

REGENT ABJECTLY RESIGNS HIS POST

Regret Felt Repentance Is Too Late.

PLEDGE NOT TO MEDDLE MADE

Dual Guardianship of Throne Is Substituted.

COMPROMISE HAS FAILED

Effort to Stand in Middle Ground Pleases Neither Manchus Nor Natives—Premier Continues to Hold Power.

PEKIN, Dec. 6.—An edict, announcing the resignation of the Regent, Prince Chun, was issued today by the Empress Dowager. It is signed by members of the Cabinet, and points out that the administration has been unpopular and that a constitutional government has not yet been established, explaining this by the fact that complications arose, the people's hearts were broken and the country was thrown into turmoil.

In place of the Regent, a dual guardianship of the throne is established, Chun's place being taken jointly by Shih Hsu, a Manchu Prince and former President of the National Assembly, and Hsu Shi Chang, Vice-President of the Privy Council.

The Regent regrets that his repentance came too late and feels that if he continued in power his commands would be disregarded. The edict continues: "The Empress Dowager hears news. He wept and prayed to resign the regency, at the same time expressing his earnest intention to abstain from politics. The Empress Dowager, living in the palace, was ignorant of the state of affairs, but now knows that rebellion exists and fighting continues everywhere, while the commerce of friendly nations suffers. The Regent is honest, though ambitious. Being misled, he has harmed the people, therefore his resignation is accepted."

The edict demands loyalty to the ministers from the people, who "must now realize that the court does not object to the surrender of the power vested in the throne."

Regency Always Troubled.

Prince Chun has been the chief figure in China since the death of Emperor Kwang Su and the Empress Dowager, in 1908. From the dark days which followed his emerged ruler of China.

At no time was Prince Chun's regency a smooth one. He tried to hold to middle ground, which pleased neither the Manchus nor the native progressives. He handled the present crisis with perhaps something less than his old-time vigor, and recent reports have hinted that his mind was weakening.

Wu Ting Fang, the former Chinese Minister to Washington, who is now one of the revolutionary leaders in Shanghai, issued an appeal to Chun a few days ago, urging him to abdicate in favor of the republic. It was reported later from Peking that Chun was willing to accept a pension and retire to Je-Hol if his personal safety was assured.

Yuan Continues in Power.

The administration remains for the present in the hands of the Premier, Yuan Shi Kai, while the Empress Dowager and the Emperor continue to hold audiences and carry out ceremonial functions.

A grant of 50,000 taels a year from the Imperial household allowance is made to the Regent.

As the Imperial and revolutionary leaders at Hankow have not yet come to an understanding the armistice has been extended for an additional three days.

The regent sacrificed himself in a last effort to save the throne for his son, but unless all signs fail, it is too late. Premier Yuan Shi Kai has left Peking. He has taken the British Minister, Sir John Borden, into his confidence. He has told the Minister his plans and hopes much from the Minister's mediation. On the other hand, the rebels are confident tonight that Yuan Shi Kai is their man. They describe him as a master statesman, because his is accomplishing the transition from the Manchu dynasty to a republic without a massacre or an attack on the legations.

The edict exhorts all the Princes to retire peacefully. This may indicate that there was some truth in reports that youthful Princes desired to attack foreigners, hoping to create foreign complications that might benefit the Manchus.

Rebels Expect Republic.

Yuan Shi Kai is powerful now within the limitations of the disrupted government. The rebels may expect him to manipulate the regiments until the Manchus are no longer capable of disturbing the capital and then the Shanghai assembly of representatives of the rebel and loyal provinces, soon to be held, will decide in favor of a republic. The Premier has promised to abide by the assembly's decision. It

RAILROAD RATES TO BE CUT LOWER

REDUCTIONS AVERAGING NEARLY 25 PER CENT PROBABLE.

Estimate Made That Washington Commission Will Require 60 Days to Complete Big Task.

SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Under an arrangement outlined by Chairman J. C. Lawrence, of the State Public Service Commission, rate experts for the various railroads operating in Washington actually will prepare reductions averaging nearly 25 per cent, which later will be put in effect by an order of the Commission.

Actually drawing up the new rates will be one expert furnished by each railroad. Each of these will prepare his own rates. These rates as set down will be checked over by O. O. Calderhead, rate expert of the Commission. When the entire schedule is completed the results will be placed before the Commission and put out by that body as a definite order. It is estimated that at least 60 days may be required to complete the work to be started today.

Besides the assistance of the railroad rate men, one man from each of the transportation bureaus of Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma will work with Calderhead, keeping him informed of conditions.

"Contrary to general opinion, perhaps there is some reason for every special rate put in by a railroad," said Calderhead. "A change made in one particular may, perhaps, injure the general fabric of industry."

FOOD FOR CREWS ORDERED

Rushing of Vale-Burns Line Shown by Construction Firm's Action.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Confirmation that the Harriman system will proceed immediately with the construction of the Oregon & Eastern Railway from Vale through the Malheur canyon into the interior of Oregon via Burns to the Pacific Slope, was the announcement here today when the Utah Construction Company placed an \$11,000 rush order with one of the large wholesale houses of Boise, for food supplies to be delivered at a point along the right-of-way of the road near the entrance of the Malheur canyon, to be used by a big construction crew set to work on the grade yesterday.

The Utah Construction Company handles all of the heavy contracts for the Harriman system in the intermountain country and its agents say that haste to deliver the big orders is necessary, for the contract had been let to this firm for the construction of the first link in the Oregon & Eastern as far as Burns and the Harriman system proposes to push the work during the winter.

More than 100 surveyors are ahead of the construction crews cross-sectioning the survey.

There is now no doubt in the minds of railway men here but that the Central Idaho Railway, the first link of which is being built from Richfield to Taft, a distance of more than 110 miles, will connect with the Oregon & Eastern at Vale.

VANCOUVER WANTS PORT

Commercial Club Seeks Special Election to Vote Question.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—At one of the most important meetings of the Commercial Club tonight, resolutions were passed favoring a Port of Vancouver and a committee was appointed to draw up a petition and secure signatures to the same calling for a special election to vote on the question. The committee named includes George McCoy, W. E. Cass, W. J. Kinney, Henry Cross and W. F. Edwards.

The club also accepted the resignation of George B. Simpson as secretary, and elected to succeed him George P. Larsen, formerly manager of the Clark County Fair. Mr. Simpson will give all his time in future to his legal work and his work in connection with the position of referee in bankruptcy.

TROOPS GET HOME BUTTER

Coast Product to Go to Philippines Six Months of Year.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Representative Kahn today received word from Commissary-General Henry Sharpe, U. S. A., that hereafter butter for troops in the Philippine Islands will be bought from Pacific Coast merchants from April to September, inclusive.

The troops will get butter from Australia in other months, as heretofore they have been getting it the year round.

ALCHEMIST IS SENTENCED

Eight-Year Term Imposed for "Transmuting" Victim's Savings.

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 6.—H. Robert Sinclair Moore, spiritualist and seer, was sentenced to eight years in San Quentin today for promising to make the \$700 life savings of W. H. Bentzen, a car conductor, "grow" by means of alchemy.

He received the money after performing a series of "miracles" in a darkened cabinet before the startled eyes of his client, who was assured money would be raised by this means for a vast Egyptian Temple in the Santa Cruz Mountains.

FEDERAL CONTROL ADVOCATES HEARD

Slates Blamed for Irrigation Delays.

DRAINAGE MOVEMENT BEGUN

Separate Organization Will Work for Swamp Lands.

OREGON'S CLAIMS HEARD

Delegates Call Attention to Injustice of Present Distribution of the National Reclamation Fund at Present.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—Hearty support of Federal control of all reclamation and irrigation projects was urged by speakers before the National Irrigation Congress today. R. V. Fletcher, a delegate from Illinois, said that many states were reluctant to surrender their rights and that this tendency retarded the whole reclamation movement.

W. L. Park, vice-president of the Illinois Central Railroad, declared that state control of reclamation would be impracticable, as no state had the resources properly to undertake the projects now recognized to be essential in the development of the arid sections of the West.

Drainage Movement Urged.

The expressions supporting Federal control followed criticism that "bureaucratic red tape" in the Government reclamation service was delaying irrigation, made by Fred Whiteside, a delegate from Montana.

Huhter C. Leake, of New Orleans, told the congress that the swamp lands of the South could be drained for \$12 an acre, and that when drained they would be worth \$100 an acre.

Following this address, another conservation movement was created today when delegates interested in drainage of swamp lands decided to form a separate organization to urge the Federal Government to care for the overdrained lands of the country, as it is doing for the arid lands. The new organization, which will probably be called the National Reclamation Congress, is to cooperate with the Irrigation Congress.

Great Acreage Can Be Drained.

"It was decided that if drainage were to receive support from the Federal Government the movement must take distinct form separate from irrigation projects," said E. T. Perkins, of Illinois, who has been selected temporary chairman. "There are about 70,000,000 acres of swamp lands which can be drained for about \$10 an acre."

A protest against what was termed "an extravagant waste of money by the Navy when there was no prospect of war" was made in a resolution offered by John Fairweather, of Fresno, Cal. "California is getting tired of this war talk," said Mr. Fairweather. "I

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MILEAGE IS EXHAUSTED

Members of Congress Will Have to Wait for Their Money.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—Scores of Congressmen who applied to the sergeant-at-arms today for their mileage were turned away empty handed, and when they appealed to the appropriations committee for information were informed that they could not "eat their cake and have it, too."

All of the appropriation for mileage, which averages about \$140,000 for a session, was exhausted at the Summer special session of Congress. A deficiency bill will have to be passed before any mileage is obtainable.

ALEXANDER FORCES VICTORY COMPLETE

Not Socialist Elected in Los Angeles.

SCOTT HAS CLOSE SHAVE

McNamara Lawyer on Good Government Ticket Wins.

WOMEN ARE TRIUMPHANT

Fair Voters Play Big Part in Defeat of Job Harriman—Latter Looks Upon Outcome as Hopeful to Party.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 6.—Complete returns from 315 out of 317 precincts in yesterday's municipal election give George Alexander, incumbent, candidate for Mayor, \$3,978, and Job Harriman, Socialist, \$2,232.

The two missing precincts are in the suburb of Wilmington. They had a registration of a little over 1500 and are expected to run about even between Alexander and Harriman.

The entire Good Government ticket was elected. No Socialist candidate for any office came within 65,000 votes of winning.

Scott Pulls Through.

Of the candidates for members of the Board of Education, Joseph Scott, who was allied with counsel for the defense of the McNamaras, finished in a list of seven. He is now president of the Board.

Prohibition was defeated by a vote of 31,491 for and 87,344 against. A remarkable fact developed by the vote, or rather the registration, was that apparently there are more grown persons in Los Angeles than children. There were 187,000 names on the polling lists after several thousand illegal entries had been erased.

Few Not Registered.

The city contains a population estimated at more than 350,000. Subtracting the registration leaves 163,000 persons unregistered and presumably under 21 years of age.

The Good Government and citizens' committee forces made a clean sweep of the Socialist ticket. At one time last night it was believed that Frank Wolf, formerly editor of the Morning Herald and Socialist candidate for the Council, might pull through, but later returns this morning crushed his hopes.

Job Harriman issued a statement today in which he claimed that the showing of the Socialists was in reality a tremendous victory.

"Our campaign starts today," he declared. "We will take the Legislature next year. Our committees are getting into shape and our convention will be held soon."

Rain Drenches City.

The city was treated to a copious shower.

\$40,000,000 BABY TO GET PLAIN TOYS

SANTA CLAUS' LIST FOR VINCENT M'LEAN MADE.

Wealth Will Not Make His Christmas Different From Countless Other 3-Year-Olds.

CHICAGO, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The \$40,000,000 baby is not much different from other babies in well-to-do families when it comes to getting toys for Christmas. This was proven by the visit of Mr. and Mrs. Edward McLean, of Washington, whose son of 3 years was willed the mentioned millions by his grandfather, Thomas A. Walsh, the Denver mining man. The parents and the youngster came to Chicago to do the baby's Christmas shopping.

"We have fairly accumulated a list of Vincent's wants," said Mrs. McLean, as she and her husband left the Congress Hotel for their shopping day. Vincent McLean, with his \$40,000,000 inheritance, will receive in his plump stocking this Christmas: A hobby horse with a long tail, building blocks, an especially noisy drum, an automatic bag that winds up.

Baby boys have the same tastes whether they are millionaires or just ordinary baby boys. A \$40,000,000 inheritance can't mar a 3-year-old disposition.

COMMERCIAL BODIES JOIN

San Francisco Business Men Hold Big Banquet in Celebration.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 6.—One thousand representative business men of San Francisco attended a banquet given tonight to commemorate the organization of the new San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

President Taft sent the following message of congratulation: "My hearty congratulations to the members of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce on the occasion which marks the merging of four great commercial organizations. May you find strength in your union and may the Panama Exposition city continue to grow and flourish as of old under this new commercial unity."

Congratulatory messages were also received from many Eastern commercial organizations.

The new organization includes the old Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants' Association, the Downtown Association and the Merchants' Exchange.

BUILDING CRASH KILLS 7

Twenty-one Workers Hurt When Concrete Structure Falls.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 6.—Under the glare of searchlights, police and firemen tonight searched for the bodies of persons caught in the wreckage of a three-story concrete building which collapsed today, killing seven workmen and injuring 21. It is believed the concrete had not set properly, owing to cold weather.

The dead: Fred Asher, Henry Barnes, M. F. Hadley, W. R. McConnell, David Rose, John Straughter, James Elverd.

The building collapsed at the noon hour, when most of the workmen had gone home. Most of those caught in the debris were seated about the structure eating their lunches. In one instance a priest gave absolution to men thought to be dying, who, a few minutes later, were rescued uninjured.

SUFFRAGETTES ARE BOGUS

Harvard Students Mob Fellows in Initiation Prank.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 6.—(Special.)—Two feminine figures paraded into Harvard Square this afternoon bearing large "Votes for Women" placards, but when one, introduced as Mrs. "Pankhurst," started to make a suffragette speech, a big crowd of collegians and civilians collected and "rushed" the two out of the square.

The news that an English suffragette, who was billed to speak in the Hall late in the afternoon, was being mobbed in the square created great excitement, but ended in a laugh when it was discovered the whole thing was a hoax, perpetrated by members of the "Institute of 1770" in course of initiating candidates for membership.

THREE PERISH IN FIRE

Man, Wife and Child Die When Apartment-House Burns.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 6.—Three persons were burned to death or suffocated tonight in a fire that destroyed the fashionable Marie apartment-house here. Those who lost their lives were Samuel Balfour, his wife and their 3-year-old daughter.

The bodies were found on the fourth floor of the apartment-house, where they had rooms.

WHITLOCK REFUSES RISE

Mayor of Toledo Refuses to Take More Than \$4000 as Salary.

TOLEDO, O., Dec. 6.—Mayor Brand Whitlock today refused an increase of \$500 in salary as chief executive of the city.

He so informed the chairman of the finance committee that was to have made the recommendation this evening. His present salary is \$4000.

BLOW IS AIMED AT RUSSIAN TREATY

Mass Meeting Demands Abrogation.

IMMEDIATE NOTICE IS URGED

Treatment of Jewish-Americans Basis of Action.

WHITE WOULD ARBITRATE

Ex-Ambassador Says War Would Be Like Fight Between Elephant and Whale—Movement Is Begun in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Abrogation of the treaty of friendly relations between the United States and Russia, made in 1832, was urged in speeches delivered by a dozen men of National prominence and in resolutions adopted at a large mass meeting held in Carnegie Hall tonight.

The meeting was under the auspices of the National Citizens' Committee, which plans a series of similar demonstrations throughout the country in the next month in protest against discrimination by Russia in her refusal to honor the passports of Jewish-American citizens.

Immediate Notice Advocated.

As a means to break the long deadlock in diplomacy over the passport question, most of the speakers tonight advocated immediate notice to Russia, of the abrogation of the treaty, the terms of which, they declared, had been violated by Russia.

Andrew D. White, ex-United States Ambassador to Russia, was chairman of the meeting and in his address dwelt on the relations between the United States and Russia. He was one of few speakers who strongly urged that Russia be invited to arbitrate the question at The Hague before a movement was made to abrogate the treaty.

Pride Would Be Hurt.

He said that Russia was a nation of great pride and that peremptory demand would lead to indignation rejoinders and reprisals, regardless of all justice.

"Might they not even congratulate themselves on the financial side of the question," suggested the chairman. "If the treaty should be cancelled, might not the pill be sweetened for them by the belief that all inheritances from Jewish families in Russia to Jewish heirs in America, would lapse into the Imperial Treasury?"

War Suggestion Foolish.

Mr. White characterized the suggestion of war as altogether foolish.

"The two nations cannot reach each other at any vulnerable point," he said. "It would be like a elephant trying to fight a whale."

Preceding the adoption of the resolutions, speeches were made by Senators, by the Speaker of the House, by the head of Cornell University and others. Conspicuous points in many speeches were:

Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey: "If the Russian government has felt through all these years that it could ignore the protests of American Ministers and Secretary of State, it has been because the American Government spoke for special interests or from some special point of view and not for the American people."

Champ Clark said that the conduct of Russia had created universal horror and protest. "There seems nothing left for us to do, except to abrogate this treaty."

Representative William Sulzer, New York: "There can be no arbitration, no delay. Russia has acted boldly and shamelessly."

Governor Harmon, of Ohio, sent a letter of regret, in which he endorsed the spirit of the meeting.

CIGAR MEN TO FIGHT TRUST

Retail Dealers to Resist Encroachments of Octopus in Northwest.

SEATTLE, Dec. 6.—(Special.)—The first State Association of Retail Cigar Dealers ever organized in the United States will be formed at a convention to be held in Seattle January 9 and 10. Delegates from the seven retail cigar dealers' associations in the large cities of the state are now being elected.

The arrangements for the convention are in the hands of J. R. Brewster, O. A. Benson, J. A. Gibson, T. J. Ivers and A. A. Wisniewski.

One of the prime causes of the state association is to band the leading retailers together to resist the encroachments of the tobacco trust in the Pacific Northwest. Independent retail cigar and tobacco dealers have long held a grievance against the trust, if on no other grounds than that the trust has been fit to put its own retail stores into all large cities and through a system of coupons and other devices compete with the independent retailers who have had to buy trust goods.

