

HSUAN TUNG IS GETTING TIRED

Manchu Emperor is Chafing at Isolation; 17 Years of Age and is Virtually a Prisoner.

PEKING, Aug. 2. (By Mail).—Hsuan Tung, whose abdication in 1912 ended the Manchu dynasty, is described by the Chinese Press as becoming tired of his isolation. Hsuan is in his seventeenth year. He lives in a palace within the Forbidden City and although he must often hear the noises from the busy streets just outside of his wall, he is virtually a prisoner, having only twice, it is said, seen the sights of the

Chinese capital. Under the terms of his abdication Hsuan was given unusual privileges by the Chinese Republic.

He was permitted to maintain a court with all its royal appointments including about 2,000 servants. The Republic agreed to pay him 1,000,000 Mex annually for expenses as a condition of his abdication. The financial plight of the Republic made these payments impossible with the result that in the last ten years the "Boy Emperor," as he is still called has received only \$200,000. His plea for the remission of \$20,000,000 still due as "imperial household expenses" have gone unanswered. This is said to have increased his desire to change his mode of living.

Hsuan's English and American tutors describe him as a diligent student. He has a keen desire to see something of the world. One of his diversions is to write on a typewriter of American make.

In June, 1917, an attempt was made to restore the monarchy in China. Hsuan sat on the Dragon Throne for just one week. That episode is thought to have ended forever the chance of restoring the monarchy in China.

To supplement the settlement of the civil strife, it is hoped that the government will exert its influence with the Weather Bureau to promise a mild winter.

WOMEN USING LESS HARNETS

CHEFOO, Province of Shantung, China, Aug. 1. (By Mail).—Women in America and Europe are using fewer harnets than heretofore. If the fall in the market here is a criterion. The making of harnets is one of Shantung's chief industries. More than 70,000 persons are employed in 270 factories in weaving into hair nets hair obtained from "piglets" discarded by Chinese.

Since the Republic was established there has been a surplus of hair because many Chinese cut off their queues which the Manchus required to be worn as badges of subjugation. The black Chinese hair is easily dyed to various shades of brown, blonde, and brunettes desired by western women. Recently the demand has fallen off and many harnet makers are unemployed. About 70 factories were closed within a week. The industry is described as unpromising. The Chinese merchants are wondering whether western women are no longer using nets because they are bobbing their hair or whether Europeans are becoming competitors in the trade.

ECLIPSE WILL CAUSE DARK DAY

Parts of Africa, Australia and Southern Pacific Islands Will be Darkened by Eclipse on September 21.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 7.—The fact that you do not live on the east coast of Africa, Australia or on islands in the Southern Pacific ocean relieves you of the unpleasantness of a dark day on September 21.

On that date, according to Prof. Edwin B. Frost of the University of Chicago and director of the Yerkes Observatory, a total solar eclipse will occur over that region.

The moon, coming between the earth and sun, will cast a shadow which will sweep over the southern sea from a point of the eastern coast of Africa near the equator, cross a few scattered islands and the continent of Australia, and then out to the Southern Pacific ocean.

This trail of about 115 miles wide. The duration of totality at different points will vary from three to six minutes and Professor Frost declared this to be an unusually long eclipse.

Expeditions from various astronomical institutions will be established at favorable points to study the eclipse. John Evershed, director of the observatory at Kodaikanal, India, will make his observations from the Maldives islands. Astronomers from the Royal Observatory at Greenwich, England, have established a station on Christmas Island. A party from Batavia, Dutch Indies, also will be located at Christmas Island and will be joined by Dr. Freundlich from the Einstein laboratory at the Potsdam Observatory. Prof. W. W. Campbell with a party from the Lick Observatory will be stationed at Walla, Australia. Prof. Chant of the University Observatory at Toronto will be with the group.

"A total eclipse of the sun always has been one of nature's most thrilling spectacles," said Professor Frost. "It gives a momentary glimpse of the mysterious sun, which is never visible at any other time."

TWO WIDOWS INHERIT MONEY

(By Associated Press.) MOSCOW, Sept. 7.—Two Russian widows with seven children left Moscow recently on their way to relatives living in Lincoln, Nebraska, the trip having been made possible by inheritance of \$10,000 which came to them in the Volga Valley a few months ago when the famine was at its worst.

During an inspection trip for the American Relief Administration last winter, James P. Goodrich, former governor of Indiana, in one of the villages visited, was accosted by an old woman who said she had a replica of some kind from America that she had been afraid to show it to anyone until the party of Americans came along.

The paper in question was notification from the War Risk Department in Washington saying \$10,000 was due to her from the United States government owing to the fact that her son, Alexander Volk, had been killed while fighting with the American army late in 1918. It was difficult for the woman to realize what all this meant, owing to her weakened condition, and Governor Goodrich made efforts to get assistance to Mrs. Volk as quickly as possible. But before she came Mrs. Volk was taken ill and died.

Subsequently her two daughters, law, widow of Henry and Daniel, brothers of Alexander, came into possession of the money, and are being taken to their new home by George Repp, of Portland, Oregon, who was for more than a year a relief worker in the famine areas.

Many People from Over Northwest Are Spending Some Time at Hot Lake

(Special to The Observer) HOT LAKE, Sept. 7.—Increasing arrivals at the lake have been marked of late and among those whose names appear in the register in the last few days are:

H. A. Campbell, Denver; Mrs. R. W. Parker, North Powder; Mrs. D. L. Smith, North Powder; Mrs. Shickel, Durbin; Mrs. E. O. Targum; Miss Sylvia Hensley; Union Card Soldiers; Union Mine Ford, Kalamazoo; Wash.; H. L. Smith, Healy Wm, Grey; Westport; Rex A. Palmer, Corvallis; N. D. Urant, Walla Walla, city.

THEORY TEST DURING ECLIPSE

Solar Eclipse Will Darken Eastern Coast of Africa, Australia and Southern Pacific Islands; Theory to be Tested.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, Ill., Sept. 7.—New tests of the validity of Einstein's theory of relativity will be possible with the total solar eclipse on September 21, which will darken the eastern coast of Africa, Australia and a number of South Pacific islands, according to Professor Edw. B. Frost, of the University of Chicago, and director of the Yerkes Observatory.

The theory requires, he said, that the rays of light from a distant star should be bent out of their straight path when they pass within the field of attraction of a great body like the sun. But stars whose light passes close to the rim of the blazing sun cannot be photographed except on those rare occasions when the moon obscures the sun.

The path of the sun in its annual sweep around the sky, is dotted with many stars which would serve, for the test, but only those can be used which nearly graze the sun at the moment of eclipse, Professor Frost said.

Accordingly, a photograph is made of these stars at a time of year when the sun is in a different part of the sky. On such photographs, taken at night with the same instrument that is used at the eclipse, the distances between the critical stars are measured to the ten-thousandth of an inch.

At the moment of the eclipse these stars will lie on opposite sides of the sun. Hence, when this photograph is measured, the distances between the corresponding stars should be slightly greater than on the plates taken some weeks before or after the eclipse and which were not disturbed by the sun's presence, according to Professor Frost.

The observations by two English parties of the eclipse of May 29, 1919, in Brazil and in Liberia, in this way yielded results which have been regarded as giving the strongest physical confirmation of Einstein's theory, says Professor Frost. Several parties of astronomers are locating stations in the path of the shadow and will make investigations along this line. It will not be until some months after the eclipse that they shall know whether the measurements confirm the theory for this eclipse. Many astronomers predict the eclipse of 1922 will confirm the results of that of 1919.

PREDICTS FALL IN BIRTHRATE

(By Associated Press.) TOKIO, Aug. 2. (By Mail).—A prediction to the problem of Japan is seen by Yukio Ozaki, Japan's liberal leader, in a decline of the birthrate coincident with a higher standard of civilization and a higher education of women. "In my lecturing tours in the provinces," says Ozaki, "many questions are asked concerning this problem, the people displaying much anxiety and little knowledge about it. Progress of civilization reduces birth-rate. At present negroes are the most progressive, then the Chinese and Japanese. The more brain work Japanese women engage in the greater will be the decline of their procreative powers. On the other hand, Japanese emigrants abroad do not avoid too soon, and this poor figure is an eloquent testimony to the difficulties attending the disposition of the surplus population by means of emigration. Despite government's efforts to induce people to settle in the Hokkaido, an excellent place for colonization, the results have been unsatisfactory. It is therefore necessary to try and solve the population problem of Japan by means of emigration."

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A Chronic Shoplifter.

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Merchants in the city have started an investigation to see if there is not some institution where he may be confined legally for the rest of his days. They argue that he is insane on the subject of shoplifting, and police authorities agree with them. He is only one of many habitual criminals of a comparatively harmless type who should be confined where their mischievous tendencies can be controlled and their native strength and wit used in productive effort, properly directed.

The money spent in tracking down such individuals and in repeated prosecutions and temporary control of their actions would go far toward establishing permanent quarters where they could be made an asset instead of a liability to society.

The School Army.

Within a few days the grand army of school children will begin its annual advance. How successful it will be in its attack upon education depends not only upon its own efforts and those of its leaders but also upon the home support it receives.

The youthful warriors will need proper nourishment, clothing, supplies and equipment, the most advantageous surroundings possible and the continued interest and encouragement of their elders just as truly as did the lads overseas in the recent war.

We "kept the home fires burning" for our soldiers during the war, and we can do it again. We know the discipline and the routine were good for them and essential to victory and refrained from interference accordingly, and these are some of the chief reasons why the war was won.

The school army does not face the same physical hardships and dangers as did the soldiers in the fiercer conflict, but its battles will be no less vital and its victories no less dependent upon the mental, moral and physical backing of the home.

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