

WORLD WATCHING
CHINESE EMPIRE

Return to Monarchical Form of Government Most Unusual.

ACTION WAS NOT A SURPRISE

Conditions in That Country Make the Old Form More Desirable, According to China's Leading Men—Japan Had Warned Her Not to Abandon the Republican Form.

The action of the Chinese council of state in offering the throne to President Yuan Shih Kai has aroused keen interest all over the world, as it is most unusual for a republic to return to the monarchical form of government once the American method has been given a fair trial. But it is pointed out that conditions in China make the old form more desirable.

Indications that the republic, which was established on Feb. 12, 1912, after centuries of Manchu rule, would be succeeded by a monarchy, with Yuan Shih Kai as emperor, began to appear in August, 1914. The movement to restore the monarchy has received great impetus because of the humiliation of China by Japan last spring. Although China escaped, for a time at least, the necessity for accepting the most menacing of the Japanese demands, the weakness of the republic in the face of its powerful neighbor was fully exposed, and Chinese patriots looked to the re-establishment of a monarchy as a method of increasing the country's strength.

Many dispatches received recently from China have expressed fear that Japan may take active steps to prevent the return to a monarchy. The abortive attempt at a revolution in China a few days ago originated in Shanghai, where the revolutionists were armed and supported by foreign influence, it was said.

In opposing the return to a monarchy Japan has had the support of the other entente powers, which made representations before the announcement on Nov. 7 that fifteen of the eighteen provinces had voted in favor of a monarchy, urging that a change was undesirable as tending to lessen the stability of conditions and possibly to lead to internal disturbances which might endanger the peace of the orient.

The Answer to Japan.
China's reply was that the government of China was well able to control internal conditions and that there would be no such danger as the entente powers apprehended. It was made clear that China had decided to disregard all protests by an official mandate dated Nov. 15. This read:
"According to the report of the minister of foreign affairs, Mr. Obata, the Japanese charge d'affaires has under instructions from his home govern-

ment tendered friendly advice to the Chinese government, requesting the latter to postpone the adoption of the monarchy to the future on the ground that if the change is brought about too suddenly it may cause some unrest or disturbance in the country which would jeopardize the interests of the various friendly powers, etc. The possibility of some unrest or disturbance which the Japanese government mentions in the advice has already been anticipated by the government, and inquiries have already been made by the headquarters of the commander in chief of the army and navy of the civil and military authorities in the provinces on different occasions regarding their ability to maintain peace and order in the different localities of the provinces in the event of a change in the form of state being brought about.
"The provincial officials, both civil and military, have all replied, expressing full confidence in their ability to maintain peace and order. The anxiety manifested by the Japanese government for the peace and order of this country may probably have been caused by its lack of full information about the real internal conditions in this country, and hence its friendly advice. The Japanese government, it must be understood, had declared that its advice to the government of this country should not be interpreted as an interference with the internal affairs of this country, nor should it be considered that the Japanese government is insisting upon our following its advice. The matter should be clearly explained to the press and other similar organs in this country and warnings given against the publication of any reckless comment on this subject, which, it is feared, might tend to injure the friendly relations between this country and other powers."

ONLY ONE "HAND UP," KILLED

Robbers Did Not Realize That Their Victim Was One Armed.

One armed Michael McCarthy was shot and killed by two men who held up a St. Louis saloon because at their command of "Hands up!" he raised only the arm left him. One sleeve of McCarthy's coat hung empty, its end in the coat pocket. The robbers apparently thought he was reaching for a revolver.

Half a dozen men were in the saloon when the robbers entered. At their command all hands went up. The robbers took one glance at McCarthy's hanging sleeve, fired and fled.

Washing in the Philippines.

Most of the laundry work of the Philippine Islands is done by hand. The washing is usually done by beating the clothes with paddles, with the open hands or by rolling the garment slightly and striking one end of it upon a flat stone or other hard, smooth surface, handling it as a ball is swung over the shoulder. The usual method is to beat the clothes with paddles especially fashioned for the purpose. There is no such thing as boiling in the process of washing among the Filipinos. Much of the clothing worn in the country being white, a great deal of sun bleaching is done.

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FINAL RUSH FOR HOLIDAYS ON IN EARNEST.

Hay Shortage Felt and Fancy Prices Obtained by Producers.

Commencing tonight the grocers and meat shops of the city will be open after usual closing hours until Christmas. On Christmas day there will be no trading of any kind transacted in the city and it is for that reason that the grocers keep open after evenings during the final rush for Christmas trading.

As the final spurt is under way, there are extremely few changes in the markets.

Hay in Demand.
The demand for alfalfa grows more spirited. Producers are getting \$13.00 in town and \$12.00 in the stack, but few producers have any. Some dealers are shipping hay from Haines, and it appears that there will be a great shortage before the year is out.

FRUIT

Bananas—30c and 35c dozen.
Cocoanuts—15c each.
Cranberries—15c quart.
Pomegranates—3 @ 25
Grapes—15c and 20c
New apples—4c lb.
Oranges—30c to 60c.
Lemons—30c and 35c.

VEGETABLES AND MISCELLANEOUS

Hot house cucumbers—10c.
Head Lettuce—10c.
Cauliflower—20c and 25c each.
Chili peppers—40c.
Honey—20c; 3 for 50c
Celery—(home grown) 10c bunch; 3 for 25c.
Blue Ribbon celery—15c; 2 for 25c
New cabbage—2 1-2c lb.
Sweet potatoes—5c per lb.
Green bell peppers—15c lb.
Parsley—5c a bunch.
Onions 2 1-2c lb.
Beans—White 10; Lima, 12-12; Pink 10c.
Sugar, cane or fruit—\$7.30 sack cash, \$7.95 30 days' time.

SHEEP

Choice spring lambs . . . 6.25 @ 6.50
Best yearlings 5.25
Select Ewes 4.35 @ 4.50
Old Wethers 4.50 @ 4.60

MEAT AND BEEF

General cattle market range:
Select hay fed steers . . . 6.00 @ 6.10
Choice cows 4.50 @ 4.60

General La Grande hog market range:
Best light 5.05 @ 5.10
Medium light 4.85 @ 4.88
Rough and heavy 3.85 @ 4.25

BUTTER AND EGGS

Butter—Fancy creamery 40c lb. roll and 75c 2lb. roll.
Ranch butter—2lb. roll 60c @ 65c
Eggs—Strictly fresh ranch 50c; Storage 35c

FLOUR, HAY, FEED, ETC.

Blue Stem flour—\$1.50.
Best of the Best (straight grade) \$1.35.
Invincible—\$1.50.
Best of the Best (patent)—\$1.45
Royal Patent—\$1.45.
Snowdrift flour \$1.55.
Upper Crust—\$1.55.
None-to-Equal—\$1.45.
Occident—\$2.30.
Sea Foam—\$1.35.
Gold Medal—\$2.40.
Timothy—(Toproducers) \$12.00.
Rolled Oats—\$1.75.
Oats—(To producer) \$1.00
Bran—\$1.60.
Alfalfa hay—(To producer) \$13.00
Rolled Oats—\$1.95.
Barley—\$1.50.
Rolled Barley—\$1.65 wt.
Wild hay—(To producer) \$9.00 baled.

CHICKENS AND FOWL

Hens—16c retail, dressed.
Spring Friers (large ones) 18c
Turkeys—20c @ 25c
Ducks—16c dressed.

Today's Oddest Story

North Clarendon, Vt. Dec. 23—W. L. Plumley owns a tree climbing freak pug-bull dog. The animal is three years old. Sometimes he sleeps in tree branches 20 feet above the ground and has been known to ascend 32 feet. Veterinarians who examined his feet were unable to explain how he grips a tree trunk, except that the nails, more pointed than those of an ordinary canine, may help.

Woman Sentenced to Be Hanged

Kamloops, B. C. Dec. 23.—Unless government authorities grant her a reprieve, Mrs. Elizabeth Coward will be hanged here late today for the murder of her husband. Mrs. Coward is weakened through the nervous strain of her trial and the long wait for the final hour. She is thirty-two years old. With her husband and daughter. Mrs. Coward came to British Columbia from San Francisco to take up a claim. She had quarreled frequently with her husband and during the long days in the lonely district they renewed their bickerings. One day Mrs. Coward called neighbors to the spot where Coward's

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body lay. She claimed she had been shot by an Indian.

Race Regulation Topic

Chicago, Dec. 23.—"Birth control cannot even be advocated, with economics for its basis, on the ground it is necessary for the race." This is the belief of Dr. Frances Dickinson, physician and trustee of Mary Thompson Hospital. She was asked whether families of working men who receive low wages should be limited. "Such an attitude is ridiculous," she replied. "Why not distribute some of the vast wealth of the country a little more equitably and let the working man have a little more wages and a chance for the God given happiness of a family. Men seeking relief from distributed wages through birth control show mental limitations. The man who does his daily work and lives in his home is better fitted for parenthood than the man who carries the worries of a large business and wealth."

STRONG FOR PREPAREDNESS.

New York Society Wants Enlarged Fighting Power.

The National Security League resolved yesterday at a mass meeting at the Hotel Astor, to make a country wide campaign to urge Congress even further than it is called on to go under the Administration defense programme so far disclosed.

What the league wants is the carrying into effect of the secret recommendations of the General Boards of the army and navy, which, it is alleged, would put the United States close up to the front as a naval power and ahead of Great Britain as a military power.

The league, on the advice of Joseph H. Choate, ex-Secretary of War, Henry L. Stimson, S. Stanwood Menken, Henry A. Wise Wood of the Naval Advisory Board, and others, decided to make urgent efforts to get all the other defense organizations throughout the United States into harmonious team work for the common goal—a bigger army and navy.

Wants Board's Plans.
Mr. Wood said he had been privileged to get an outline of the recommendations of the General Navy Board, soon to be published, and that the plan now before Congress do not come up to those adequate for real defense.

Ex-Ambassador Choate said that the league was organized a year ago to show public and Congress that the United States is not prepared to resist attack by sea or land or air. Much has been done in educating the country, he added, and the people, including the President, now appear to realize the urgency of the situation.

The league, he said, has no idea of dictating to Congress or the Government to what extent or by what means defense shall be carried out, but is simply seeking to create and mass public opinion for adequateness in defense.

Ex-United States Senator Lafayette

Young of Iowa said:
"Some men come over here from Europe and get affianced to the Goddess of Liberty, but leave their soul-mate on the other side of the ocean. There has been no time since the assassination of Lincoln when the country has been in more danger than now, though it is hard to give you a bill of particulars. I am in favor of this war going on till somebody gets everlastingly whipped. I do not want to see spying and

property destroying going on here and not be able to send anything but a perfumed note.

Bryan a Good Sister.

"All that Jane Addams, W. J. Bryan and the other good sisters can say won't alter the fact that the only language Europe recognizes in war is that which speaks with a red tongue of flame."

"Germany never sent a shipload of relief to any nation. 'T'd rather be free and not be as efficient as some other nations are."

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Lemons	Cauliflower
Grape Fruit	Apples
Pine Apple	Cabbage
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Jap Oranges	Dates
Celery	Figs
Hot House Lettuce	Raisins on stem

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