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CHINA A REPUBLIC!

We Americans have been so disgruntled with the paper republics of Central and South America that few of our public men would advise the Celestials to uproot any existing institution merely for the forms of democracy.

It has been an anomaly of the Chinese system, that though the Son of Heaven (the emperor) could cut off the head of any subject by the stroke of his pen, yet when it came to touching the money of his subjects, the country after all was run on a somewhat democratic basis.

When the proclamation was made that a parliament should meet in the year 1917, the methodical Chinese began at once to take preliminary steps by way of preparation.

When the assembly met a few years ago to demand a parliament, many of the delegates showed the state of the national mind by cutting their fingers and writing their petition in blood.

Matchmakers at Europe's courts are looking for a suitable husband for the Kaiser's daughter, Princess Victoria Louise.

A new president of Siberia was inaugurated recently at Monrovia, and

Arcade Theatre

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the press reports state that the capital was "full of life and color." Especially color.

Mr. Taft says that only death can keep him out of the fight, and probably the progressives are not prepared to go to that extreme.

A woman at Athens, Mich., has been arrested charged with poisoning a well. Maybe she'll learn to let well enough alone.

If some great man had had the forethought to be born in January, we might have had another holiday before Feb. 12th.

Six hundred and ten members of the Ton family held a reunion in Chicago. A gathering of some weight.

For amusement count the world's republics and then guess how many there will be a year from today.

An ex-pugilist in Kentucky has become a minister, and is still putting men to sleep.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

- January 12.
1742—La Verendrye, one of the early French voyageurs, reached the Canadian Rocky Mountains.
1746—Henri Pestalozzi, who devised the Pestalozzian system of education, born in Zurich, Switzerland. Died Feb. 17, 1827.
1812—Edmund Chadwick, noted educator, reformer and abolitionist, born in Middleton, N. H. Died April 7, 1899.
1813—William Jones of Pennsylvania became secretary of the navy in the cabinet of President Madison.
1816—Bonaparte family banished from France.
1828—Boundary line between the United States and Mexico settled by treaty.
1842—Francis Coppee, noted poet and dramatist, born in Paris. Died there, May 23, 1908.
1858—British force under Sir James Outram defended Alumbagh, a palace near Lucknow, against an attack of 30,000 Sepoys.
1861—Florida seceded from the union.
1866—Aeronautical society of Great Britain established by the Duke of Argyll and others.
1911—President Taft asked congress for an appropriation toward the fortification of the Panama canal.

"THIS IS MY 58TH BIRTHDAY."

Sir Henry Bale, chief justice of Natal and for many years a prominent figure in South African affairs, was born in Pietermaritzburg, Natal, January 12, 1854. He attended the schools in his native place and later went to England to finish his education.

Congratulations to:
Marquess of Crewe, English statesman, 54 years old today.
Murphy J. Foster, United States senator from Louisiana, 63 years old today.
Jack London, author of "The Call of the Wild" and other popular romances, 36 years old today.

NOTES FROM THE LABOR WORLD.

Sixty per cent of the laborers in Kansas mines are Europeans.
Street car conductors in Sequi, Japan, make 35 cents a day.
In 1850 but one woman worked to every ten men; now the ratio is about one to four.
Women reformers of Germany have asked the reichstag to wipe out the barmaid evils.
About 120,000 women are employed by the French government and the number is growing constantly.
In England and Wales the average weekly wage for skilled carpenters, masons, plumbers, painters, pattern-makers and printers does not exceed \$9 a week.
The opening of the first co-operative hat store in this country, a productive enterprise founded along co-operative lines, was celebrated recently by the Co-operative leagues of New York City.
Minneapolis electrical workers' unions are making an effort to have that city chosen as the 1913 meeting place

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WEST'S WEST'S

of the international organization. The contest will be between Minneapolis and Boston.

The committee on Amusement Resources of Working Girls of New York City has been incorporated recently to investigate and study and improve the general amusements of working girls and their vacation conditions.

The Milwaukee cigar makers' union has proposed an amendment to the international constitution providing that on and after May 1, 1912, there shall be no more open shops under the jurisdiction of the International Cigar Makers' union.

Scottish miners' representatives have made a demand for an individual district minimum wage to paid in all circumstances to all men working at the coal face; that the wages of all boys employed underground be standardized in accordance with the scale proposed.

St. Paul and Minneapolis contractors will ask the union carpenters to accept 47 1/2 cents an hour, beginning April 1 and continuing through the summer until September 1, when the rate of pay is to be increased to 50 cents an hour, the rate the union carpenters of both cities struck for last spring.

British postal workers have been for some time now moving strongly in favor of better conditions. Mass meetings are taking place from week to week all over the country and the seven or eight unions comprised in the Postal Workers' federation are united in strong support of their common demands.

The Labor Co-partnership association now embraces 111 societies in Great Britain. The aggregate capital of these workmen's societies is approximately \$10,000,000 and their trade amounts to nearly \$22,000,000 a year. The last return shows that \$131,395 was divided among the workers as

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