

REGENT'S ACTION CAME SUDDENLY

Dismissal of Yuan Surprised Council.

WARNING GIVEN PRINCE CHING

Regent's Threat Caused Him to Collapse.

FUTURE POLICY ENIGMA

Action of Prince Chun Disapproved by Advisers, Who Are Now in Disfavor—Foreign Telegraph Officials Are Removed.

PEKIN, Jan. 4.—Two days have passed since the dismissal from office of Yuan Shi Kai as national councillor, and it is still impossible to determine the future course of the Chinese government...

Sprang Surprise on Council.

Trustworthy circumstantial reports exonerate the Chinese members of the Grand Council of any complicity in the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai.

Due to Events of 1898.

One section of the Pekin press considers Yuan Shi Kai's punishment to have been reasonable, while another holds that his downfall shows the decay of the government.

No Foreign Telegraphers.

The imperial telegraph administration has taken over exclusive control of all the telegraphic traffic to and from Pekin and the foreign superintendents in this field have been dismissed.

RETROGRESSION NOT INTENDED

Germany Sees No Menace in Chinese Situation.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—According to information received at the foreign office from Pekin, the diplomatic representatives at the Chinese capital are not sure that the fall of Yuan Shi Kai means that the Government has decided to embark on an anti-foreign policy.

U. S. WARSHIP ON SCENE

Gunboat Helena Goes to Canton to Protect American Interests.

CANTON, Jan. 4.—The American gunboat Helena has arrived here in consequence of the anti-foreign movement and the excitement among the natives as the result of a Portuguese seaman on the British steamer Falshan having kicked a coolie to death.

MISSING MAN HIDING?

T. A. Cox, Said to Be in City, Is Not Registered at Any Hotel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 4.—T. A. Cox, secretary of an Arizona smelting company, whose wife, worried by his failure to communicate with her, reported him missing, was today located through the efforts of the police.

A careful scanning of local hotel registers failed to disclose the name of T. A. Cox as among yesterday's arrivals.

GOPHERS ALMOST DITCH FAST TRAIN

LET WATER OUT OF TRENCHES TO UNDERMINE TRACK.

Train Breaks in Two and Comes to Stop Barely in Time to Avert Disaster.

Gophers, that bored holes in the ground along irrigating ditches near Echo, on the O. R. & N., came near causing a train wreck early yesterday morning.

Train No. 5, the heavy Chicago express, west-bound, reached the piece of damaged track about 12:10 A. M. yesterday morning.

MURDERER SUSPECT HELD

Frank Arnold, Believed to Be Birson, Arrested at Sand Point.

SAND POINT, Idaho, Jan. 4.—(Special.)—Police Officer Henry Traus arrested Frank Arnold, suspected of being Charles Birson, who is alleged to have assisted in the murder of Mrs. Covington, in Seattle, during the summer of 1907.

A Walla Walla man was instrumental in effecting the arrest. He knew the man under the name of Arnold in Walla Walla and met him on the street this afternoon.

FIREMEN STOLE THE COAL

Los Angeles' "Heavy Robbery" Is Cleared Up by Confession.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—It was not a real thief that carried away a large amount of coal from the yards of the Black Canon Coal Company, said to have been 500 tons, last Friday night.

THEIR MOUTHS PADLOCKED

Witnesses in Packers' Rebate Inquiry Forbidden to Talk.

CHICAGO, Jan. 4.—With precautions to safeguard its secrets redoubled, the Federal grand jury today resumed its investigations of the relations between the big packing establishments of Chicago and the railroads.

BRADY BECOMES GOVERNOR

Idaho's New Executive Takes Oath of Office at Boise.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4.—James H. Brady was inaugurated governor of Idaho today, following which the tenth legislature was convened.

NEGRO SOLDIER LOSES

Supreme Court Refuses to Review Discharge by President.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—The Supreme Court today dismissed the case of Oscar Reid, one of the negro soldiers summarily discharged by the President on account of the Brownsville riot.

THORNTON HAINS TELLS HIS STORY

With Dramatic Effect Defends Acts.

HIS BROTHER'S MIND UNHINGED

Growing Insanity Dated From Wife's Confession.

DENIES MURDEROUS INTENT

Did Not Know Captain Hains Was Armed and Did Not Draw Own Revolver Till Roberts Aimed at Him.

FLUSHING, N. Y., Jan. 4.—Taking the witness stand in his own defense, Thornton Jenkins Hains for more than four hours today related with a wealth of detail the story of the shooting of W. E. Annis and of the conjugal troubles of Captain Peter C. Hains, Jr., that counsel asserts caused the mental unbalancing of the Army officer and led to the killing of Annis.

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Confession Made Him Crazy.

General Hains, resuming the stand today, said he believed his son, Captain Hains, became irrational on May 31, when he heard of the confession of his brother.

DOCTOR WILL LIVE AS JESUS WOULD

ADOPT SIMPLE LIFE AND PRACTICE PROFESSION FREE.

Leading Los Angeles Physician Abandons Luxurious Home to Live Among Poor.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—Dr. T. Perceval Gerson, a well-known physician of this city and present medical examiner for the Civil Service Commission, has given up his comfortable home on Westlake avenue and removed to the densely settled suburbs of the city, where he announces that he will practice medicine without charge to his patients, live in the greatest simplicity and otherwise order his life after his conception of how Christ would exist were he on earth today.

"I will live as Christ would live if he were on earth today," said Dr. Gerson, "not because he lived a simple life, but because I believe it is the only true and right life."

MAN STARVES TO DEATH

Scorning to Beg, He Seeks Lonely End in Vacant House.

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 4.—Near death from starvation, Edwin A. Kipple, who stood high in Masonic circles, was found this morning in a vacant house in West Berkeley by two boys. He was removed in an ambulance, but died on the way to the hospital.

SCHEME TO BLOCK REFORM

California Legislature May Adopt Novel Method of Killing Bills.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 4.—The Evening Express tonight published a special today from its Sacramento correspondent saying that a movement is on foot in the Senate to change the number of votes required to recall a bill from committee from 21 to 23.

House Acts Immediately.

Almost immediately upon the conclusion of the prayer, Mr. Latta, one of the President's secretaries, appeared in the House with a message from the President urging approval of his acts in executive order.

CONGRESS GIVES FREELY TO ITALY

\$800,000 Appropriated by Nation

AT ROOSEVELT'S SUGGESTION

Sum Raised From \$500,000 to Cover Supplies Sent.

BATTLESHIPS TO RELIEF

First Division of Fleet Ordered to Naples to Assist Relief of Earthquake Victims—No Visits to Foreign Ports.

RELIEF FUND GROWS. Among contributions made for the earthquake sufferers in Italy are these: United States, by Congress, \$500,000.00; National Red Cross, \$300,000.00; Illinois Red Cross, \$18,000.00; Car of Funds, \$6,000.00; Portland, \$5,777.24; Seattle, \$3,520.00; Los Angeles, \$3,000.00; Lemon State, New York, 2,800.00; Cleveland, Ohio, 1,900.00.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.—Bountiful provision for the quake sufferers of Italy was made by Congress today. In the House there was vigorous handclapping as the bill carrying the appropriation of \$800,000 was passed.

When he was found he was so emaciated that he was unable to move. A card in his pocket showed his membership in El Paso Lodge, No. 11, F. and A. M., of Denver and Colorado Springs.

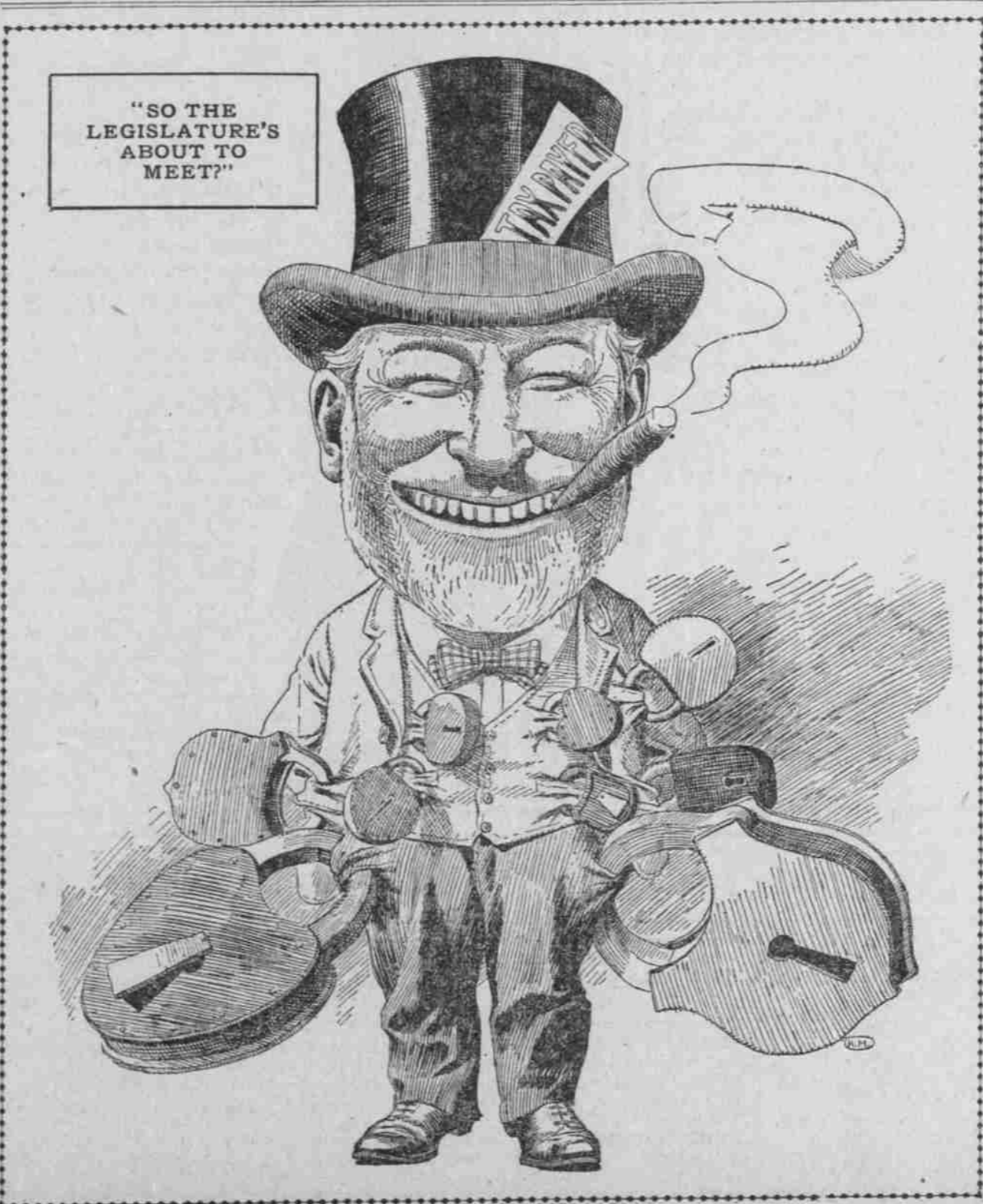
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HOHENZOLLERN TO SAVE ALL PENNIES

KAISER ASKS FAMILY TO KEEP DOWN EXPENSES.

Afraid to Ask Parliament to Increase Allowance Since He Lost Prestige by Loquacity.

BERLIN, Jan. 4.—It is reported in court circles that the Emperor has issued instructions to the officers of the household for more economy.

CADER POWELL LOSES OUT

President Heeds Protest and Will Not Reappoint Him.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 4.—President Roosevelt probably will not reappoint T. Cader Powell, of Portland, as United States Marshal at Nome, Alaska, when his term expires next month.

When F. J. Heney was here recently, he urged the President not to reappoint Powell, alleging that his record in Portland was not clear.

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