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Yuan Shi Kai May Not Be First President—Magna Charta of Chinese Republic

(Canadian Press) Shanghai, Feb. 8.—Thang Shao Yi, representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai, today declared that he was confident that the abdication of the throne would be accomplished before February 18. There appears to be less confidence now than hitherto that Yuan Shi Kai will be selected president of the republic. The name of General Li Yuan Hong, the present vice president is also mentioned. The draft of the proposed magna charta of the new Chinese republic has been completed by Dr. Wu Tag Fang, the minister of justice in the republican cabinet, and now awaits the approval of the senate at Nanking. The document provides for a presidential term of five years, but the senate will probably make the first term only one year.

YOUTHFUL GLADSTONE IS TO SECOND REPLY

Grandson of Famous Prime Minister is Only Twenty-six Years Old

London, Feb. 8.—William Glynn Charles Gladstone, M. P., grandson of the famous prime minister, and the present head of that branch of the Gladstone family, has been selected to second the reply to the address from the throne in the House of Commons at the opening of parliament. Mr. Gladstone lives in Hawarden, Cambridgeshire, and is a speaker in the House of Commons. He is twenty-six years old.

RECIPROCITY TREATY WITH AUSTRALIA

Commonwealth Government Has Received the Offer of Canada

Melbourne, Australia, Feb. 8.—The commonwealth government has received the offer of the Canadian government to open negotiations for a reciprocity treaty between Canada and Australia. The offer is an improved steamship service, under a broad treaty is concluded.

COLD IN JAMAICA

Fruit Crop Has so Far Escaped Serious Injury

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 8.—A bitterly cold north wind is raging here but according to reports received from the country, the fruit crop has not been injured seriously. All vessels arriving from the south report heavy weather.

WEATHER BULLETIN

Table with columns: Mar., Min., Dir., Val. and rows for various locations like Ontario, Quebec, etc.

Forecast—Fresh to strong west to northwest winds; fair and colder; decidedly old tonight and on Saturday. Synopsis—The cold is moderating in the far west, elsewhere decidedly low temperatures nearly everywhere prevail; to American ports, fresh westerly to northwesterly winds; to the Grand Banks, strong northwesterly winds.

LONDON CANADIAN CLUB DISCUSSES INVESTMENTS HERE

Expression of Opinion That Dominion Securities are Not so Popular as They Were

London, Feb. 8.—J. G. Colmer, president of the London Canadian Club, in his opinion, this simply meant that the name of General Li Yuan Hong, the present vice president is also mentioned. The draft of the proposed magna charta of the new Chinese republic has been completed by Dr. Wu Tag Fang, the minister of justice in the republican cabinet, and now awaits the approval of the senate at Nanking. The document provides for a presidential term of five years, but the senate will probably make the first term only one year.

PASTOR WAS CHAMPION POOL PLAYER OF TOWN

Business Men Successfully Protest Against His Removal and Membership Grows

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 8.—When members of his flock discovered that Frank E. Whitman, pastor of the Hope Congregational church of Newport, Wash., played pool in the billiard halls, they complained to the congregational ministers of Spokane, and asked for an investigation. The hearing disclosed that the preacher was the champion pool player of the town, and business men threatened to withdraw their support from the church if he was re-elected.

TREATHENS TO SUE THE GOVERNMENT

Nova Scotia Company Will Hold Mr. Borden to Contract Made Before Election

Montreal, Feb. 9.—The Nova Scotia Company, which has the contract for the construction of one of the two sections of the Halifax & Southwestern railway, as in the city.

GETS \$10,000 FOR A PAIR OF SILVER FOXES

Summerside, P. E. I., Journal.—A fox den which was transacted a few days ago will give an idea of how this opulent industry is booming in this province particularly in West Prince County. Henry Lewis of Alberton, sold to a local syndicate a pair of "silver" foxes for the handsome sum of \$10,000, which is undoubtedly the largest price paid in this province.

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Rabid Unionists Admit It is No Longer a Factor

"THE BELFAST COMEDY"

Daily Mail's Account of the Proceedings in Ulster Yesterday—Prominent London Paper Gives up Fight Against Irish Parliament—Suffragette Attacks Churchill

(Canadian Press) New York, N. Y., Feb. 9.—A London cable to the Times, this morning, says:—With the ignominious ending of the Belfast comedy, it is no longer a factor, even of the rabid type, that opposition to home rule as represented by Sir Edward Carson, can no longer be regarded as a serious factor.



SIR EDWARD CARSON

HETTY GREEN WAITED MORE

World's Richest Woman and Millionaire Hearest in Court Proceedings Over Interest on Mortgage

New York, Feb. 9.—Mrs. Hetty Green, known as the richest woman in the world, "waited" more today in court proceedings over interest on a mortgage. The case is being heard in the Supreme Court.

LIVE NEWS OF ST. JOHN TODAY

DIED IN ARIZONA. Irwin, son of George Coombs, of Charlottetown, died in Benson, Arizona, as a result of injuries received on a train on which he was engineer. PLEASANT DRIVE. The Sunday school teachers of St. Peter's last evening enjoyed a pleasant drive to Torribon. There were about ninety in party in three large sleighs. PRICE OF POTATOES. The Harland Observer says that on Wednesday potatoes were bringing from \$2.75 to \$2.85 per barrel at different points along the line. The latter price was for the large size barrel—180 pounds. PROPERTY PURCHASE. Frank L. Chéné has purchased the pretty Queen Anne cottage on the corner of Colburn and Hazen streets, which was formerly occupied by Harry W. deForest. He will move into his new home next month. TO PACK LOBSTERS. William H. Allen, William Dow, Ed. W. T. Morris, waiting waiter, of Bayfield, N. B., have formed a partnership under the name of The Bayfield Packing Company for the purpose of carrying on a lobster packing business. A BOOST FOR CUMBERLAND. A mass meeting will be held in Amherst on Feb. 14, to hear reports from western cities and towns and to discuss the question of employing an industrial commissioner for Amherst and Cumberland county. Representatives from other towns in the county will attend. EXCURSION TRAIN. A special train left at half past one o'clock today for Lingier, bearing members of the Westfield Bowling Association in their annual mid-winter excursion. On arrival at Westfield the excursionists will enjoy a programme of tobogganing, snow-shoeing and coasting, and after supper the return will be made to the city. LIKELY IN JULY. Owing to various objections it has been practically decided that the last week in June will be too early for the Back to New Brunswick week which is being promoted by the Board of Trade. A meeting of the executive of the 107 Club will be held on Monday evening to settle the dates and it is probable that the second week in July will be chosen. OFFICERS INSTALLED. At a meeting of the St. John Council of the Order of the Eastern Star, officers were installed for the ensuing year. The ceremony being well conducted by W. J. Mahoney, past state deputy, and staff. Richard O'Brien, grand knight; R. J. Murphy, deputy knight; Dozier R. F. Quigley, chancellor; F. J. McDonald, recorder; Henry Regan, financial secretary; D. J. Doherty, treasurer; E. S. Ritchie, outside secretary; M. T. Morris, waiting waiter; Gale, inside guard; Edward Haney, outside guard; T. Collins, D. McDade, and J. O'Neill, trustees; Very Rev. W. F. Chapman, V.G., chaplain.

RAILWAYS NEED NOT ACCOMMODATE ALL ON EXCURSION DAYS

Justice Mabee Lays Down Important Principle at Sitting in Toronto

Toronto, Ont., Feb. 9.—Justice Mabee, chairman of the Dominion Railway Board, at a sitting of the board here yesterday, laid down the principle that railway companies could not be expected to provide sufficient train accommodation for all the people taking advantage of cheap rates in holiday seasons. "The railways are supposed," he said, "to furnish accommodation under normal conditions. Under abnormal conditions they do the best they can."

JOHN M. O'BRIEN DEAD

Former Brilliant Newspaper Writer Passes Away Here

The death of John M. O'Brien, formerly well known in the newspaper life of Canada, occurred this morning in Lancaster, after an illness extending over some years. He was a native of Barbours, and a son of John E. O'Brien, a prominent shipbuilder there. In addition to studying law there he was for some time correspondent of the Daily Telegraph. He went to the Pacific coast, and there actively followed newspaper work, becoming editor of the Vancouver World, and earning the reputation of a brilliant writer. After some years his health gave away and he returned here on good authority that O. S. Crockett, M. P. for York, will be the main rival in the contest for the seat before the end of the present session. H. F. McLeod, whose appointment as provincial secretary in the Fleming government is regarded as only a makeshift will be the Tory candidate for the vacancy in York. In addition to this it is said that A. D. Guthrie, Crockett's law partner, has been promised a place on the local government ticket in York as McLeod's successor.

HALDANE GUEST OF EMPEROR

War Minister's Visit to Berlin is Now Declared in Interest of Better Relations

(Canadian Press) Berlin, Feb. 8.—The German Emperor and Empress today gave a luncheon at the imperial palace in honor of Viscount Haldane, the British secretary of state for war. Among those invited to meet Viscount Haldane were Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, the imperial chancellor, Admiral Alfred von Tirpitz, the minister of marine, and General Josias Von Heering, minister for war. It is now generally admitted that one of the aims of Viscount Haldane's visit to Germany is to relieve the tension which has affected Anglo-German relations for some time. Nothing defined as to the nature of the discussion between the British statesman and his German colleagues has become known.

O. S. CROCKETT TO THE TARIFF COMMISSION

Hon. H. F. McLeod to Run Federal House and P. A. Guthrie For Local, Says Fredrickson Report

Frederickson, N. B., Feb. 9.—It is reported here on good authority that O. S. Crockett, M. P. for York, will be the main rival in the contest for the seat before the end of the present session. H. F. McLeod, whose appointment as provincial secretary in the Fleming government is regarded as only a makeshift will be the Tory candidate for the vacancy in York. In addition to this it is said that A. D. Guthrie, Crockett's law partner, has been promised a place on the local government ticket in York as McLeod's successor.

TRYING TO SETTLE THE LAWRENCE STRIKE

Lawrence, Mass., Feb. 9.—A systematic attempt was made yesterday to settle the Lawrence strike by a joint committee of the legislature. Four of the eight members of the committee came to Lawrence and conferred with Mayor Scammon and officials of the Central Labor Union. The other members remained in Boston to confer with the manufacturers in an endeavor to reach a solution of the complicated issues which have developed since the strike began a month ago. Most of the mills made slight gains in the number of the employees yesterday, the absence of disturbing industrial operations to return.

STANLEY CUP FINALS MAY NOT BE PLAYED

N. H. A. Feeling Against British Columbia Hockey League

Montreal, Feb. 9.—Because of legislation passed by the National Hockey Association early in the season, palpably aimed at the British Columbia Hockey League, which was invading to the coast the best players in the east, the N. H. A. champions may not play the western winners for the Stanley cup.

LOCK UP ALL THE DOGS

First Time in Memory That This Has Happened

Hepler, Ont., Feb. 8.—So much alarm has been created here by the rampage of a mad dog, which sprang at Lieutenant Colonel Stoneman, a Hamilton traveler, and attacked a number of other people before it was killed, that the council has ordered all the dogs locked up for two months.

HON. MR. TWEEDIE IN MONTREAL

Montreal, Feb. 9.—Lieut-Governor Tweedie, of New Brunswick, whose five year term will expire on March 7, predicts that the position will be next filled by Senator Josiah Wood and that the senatorship so made vacant will be filled by Mr. J. W. Daniel ex-M. P. of St. John. Lieut-Governor Tweedie reached Montreal yesterday.

ST. JOHN'S TIME

The increased importance which St. John has assumed in the eyes of Montreal business men was deeply impressed upon Manning W. Doherty, who returned yesterday from that city. He said this morning that every man he met seemed to be interested in the future of this city and to be confident of its rapid progress. He found this a marked change from a couple of years ago, when the average Montreal man hardly seemed to know where St. John was located. Now they are referring to it as the Vancouver of the east and predicting even brighter things for it.