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YUAN'S DISMISSAL ENDANGERS PEACE

Chinese Situation Considered Grave.

DIPLOMATS HOLD COUNCIL

Attaches of Foreign Legations Fear Crisis.

REASONS GIVEN UNTRUE

Grand Councillor Said Not to Have Rhenmatism as Announced by Throne-Successor Appointed, Does Not Give Satisfaction.

PEKIN, Jan. 1 .- Following the dis missal from office yesterday of Yuan Shi Kal, Grand Counsellor and Commander-in-Chief of the forces, and the appointment of Na Tung as Grand counsellor, an edict was issued today appointing Liang Tung Yen, Customs Taotal, to the position made vacant on the Foreign Board by the advancement of Na Tung.

The British and American Ministers agreed that the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kat should not pass unnoticed. The American, British, German, French and Japanese diplomats met again at the American Legation this morning. The British Minister joined with Mr. Rocktill, the American Minister, in aubmitting an outline of representations which should be made to the Foreign Board. The Ministers disagree on whether the welfare of foreign interests is technically involved by the Regent's recent action, but they all believe that the peace is endangered.

The representatives of Great Britain, the United States and Germany view the Regent's action as tantamount to an affront to the powers, on account of Yuan Shi Kal's position abroad. The dismissed Counsellor has long been recognized as the medium of fair and equitable treatment toward the nations. The dissenting Ministers believe that unless other serious events occur, inter ference would not be justified. Japan concurs in the opinion that the dismissal is certain to result in international injury, but that representations to China would be difficult.

Ministers Construe Affront.

There is a marked lack of unanimity among the diplomats.

Throne Feared Plot.

The Court's action a fortnight ago in increasing the palace troops and forbidding the entrance to the paiace, even of the highest officials, without passes, was taken as an indication at that time of the alarm felt in Court circles, and it is now believed that there was fear also of an antidynastic plot.

According to reliable information the impeachment is framed on charges against Yuan Shi Kai in connection with the coup d'etat of 1898, when the Regency of the Dowager Empress was restored and a reactionary policy inaugurated. The flight of Kang Yu Wal, the reformer, occurred at this

Restoration Is Impossible.

The Minister who last saw Yuan Shi Kai at the Foreign Board on December 28, states that he was at that time suffering from no malady, but the reason given for his dismissal yesterday was that he is afflicted with rheumatism.

The Foreign Ministers agree that Yuan Shi Kai's restoration is impossible and that the action of the government in removing him cannot be recalled.

Liang Tung Yen's appointment only increases the pessimism.

Yuan Shi Kai must leave Pekin within four or five days. Consternation among the Chinese surpasses that felt by the foreign residents. Many of the supporters of the former Viceroy are panic-stricken.

It is probable that among the first changes that are made, both Yang Shi Slang, the Viceroy of Chi Li, with Prince Ching, president of the Board of Foreign Affairs, will be removed. There is the keenest interest as to

the fate of Prince Tang Shao Yi's mission to the United States.

APPOINTMENT IS CONFIRMED

Wu Ting Fang Learns of Yuan Shi Kal's Successor.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2 .- News of the succession of Llang Tun Yen, now vice president of the "Acting Presidency" of the Foreign Board of China, replacing Yuan Shi Kai, was officially aunounced in a dispatch received by Minister Wu Ting Fang at the Chinese Legation today. The message gave no details.

EARTH SHAKES IN NORTH

Cathedral at Caltagirone Falls, Killing Watchman.

COPENHAGEN, Jan. L-There were earthquake shocks last night at Branea

CANADA'S GRAIN TO GO VIA CAPE HORN

LACK OF CARS DELAYS SHIP-MENTS TO ATLANTIC COAST.

Ocean Route Considered Much Cheaper Than Heavy Tolls by Rail to St. John.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 3 .- (Special.) -- That the scheme recently mouted of sending part of the Caradian grain crop to European ports via Cape Horn will soon be put into operation, is the opinion of Vancouver shipping men. For some time



Charles F. Murphy, Especial Object of Mayor McClellan's Proposed Anti-Tammany Warfare.

the graingrowers of Southern Alberts have had this plan in view and the Vancouver and Calgary boards of trade have

taken the matter up in earnest. The reason for the movement is the dif-ficulty of getting grain through by the eastward route, owing to the brief duration of the season and the shortage of cars. As for the rapidity of transit, there would be little difficulty, it is claimed, in that line. Wheat sent by the Horn would arrive in the Continental ports a little later than that sent at the same time by way of the Atlantic roufe, but as a matter of fact that would be no drawback, as the prices obtained would be higher instead of lower.

It is stated that the rates would really be much cheaper via the Horn. With reasonable rates given by the railroads, the haulage from Calgary to Vancouver would be 512 cents per bushel, as com-pared with 27 cents to St. John, N. B. The rate to Liverpool would bring the whole cost up to about 24 cents a bushel, an advantage of at least 6 cents over the

COSGROVE TO DECIDE SOON

Will Come North "If Necessary,"

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 8 .- (Special.) Eugene Lorton, his closest adviser, says if it becomes necessary, Governor-elect S. G. Cosgrove will start from Paso Robles, Cal., to Olympia January 9, take the oath of office and return to California

immediately afterward. Attorney Howard Cosgrove left Pomeroy yesterday for Walla Walla, en route to Olympia, to be on hand on the day when certificates of election are given state officers. The younger Cosgrove holds that the oath of office may be administered anywhere. He will be his father's private secretary and expects to be the personal representative of the Governor until the Governor recovers

Howard Cosgrove, while in Spokane recently, was optimistic about his father's condition, but would not say he expected the elder Cosgrove to set any time for leaving Paso Robles

sufficiently to return to the state.

STORM KING GRIPS ALASKA

Temperature Low, and Several Lives Reported Lost Near Nome.

NOME, Jan. 2 .- (Special.)-The worst storms which have ever swept the peusula are in progress. The glass is steadily falling and much suffering re sults. Ice last night backed up into First street and merchants were forced to

move their goods. During the storm four Eskimos were stranded on an ice fire. Rescue was impossible, and they perished almost in sight of the city. One team of Freighter El Rowe is missing, with the driver,

and much alarm is felt for his safety. A searching party left last night to seek seven miners, believed to have perished in the storm. Neither miners nor searchers have been heard of. From reports received there has been much suffering everywhere in the storm zone ex-

TRAIN ROBBER CONFESSES

Nervous Suspect Is Arrested and Tells of Texas Holdup.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Jan. 3.-Undue haste to purchase a ticket and the nervousness displayed by E. J. Burke, who gave St. Louis as his home, led to his arrest today and to the discovery that the safe aboard the train conveying a wild west circus (known as the 101 Ranch) to Fort Worth had been blown last night and robbed of \$15,000.

When asked to explain the possession of \$750 in silver coin which he carried in a leather satchel, the man, formerly an attache of the circus, told of the robbery, declaring that he had been made the tool of a professional safe-blower who Leon and Caltagirone. At the latter place had escaped with the rest of the money. a portion of the cathedral fell, killing The robbery occurred last night as the train was nearing Fort Worth,

FOR THIRD TERM

Big Fight on Tammany Is Launched.

MURPHY'S ENEMIES ARE ACTIVE

Featherson and McCarren Count Victory in Sight.

BOSS' MEN KEEP SILENT

Confident New York's Mayor Will Have Run His Course by September-Republicans Sure It

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN. NEW YORK, Jan. 2 .- (Special.) - Mayor McClellan has commenced a new warfare on the Tammany organization, and local politicians are beginning to sit up and take notice.

The Democratic city convention will be held some time next September or October, and the recent removals of Commissionerships are taken to indicate that the Mayor has decided to take an interest in the choice of his successor

To those on the inside, it is also plain that George B. McClellan is a candidate for a third term, and that unless his plans miscarry his name will be presented to the next city convention.

Use McClellan to Hit Murphy.

In the changes that have already been made, and in a number of others that are scheduled to be made before long, McClellan has the advice and assistance of two pastmasters of the political game, Senator Patrick H. McCarren, Brooklyn and Maurice Featherson, ex-Dock Commissioner of New York. And Featherson is the man who started the ambitious bee buzzing in the Mayor's bonnet.

Featherson is a member of the oldtime practical school. He hates Murphy with a bitter all-consuming hatred Should be happen to meet the Tammany chieftain on a desert island he would probably bite him. But the ethics of present-day civilization compels him to shun deeds, that is deeds of violence, and take it out in words.

McClellan Waits for Honors.

Were Featherson Mayor himself, Murphy would probably have been in the Pasco's Warm-Hearted Police Chief a hesitating nature, does not know how to fight organization with patronage, and in consequence has always made a sad figure when he stands alone.

Before election last year, McClellan "had hopes." He really believed that he would be drafted to run for Vice-President. Later he secretly thought that Murphy would beg him to be the Gubernatorial candidate. So he adopted a coy attitude, and walted for honors to shower upon him.

It wasn't the year for a McClellan deluge, however.

And after election Featherson stepped in, and conclusively proved to the Mayor that he was being fooled, and if he desired to stay in politics after the close of the present year he would be compelled to fight for it. "And if you drop out," he added. "You

will seal the fate of men like myself who have been loyal to you under any and all circumstances.

Figures Defeat Murphy. Then Featherson began to talk figures

He pointed out that there are 63 as sembly districts in Greater New York. (Concluded on Page 5.)

FATHER STEALS HIS CHILD ON STREET

PORTLAND, OREGON, MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1909.

GENERAL MIXUP WITH WIFE'S PARENTS FOLLOWS.

Mother-in-Law Blames Son-in-Law and He in Turn Accuses Wife's Mother.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 3-(Special.)-Spatching his 19-months-old boy, to recover whom he had traveled from Chi cago to Santa Fe and thence here, from the go-cart wheeled by its grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Immel, A. C. Jones, who



Mayor McClellan, of New York, Who Han Begun New Warfare Against

declares he is a detective from Chicago, started to run with the infant. A fight followed, in which Jones, the baby and the Immels participated, the grandparents making strenuous efforts to recover the child.

A huge crowd surrounded the combatants, the struggle occurring downtown at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The father and his wife's parents were taken to fall with the crying youngster. All were charged with disorderly conduct and released on bonds.

Jones left for Chicago with the child, while Mrs. Immel pleaded in vain with the police to return the babe to her. The baby's face was scratched in several

"My daughter left Chicago with the baby about three weeks ago because of the brutality of her husband," said Mrs.

"Everything was all right with me and my wife until her parents began butting

WAIF FOUND HALF FROZEN

PASCO, Wash., Jan. 3 .- (Special.)-Half frozen and nearly starved, an infant boy haby was found about 9 o'clock this morning in the rear of the Eagle Hotel. The discovery was made by Nic Reeder, an employe of Wren & Greenough, contractors.

According to information from the police department, the child had been in the building nearly 12 hours. Its body was wrapped in light blankets and placed in a telescope grip.

The physicians now caring for the infant state that it is about five days old. It has been adopted by Chief of Police Daniels, and is now in the care of Mrs.

CASTRO VERY SICK AGAIN

Ex-President of Venezuela to Undergo Operation Soon.

LONDON, Jan. 4.-The Daily Mail's Berlin correspondent says that Senor Castro, ex-President of Venezuela, has grown suddenly worse and will undergo an operation in a few days.

BOAT FOR RELIEF

United States Leads in Aiding Italians.

BEARS EXPENSE PERSONALLY

Ambassador Selects Committee of Americans to Help.

SUPPLY BOATS TO ASSIST

Fleet Will Send Ships With Provisions-Shocks Still Continue. One Village With Inhabitants Thrown Into Sea.

....... QUAKE IN STROMBOLI ISLAND, NORTH OF SICILY.

ROME, Jan. 3 .- A violent earthquake shock, running north-south west and east-southeast, during which the Stromboli volcano began occurred on Stromboll Island today.

by prolonged dutt rumblings. Toe houses on the Island were badly damaged and the populace fled to the streets in a panic, but no one was hurt. The weather is intensely cold on Stromboll Island

The Island of Stromboll, with 2000 population, lies off the north count of Sicily a few miles. The volcano on the island is perpetually active,

ROME, Jan. 3.-The United States is far ahead of other nations in the relief work. Today Ambassador Griscom succeeded in finding an Austrian Lloyd steamer of 8000 tons, capable of carrying 1300 passengers. He has chartered the steamer for two weeks and she is being loaded with medical supplies and provisions. This will cost \$50,000. It is expected that the steamer will sail from Civita Vesshi, about 50 miles from Rome, on Thursday. It will be placed under the orders of the Italian Government.

In addition to supplies, the American relief vessel will embark six doctors and twenty male and female nurses, three latter being American girls from New York, who volunteered their serv-

American energy has been strongly manifested in the work looking to the re-Hef of the earthquake sufferers. Ambassador Griscom and the n ommittee have assumed personal responsibility for the expenses of the expedition, relying upon the American public for funds.

Prior to engaging the steamer the Ambassador visited Foreign Minister Tittoni and asked him if it would be a real service to send south a vessel properly supplied. Signor Tittoni answered that it would be most appreciated for medical and food supplies were urgently needed. Besides the relief steamer, the United States will soon have the converted-yacht Scorpion on the scene to be followed by the supply ships Culgoa and Yankton, The latter vessels will be put at the disposal of the authorities with provisions and medical suplies intended for the American fleet cruising around the world.

GUARDS AND LOOTERS FIGHT

Numerous Clashes Reported, With Men on Both Sides Killed.

ROME, Jan. 3.-Both at Messina and Reggio the guards are having difficulty in (Concluded on Page 1.)

CHINESE REGENT AND GRAND COUNSELLOR WHOM HE HAS DISMISSED.







VITAN SHI KAL

LABOR TO PROTEST ON LINCOLN DAY

MASS MEETING PLANNED IN EVERY CITY IN LAND.

Demonstrations to Be Made Against Sentence Imposed by Judge On Gompers and Others.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3 .- (Special.) -- Mass meetings to protest against the alleged nvasion of constitutional rights of work ingmen by the courts are to be held in every city and town in the country on Lincoln's birthday. The movement was



Senator W. B. Heyburn, of Idnho, Who Is Hastening Home to Quell Insurgent Movement Against His Re-election.

started today by the Federation of La-

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Hot resolutions from a number of nions bearing on the jail sentences imposed by Judge Wright on Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison stirred the dele-Speakers on the floor likened Judge Wright to Pontius Pilate and declared the imprisonment of Gompers and his associates would as surely bring about redress for the workers as did the crucifixion of Christ establish Christianity. George Koop, a radical Socialist, got

himself into immediate trouble by sug-gesting that the boycott by the labor union was intended to injure property rights. The abolition of the profit system was the only solution that Koop could see and he declared that if all the union men had voted for Debs at the last election the decision of Judge Wright would have been different.

YEAR'S BUSINESS LARGE

San Francisco Prepares Figures for 12 Months of 1908.

San Francisco for the year 1908; Bank clearings, \$1,718,074,017,

Duties on imports, \$6,862,823. Internal revenue collections, \$6,552,-Value of imports, \$46,187,783.

Value of exports, \$52,694,954, an in rease of over \$1,000,000. Exports of wheat, 400,867 centals. Exports of flour, 262,669 barrels. Wheat received from Oregon and

Washington, 2,286,018 centals. 1. ine receipts, 11,225,500 gallons; exported by sea, 932,728 gallons. Receipts of dziry products: Butter, 13,567,020 pounds: cheese, 9,701,300

ounds; eggs, 10,339,170 dozen. Estimated stock of flour and grain in state: Flour, 107,137 barrels; wheat, 1,528,300 centals; barley, 3,829,000

Postoffice receipts in San Francisco, \$2,011,399, an increase of 1214 per cent over last year.

WOMAN IS BADLY BURNED Cook-Stove Fire Ignites Her Cloth-

ing While Working in Kitchen.

Mrs. L. E. Bennett, who lives in apartments at the Hotel Gladstone, 5131/2 Savier street, was terribly burned late yesterday afternoon while at work about her cook stove, and is now in the Good Samaritan Hospital in a critical condition. She was alone at the time of the accident and while standing too close to the stove her clothes caught fire. Frightened, she called for help and her cries reached Mrs. J. P. Berg, wife of the proprietor of the Gladstone. Mrs. Berg ran to her assistance and, together with one of the other roomers, succeeded in wrapping the suffering woman in blankets and ex-

tinguished the flames. Dr. Ross, of 2231/2 North Sixteenth strest, was summoned. The woman was badly burned on her face, arms and a greater portion of her body. She endured great agony but Dr. Ross said last night she will survive. Late last night she was removed to the Good Samaritan Hospital.

RIOT AT RELIEF MEETING Lynn Italians Resent Charge of

Graft and Fight Ensues.

LVNN, Mass., Jan. 2-A mass meeting of Italians, held in Lasters' Hall to raise funds for the earthquake sufferers, end-

The trouble was precipitated by a So-

ed in a riot.

cialist Labor speaker, who charged that funds raised for sufferers by a previous earthquake had been misappropriated. During the excitement some one pulled the speaker from the chair. This was the signal for a general mix-up, and the two factions, yelling loudly, came together in attempt to rush each other from the building just as the police arrived.

HEYBURN MEN SAY

Opposition to Senator Put to Flight.

NORTHERN FRIENDS ARRIVE

Shoshorie County Leaders Take Charge at Boise.

LEGISLATURE IS ON TODAY

B. F. O'Neil and Governor-Elect Brady Said to Have Been Behind Move to Bring About Defeat of Senior Senator.

BY GUY FLENNER. BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 3 .- (Special.) -- Sens-

tor Weldon B. Heyburn will be re-elected to his seat in the United States Senate. The smoke of preliminary skirmishes has cleared away and left naught to be seen on the field of buttle but the forces of the northern statesmen, rigidly alert, and a few sharpshooters scampering away toward projecting knolls.

The latter might be classified as the opposing army, if there were enough to justify the term, but there are not. Barely able to be identified in the hovering mist, a few tardy members might be discerned making haste toward the Heyburn camp. The fight is over and Heyburn will retain his toga

Opposition Only Temporary.

The noise which was created during the last week was evidence, at least to the ears, that a terrible conflict was in progress. Thursday it almost seemed as if the senior Senator was defeated, but the contingent which was manipulating the opposition was not strong enough to maintain a victorious result, even though it was temporarily secured

Fourteen pledges, it is reported, were obtained by the lieutenants who were directing the campaign for their great unknown. It was understood that this eader was B. F. O'Neil, chairman of the Republican State Central Committee. Later, when the rush of antagonistic sentiment to Heyburn failed to materialtre, it was hinted that the Wallace banker was being used merely as a blind

for Governor-elect Brady. Barney O'Neil Not Candidate.

Instead of going down before such op-BAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 3 .- Following the statistical report of business in position, the Heyburn forces have taken have advanced to every piece of ground

> left deserted. Barney O'Neil, as soon as he arrived in Boise, declared that he was not a candidate in opposition to the senior Senator. It is believed, however, that had there peen a decided movement to reject Heyburn on the part of the Legislators themselves, and another had been sought to fill his place, the republican chairman, in common with a good many others in the state, would at least have been willing to listen to the call of his party.

Heyburn's Friends Rally. Alarmed by the rumors which have been carried to the north, the supporters

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