONS AT PORT OF NEW YORK SHOW FALLING OFF

New York, Dec. 28.—William Loeb, collector of the port, announced today that the customs duties collected here during the past year will aggregate \$198,871,350. These figures show a falling off in the receipts as compared with the year 1910, when the duties collected totalled \$212,998,270.

## PRINCE IN TROUBLE

Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 28.—The statement that Rev. Austin T. Kempton, of Lunenburg, Mass., a native of Nova Scotia, had been called to the pulpit of the Immanuel Baptist church, of which Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, the imprisoned clergyman, was former pastor, was denied today, it being stated that Rev. Mr. Kempton had been called to the Broadway Baptist church in this city. The trustees of the Immanuel church have taken no action following the resignation of Rev. Mr. Richeson.

## Italy Not Looking For Peace

London, Dec. 28.—A semi-official denial was issued at Rome tonight of the rumors that Italy was considering overtures of peace. No military news of importance was received today from the scene of operations in Tripoli.

## CAR FERRY SERVICE TO PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

YUAN LACKS FUNDS FOR PAYMENT OF HIS TROOPS

Premier Tendered Resignation, But Distress of Empress Dowager Prompts Him to Withdraw it—Trying to Raise Loan—Other Reports State He is on Sick Leave and Sure to Resign.

Peking, Dec. 28.—The assembly in the palace today to discuss affairs connected with a settlement of the revolution was productive of at least one dramatic incident. The Dowager Empress, Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and the Princes of the Imperial Clan were present, and the debate waxed so warm that finally Yuan Shi Kai arose, and declared that he would resign. The attitude of the British government has not changed in any way since Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey spoke in the House of Commons on Nov. 27, on the foreign affairs, and recognized that the action of Russia in northern Persia was justified from the Russian point of view. On that occasion he also testified to Russian royalty to the Anglo-Russian agreement in regard to Persia. The Foreign Office is not in the least likely to take any step that will embarrass Russia in the present crisis. The British government even finds it necessary to send reinforcements of troops from India to southern Persia in consequence of the attack on British Consul Smart at Kazroon, but a large punitive expedition is not at present contemplated.

## SPANISH SAID TO HAVE INFLECTED HEAVY LOSS ON RIFFS

Madrid, Dec. 28.—Advices from Melilla, Morocco, say that the whole Spanish army advanced yesterday and "repulsed and decimated" the Rifian tribesmen. One of the Spanish generals named Ros was wounded and the special correspondents in their dispatches say that the Spanish casualties totalled 27 killed and 105 wounded, while the Rifians lost 400 killed. The Franco-Spanish negotiations on the question of Morocco are not advancing as rapidly as expected. Spain is not willing to cede what France asks, and the situation between the two countries has become worse. In an interview published in the Imperial General Luqwa, minister of war, says that French agitators are responsible for the new Rifian uprising, which curiously enough broke out at the moment when the Franco-Spanish pour-parlers opened.

## RICHESON'S PULPIT STILL VACANT IS LATEST REPORT

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## SEEK MANIC WHO SLASHES DRESSES

Paris, Dec. 28.—Mons. Dueroce, police commissary of the chaussee d'Antin district, is endeavoring to ascertain the identity of the person who slashed the dresses, mantles, etc., of two young Englishwomen during their temporary absence from a hotel in the rue Serpente, where they are stopping with their mother. Several days ago the two girls aged 16 and 18 arrived at the hotel with their mother. On Saturday evening they went to the theatre. On returning to the hotel the girls found that their dresses and other garments hanging in the wardrobes had been cut and slashed with scissors. Boots and linen in their trunks had shared the same fate. The servants were questioned but all declared they had seen nothing suspicious. The rooms had been locked during the absence of the family and the keys had not left the office. The damage, it is said, amounts to 6,000 fr. (\$1,200).

## Mount Royal Will be Pierced by Tunnel

Montreal, Dec. 28.—What are termed the official plans of the Canadian Northern Railway are published here today by the Star. The plan, as outlined, involves an expenditure of fully \$25,000,000. The details are as follows: Land to the extent of 4,800 acres has been acquired behind Mount Royal for a model city, car shops and freight yard. From there a three mile tunnel will be driven through the Hunt Club under Mount Royal to the corner of LaGauchetiere and St. Munique Sts. A big hotel will be built on the site of the present Bath Hotel, and adjoining properties, and the company will build an elevated line with which they will only have to cross three streets, and permission for which will undoubtedly be granted without opposition by the Board of Control.

People Prefer Early Establishment of Ferry to Possibility of Tunnel—Island Railway to be Improved.

Pre-Confederation Promises to Be Vindicated — Liberals Neglected Obligations.

Announcement Made Today that Government Will Establish Permanent Communication Between Province and Mainland.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 28.—The people of Prince Edward Island will at last have a car ferry service to the mainland. Such is the official announcement made tonight, and the efforts of the two conservative members, Messrs. McLean and Nicholson, during the last two months, are at length crowned with success. A long felt want of the people of Prince Edward Island has thus, at last, been satisfied by the prompt action of the present government.

The Island Province came into Confederation under a distinct promise by the Dominion government to maintain a connection all the year round between the island and the mainland. The government of Sir John Macdonald implemented this pledge in good faith, but the liberals under the leadership of Sir Wilfrid Laurier, instead of a tunnel should be built, as the only effective method of carrying out the contract of Confederation. Time and time again, in and out of parliament, has been read Sir Wilfrid's letter to Father Burke, written twenty years ago, in which the main purpose of the liberal government, from 1868 until 1911, however, the liberal government neglected to carry out this pledge of the party leader, and the people of Prince Edward Island naturally turned to the Board of Control for a redress of their long standing grievances.

Hon. R. L. Borden, the present premier, during the last campaign promised the people of Prince Edward Island that his government, if returned to power, would investigate the feasibility of the proposed tunnel and would promptly build the same if it could be safely constructed at a reasonable expense. The sum has been set aside in the forthcoming estimates for this purpose, but during the last few weeks reconstructions received from Prince Edward Island have been to the effect that the people there preferred immediate relief by a car ferry in preference to the problematical and long deferred benefits which might accrue to them through the construction of the tunnel.

The government has met the wishes of the province by arranging at once for the establishment of a car service between the P. E. I. Railway and the Intercolonial Railway, and for this purpose the standard gauge of the P. E. I. Railway will be increased from three feet six inches to four feet eight and a half inches, the standard gauge of a car service.

The following semi-official announcement was given out from the prime minister's office at the close of today's cabinet meeting: Messrs. McLean and Nicholson have during the past two months urged upon the government the establishment of a car ferry service between Prince Edward Island and the mainland. The prime minister announced today that the government had determined to undertake the establishment of such a service. It is considered that this is due to the people of the island province under the terms of a Confederation which provided that efficient steam service shall be established and maintained between the island and the mainland, winter and summer, so as to place the island in continuous communication with the Intercolonial railway and the railway system of the Dominion. In the past the people of the island have suffered great inconvenience and loss for the lack of such efficient steam service.

The proposal of the government will involve the change of narrow gauge to standard gauge on the Prince Edward Island Railway. This improvement will do away with the three short hauls, and it is confidently anticipated that it will result in great advantage to the people of the island and especially to the farmers and other producers.

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