



## YUAN AS PREMIER TAKES FIRM HOLD

### Acceptance Based on Promise of Power.

## THRONE PUT IN BACKGROUND

### Independent Provinces to Be Won Back Gradually.

## WU DEMANDS ABDICATION

### United States Legation Asked to Bear Message to Regent, Telling Him That Government Must Surrender.

PERKIN, Nov. 15, 1:35 A. M.—Yuan Shi Kai has accepted the Premiership and will assume office probably today (Thursday).

Yesterday's Official Gazette contained an expression of thanks from Yuan Shi Kai to the throne for his appointment, but the truth is that he did not undertake the task without receiving guarantees that he would have practically a free hand in conducting affairs while he retained his official position.

The new Premier received several foreign ministers yesterday, including the United States Minister to China, William J. Calhoun, who returned here only recently.

Peace Policy Outlined.

In conversation with a foreigner, Yuan Shi Kai said that he intended to form a Cabinet immediately and endeavor to carry on the government by gaining the support of as many provinces as possible, allowing the remainder to retain their independence for the time being. It would be his endeavor also to win back their allegiance to the throne, gradually, he said.

Another important development in the capital was the issuance of an edict yesterday ordering His Liang, formerly Viceroy of Manchuria, to assume command at Jehol, where the Summer residence of the Emperor is situated, in place of Pu Ting, the tartar general. This appointment has led to the belief in certain quarters that the court may retire to Jehol, leaving Yuan Shi Kai as chief executive until the opportunity arrives for the court to reassume a measure of authority.

Presidents Deal With Throne.

San Pao Chi, the Viceroy of Shan-tung, has been elected President of the republic which has been proclaimed in that province. His acceptance is in accordance with the government advice. Several other viceroys have gone with the people, in the hope of influencing the provinces later to renew their allegiance. The Provincial Assembly of Chi-li has adopted a memorial to the throne in favor of the establishment of a republic, with Yuan Shi Kai as President.

Wu Ting Fang, Secretary of Foreign Affairs in the provincial government of Shanghai, and other noted reformers have sent a telegram to the American charge d'affaires here, asking the good offices of the United States in connection with the delivery of a demand for abdication.

Amnesty Promised Court.

The telegram, dated November 11, reads:

"Kindly deliver personally the following to His Highness, the Regent, informing him that further conflicts between the imperialists and the people will cause needless bloodshed. If his majesty abdicates we shall endeavor to afford safety to the court and protection to their property.

"To the Regent: Your manifesto acknowledging guilt has been published, but the murder of the people continues more widespread than ever, which is contrary to the mind of the nation. Opinions of intelligent foreigners agree that the constitutional government headed by the sovereign is not suitable for the present-day China. You should follow the example of Yao and Shun. If you immediately awake and assist to harmonize the people and treat them on the principles of wisdom, justice and clemency, the people will secure to the imperial family peace and riches, honor and glory and not merely give peace to the Manchus. Otherwise the war will be prolonged and troubles will accumulate. The northern army is cruel and inhuman. How can the throne stand alone? We utter this last loyal warning."

Legations Make No Reply.

This telegram is signed by Wu Ting Fang, Tang Wen Chih, of Kiang Su, ex-vice-president of the Board of Commerce; Chang Chi-Shan, former adviser to the Board of Commerce, and Wen Tsung Yao, ex-assistant Imperial Resident at L'hasa, and now Foreign Secretary.

The legations made no acknowledgment of the receipt of the telegram and did not deliver it to the regent, but unofficially permitted Yuan Shi Kai to peruse it.

Advices from Lanchow say that a telegram has been received from the rebel leader, General Li Yuan Hong, in response to a message from General Sal Tse, commander of the Lanchow troops, requesting a cessation of hostilities and outlining proposals for a monarchial constitution.

General Li says that the terrible con-

## CONTRACT IS LET FOR COOS BAY ROAD

### TWOHY BROS. WILL CONSTRUCT FIRST 23 MILES.

### Work West From Eugene Will Begin Immediately—Grading Outfits Sent to Front.

The Southern Pacific Company, through its San Francisco office, has let to Twohy Bros. the contract for building the first 23 miles of the Eugene-Coos Bay railway line. The contract was awarded Tuesday. The first section of the line will be built from Eugene westward. The contract price is between \$500,000 and \$600,000.

The entire line, when completed, will cost between \$4,000,000 and \$7,000,000. D. W. Campbell, general superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines, who has his office in San Francisco, is overseeing the work. William Hood, chief engineer for the company, is directly in charge. Directing the operations of these men is E. E. Calvert, vice-president and general manager of the Southern Pacific.

The new line will extend from Eugene to Marshfield, opening up the Coos Bay country by railway. Coos Bay now depends on steamer and stage service.

Twohy Bros. will begin work on the new line immediately, and are moving men and grading outfits forward for that purpose. The greater part of the \$600,000, which is being paid by the railroad company for this first portion of the new project, will be spent in Portland.

## HOME PHONE TO BE SOLD

### Federal Authorities Plan Auction of Home Company Saturday.

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—Preparations by the Federal authorities for selling at auction the property of the Home Telephone Company next Saturday are being made by S. D. Bridges, special master in the case. Aside from the bondholders, no word as to who bidders will be has been received.

The sale probably will take place from the steps of the Federal building. Several bonding companies with claims against the telephone concern will be represented by bidders. The amount of claims filed against the company by the bondholders is about \$1,600,000. The selling price is expected at least to realize this sum. It is admitted as possible, however, that the bid will be low, although the value of the properties held by the company may bring the figures.

## MEDFORD NEWTOWNS WIN

### Apples Secure First and Second Prize at Denver Show.

MEDFORD, Or., Nov. 15.—(Special.)—J. A. Westerlund, of Medford, has received a telegram from Denver tonight announcing that the Medford exhibits of Yellow Newtowns secured first and second prizes at the Denver apple show, in competition with eight states.

## DEVOTION TO TOTS LEADS TO ARREST

### Children Unwittingly Betray Suspect.

## 3 MURDERS ARE CHARGED

### Accused Soldier of Fortune Wears Medal for Heroism.

## ALASKA KILLING CHARGED

### British Government Also After John R. Swann for Similar Crime in South Africa—Disguised Tattoo Marks Figure.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 15.—Devotion to natural children, whom he refused to abandon through years of adventure in various parts of the world, led to the arrest here today of John R. Swann, wearer of the Victoria cross, believed to be a fugitive wanted by the British government for murder committed in Bloemfontaine, Transvaal Republic, in December, 1901. Swann is also accused by the police here of having killed two men in Alaska three years ago.

Papers found in Swann's possession show that John R. Swann was a member of the British Royal Marine Artillery, enlisting from Kirkshire, Scotland, and that after repeated mention for bravery in the dispatches to the home government, he received the Victoria cross.

Description Fits Mysteriously.

A police circular, printed at Johannesburg, also found among Swann's effects, gives a description of a man wanted for murder, and offers \$1000 for his arrest. The description, the police say, fits Swann in the minutest details, the most definite marks of identification consisting of tattoo marks on various parts of the body.

A full-rigged ship, described in detail as covering the back of the right hand, did not appear, the hand showing a recently finished design of the Union Jack. A microscopic examination, made at the Bureau of Criminal Identification, showed that a tattooed design had been removed and the place covered with the Union Jack. A closer examination showed traces of the outlines of the ship still existing. Other tattoo marks described minutely, in the circular were found on Swann's back and knees.

Record Shows Heroism.

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## PRISON PROPOSED AS TRUST REMEDY

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## 'RULE OF REASON' ABOLISHED

### Henry Adapts, but Modifies, Method of Chinese.

## BEHEADING TOO SEVERE

### Party Leaders Muster Forces to Pass Bill in Lower Branch of Congress—"Felon's Stripes" Declared Effective.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Felon's stripes as a punishment for "trust criminals" in the United States, to end "commercial piracy" under benevolent "rule of reason," are proposed in a bill amending the Sherman anti-trust law drafted by Representative Henry, of Texas, to be introduced in the House upon the opening of Congress next month. Its introduction probably will mean its passage in the House.

The bill specifically defines what constitutes a trust, legislates from the present statute the "rule of reason," as interpreted by the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco decisions, and provides punishment for violation of the law at imprisonment from two to ten years in the penitentiary. It will be referred to the judiciary committee for deliberation.

Court Decision Nullified.

"My bill," said Mr. Henry, "nullifies the alterations written into the Sherman anti-trust act by the unwarranted and purely legislative decision of the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil and Tobacco Trust cases of last Spring. That is, the bill legislates the 'rule of reason' out of the law and it defines specifically what a trust is, so that there can be no room for controversy.

"Fines and dissolutions seem to be child's play for the trust magnates. Felon's stripes, where the violation is knowingly or wilfully done, will prove a potential remedy for the flagrant acts of commercial outlaws. The Chinese anti-trust law provides: 'Those who interrupt commerce are to be beheaded.' To behead such offenders in our country would be entirely too extreme, but to compromise with a penitentiary sentence and a felon's stripes as a punishment is mild and should be administered to trust criminals in the United States.

"My bill justly exempts members of (Concluded on Page 5.)

## WRECK SURVIVORS QUARTERED HERE

### PASSENGERS OF WASHINGTON COMPANY'S GUESTS.

### Owner of Wrecked Craft to Confer With Persons Imperturbed Over Claims—Woman Collapses.

Still suffering from the effects of their experience, nearly all the passengers of the wrecked steam schooner Washington are now in Portland, under the care of the owners of the vessel. In a few days they will proceed overland to San Francisco, their destination when the Washington met mishap at Peacock Spit.

In their perils farewell letters were written by the passengers and in the excitement gifts were exchanged, in the hope that one or the other might be saved.

Fred J. Olson, one of the owners of the Washington, will arrive this morning from San Francisco and will confer with the passengers concerning their claims arising from the loss of their personal effects. He will also consider raising of the steam schooner Westerner, another of his fleet, which was sunk by the oil tank steamer W. S. Porter in the lower river.

J. H. Homer, a veteran telegraph operator of Omaha, who was one of the rescued passengers, says he was lucky in two instances. After he had lost his ticket the purser permitted him to sail on the Washington and then, after he had given up all hope, Captain Bailey came along and saved him.

The only passenger who remained at Astoria is Mrs. Mary Fullmer, aged 63, who was on her way to her home in San Francisco. After having faced the terrors of the sea for nearly two days, she collapsed on reaching Astoria. She is at a hotel here, in care of a physician. Her condition is not serious.

Mrs. Fullmer spent most of Sunday night in the social hall of the steamer, surrounded by members of the crew and passengers. The only time that she spoke indicating that she appreciated the seriousness of the situation was when she said to some of the men: "You'd better be praying instead of smoking cigarettes."

S. E. Kendall and M. D. Van Horn said yesterday that with one or two exceptions the 48 persons composing the passengers and crew displayed no fear.

## RATE CASE TO GO HIGHER

### Government Will Carry Appeal to United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The Government will appeal to the United States Supreme Court from the decision of the Commerce Court granting temporary injunction of the orders of the Interstate Commerce Commission in the transcontinental freight rate cases.

It is not the purpose of the Government's counsel to await final action by the Commerce Court before taking the appeal to the highest judicial tribunal. Under the law, an appeal may be taken from a temporary injunction.

## FOUR A MINUTE ARE WON BY EXHORTER

### Gipsy Smith's Spell Swells Church Army.

## 100 CONVERTED BY ONE PLEA

### 400 Pledge Selves to Be Christians Since Sunday.

## MEETING GREATEST YET

### Evangelist Declares He Has Seen Devils on Portland Streets—Voice Rattles Walls of Tabernacle in Denouncing Sin.

### GIPSY SMITH PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS THIS WEEK.

Thursday.

12 Noon—Meeting for men only at Empress Theater.

7:30 P. M.—Gipsy Smith Tabernacle.

Friday.

11:30 A. M.—Meeting for women only at Orpheum Theater.

12 Noon—Meeting for men only at Empress Theater.

7:30 P. M.—Gipsy Smith Tabernacle.

Saturday.

No meetings.

No charge is made for admission to any of the Gipsy Smith meetings.

The tabernacle is at Chapman and Taylor streets. Cars run to Chapman on Morrison and to Nineteenth on Washington. An overflow meeting will be held tonight at the White Temple.

One hundred persons signed pledges last night at Gipsy Smith Tabernacle that they had embraced the Christian life. In 25 minutes of appeal Gipsy Smith encouraged that number of non-Christians to walk to the inquiry room. The appeal was the longest the evangelist has yet made and so eager was the response that the converts averaged four to the minute.

In the course of the four great meetings at the tabernacle since the campaign for souls was inaugurated by the evangelist Sunday he has spent 110 minutes in definite appeals after the close of his addresses to those who have felt the desire to lead better lives. More than 400 persons have answered the call by placing themselves on written record as desirous of being Christians. The results of the evangelist's ministrations average three to every minute he has labored by means of direct and personal invitations to sinners to repent.

### Meeting Greatest Held.

"This is not all," declared the Gipsy last night, "he watched the greatest crowd that ever packed the tabernacle slowly leave the building. 'We cannot count conversions by numbers. Who knows the number touched by the grace of God at the noonday meetings, who knows of the number that never visit the inquiry-room? I only know this is the greatest meeting I have had in Portland.'"

For solemnity, absence of sensational features and earnest attention the meeting was without parallel compared with those which have preceded it. Far apart from his usual custom, the Gipsy told but three little fact stories, all bearing directly on his subject, yet all deep in pathos. They had their effect on fully half the number present. For the rest of the 40 minutes, which was the time his address occupied, there was not one sound from the audience and not one face of 10,000 removed its gaze from the exhorter.

### Devils Seen in Portland.

"Somebody said there's no devil," the resonant voice of the Gipsy rang out as if challenging those who would contradict him, "but in walking about your city I have seen lots of devilishness. I have seen lots of little devils—drinkers; but there's an old one.

"While the devil has you under his oplate—asleep—paralyzed, he can make you do anything. The devil will poison every love stream. He poisons every home. He separates husband and wife. He does it—not God, the devil.

"He would put his foot on a world and crush it and chuckle like the fend of hell he is. You can't be held by the devil and hold your health and strength. He'll be too much for you in your own strength."

### Speech Sharp as Whip.

The Gipsy was silent. Then he raised his right hand and his voice took on a thundering roll that made it reverberate against the wooden walls of the building.

"In this city of Portland, in the State of Oregon this fifteenth day of November, Jesus Christ is Lord over devils," he exclaimed.

Sinners were not denounced by the evangelist. For there was hope, he said. But sin in its every phase came under his scathing, bitter comments, comments that often made those in front of him wince as if lashed in the face.

"Sin is the undertaker at every funeral; sin turned gray your hair if you go back far enough; sin is the parent of fraud; sin is the bloody branch under which fiends dance and (Concluded on Page 14.)



STEAM SCHOONER WASHINGTON (TO LEFT) AND TUG TATOOSH (TO RIGHT) BACKING IN AND PREPARING TO THROW LINE ABOARD.