

IMPERIAL FORCES ARMY FOR BATTLE

New Premier Believes Peace Conference at Shanghai Will Be Fruitless.

COMMANDER IS HONORED

Kindness to Prisoners Is Puzzle to Chinamen Who Heretofore Have Expected Death With Capture.

Head Ransom Reported.

PEKIN, Dec. 24.—Word comes from Pao Ting Fu, one of the important military centers, that the hospitals there are making preparations to care for many wounded, expected to be brought there soon.

This, along with other signs, is taken to indicate that the imperial government intends to renew hostilities.

It is believed that Premier Yuan Shi Kai sees the hopelessness of the peace conference now going on at Shanghai and evidently desires to repeat the general effect of the capture of Han Yang by retaking Wu Chang, which under present conditions, should fall easily to the imperialists.

New Premier Is Firm.

An edict issued in the disguised terms that have characterized such documents since Yuan Shi Kai assumed the premiership confers posthumous honors on the imperialist commander who committed suicide when the city of Sao Chow was captured by the republicans. This is one of many such honors recently bestowed by Premier Yuan, which the six-hundred did not dare to bestow, and it means that Yuan Shi Kai has not been intimidated.

Thirty-four quiescent rebel prisoners have reached Pao Ting Fu. This has aroused comment because prisoners are seldom taken in China.

Humane Treatment Puzzle.

The Chinese have difficulty in understanding the Western idea of capturing and caring for prisoners.

A reliable Chinese report has been received from Chung King that Tuan Fang's head is being taken to Hu Pei for ransom. Tuan Fang formerly was director general of the Hu Kwang Railroad. He had been recently appointed Viceroy of Sze Chuen province, and, according to information reaching the missionaries, Chung King was killed by his own soldiers at Hu Ching. Tuan Fang discovered that his troops were disloyal and after attempting to bribe the officers, tried to escape in company with his brother. But the soldiers backed them to pieces.

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FAIR DIVORCEE WHO WRITES STINGING CRITICISM OF LADY BARCLAY, FORMER AMERICAN GIRL.



MRS. E. C. BUCKLEY.

WOMAN KINDLES IRE

Lady Barclay, American, Target of Divorcee's Pamphlets.

EUROPEAN SET IN FURORE

Marriage of Sir Coleridge Kennard, Co-Respondent in Separation Suit, Prompts Attack by Mrs. E. C. Buckley in Rome.

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SOOTHSAYER OOM FACES NEW CHARGE

Young Actresses Make Dis- closures About Cult to Dis- trict Attorney.

NEW INDICTMENT SOUGHT

Middle-Aged Woman Who Was Begged to Invest Coin in Weird Set's Teachings Says High Priest Preyed Upon Her Sex.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Through recent disclosures by two actresses, the District Attorney's office expects to have Oom, the omnipotent head of the Tankrit cult and the "New College of Sanskrit," arrested again in connection with charges of immorality and fraud in his alleged religious exercises, held in the "temple," sometimes known as "the house of mystery" at 254 West Seventy-eighth street.

Oom was arrested in the Spring of 1910 on complaint of Zella Hopp and Gertrude Leo, but the women disappeared when the case was due for trial and Oom's attorney secured a dismissal of the indictment returned against him by the grand jury.

Assistant District Attorney Smith has Miss Hopp under surveillance and may have her tell her story anew to the grand jury and supplement it with the disclosures of the two young stage women, in an effort to secure another indictment against Oom.

Woman Hears Secret.

In addition, Assistant District Attorney Smith has a lengthy statement from a middle-aged woman who declares she was duped by Oom. Her name is withheld by Mr. Smith, who has given out her statement. It is in part as follows:

"It was Oom's custom to give those who entered the inner or esoteric circle new names. He gave men's names to the women. There was for instance, a large, stout, blond English woman who had gone as far as women could go into the inner circle with its grades of chanting and screaming and dancing and utter abandon. She was known under the name of 'Ben.' She told me she had paid Oom \$1000 for the privilege of being admitted to the third degree of the cult.

"There were in all seven degrees. The last four were reserved for men. The Tankrit cult did not admit the women. Only a man could become a guru—a full-fledged priest or exponent of the attempted revival of the ancient Hindu beliefs and rites with all which that implies.

"I was first attracted to Oom's places by the advertisements in the newspapers announcing lectures on subjects of Oriental philosophy and instruction in the Sanskrit language. Oom himself never gave any lectures. Several of the swami who spoke there were interesting.

Many Women Attracted.

"An admission fee of a quarter was charged to attend the lectures. There would be audiences numbering from about 30 down to six. The majority of the strangers attracted were women—about an equal division of middle-aged and young women. Oom urged me to learn the mysteries of the Tankrit faith to the third degree, saying this could be accomplished by the payment of \$100—\$150 down and the remainder in such payments and such time as I found convenient. I told him I could not afford to pay such a sum. He looked at several diamond rings on my hands and said he was surprised. I told him that I didn't even think I could afford the quarter admission fee to the lectures. He told me that thereafter I need not pay admission, but urged me to pay \$500 to be admitted into a knowledge of the secret practices of the sect. He assured me that within four months I would possess knowledge with which I could attract pupils and earn as much again as the price I paid.

"After the lecture the other strangers were gone, Oom and 'Kay,' one of his disciples, another disciple named Parrish and Ellnor Norton, or 'Jack,' as she was known to the esoteric circles, and the young girl, Doris Leeds, who, I believe was sometimes called 'Willie,' and sometimes other women and men would remain until all hours of the night. There was an artist who had a studio in the same building, who came to the meetings, but I do not think he was of the 'inside circle.'

Girls Oom's Companions.

"Jack and 'Ben' and 'Willie' were great friends. Miss Norton is about 25 and Miss Leeds not more than 18, I should say. They are the two girls who live with him in his flat at No. 215 West Eighteenth street.

"I knew Oom first as Homer S. Leeds, but later 'Jack' told me that he was none other than the Omnipotent Oom of the Seventy-eighth street 'house of mystery' scandal. I was told that Miss Leeds was a sister of Oom, and again that she was his daughter. It is hard to believe she is either. She is rather too old to be his daughter, and she bears not the slightest resemblance to him. He has very black hair, a long nose and dark, shallow countenance and is very thin and tall. She has large eyes, a very fair complexion and golden hair. She seems utterly in his power. She is alive in his slightest gesture; her eyes are constantly on him and they have in them that peculiar, half-staring, half-gazed expression of the hypnotized.

UTAH SLAYER ACQUITTED

Written Law of State Applies When Home Is Broken Up.

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 24.—Henry Southworth was acquitted at 2 o'clock this morning of the murder of E. J. Hanks, who was killed in an amusement park in this city August 12 last, and he is at his home in Farmington tonight with his mother and children.

The jury's composition entirely of married men, occupied three hours in their deliberations and took one ballot.

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playing in the park, was shot to death while walking with Mrs. Southworth. Southworth's defense was temporary insanity and the plea that Hanks had broken up his home, or what is known in some states as the "unwritten law," but which in Utah is written law.

Montesano Hits Sunday Theaters.
MONTESANO, Wash., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—At the regular meeting of the City Council this week an ordinance

was passed prohibiting all vaudeville performances in moving-picture shows on Sunday, also prohibiting the showing of pictures not approved and passed by the National board of censorship. The license of the Montesano Opera-House was revoked, the proprietor, J. E. Cal-

der, having refused to comply with the law in regard to wiring, exits, etc.

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Some eminent histologists and chemists were employed by the United Drug Co., Boston, Mass., to find the means of destroying these microbes and a remedy that would create a new growth of hair where the hair roots had not been entirely destroyed.

After months of study, experiment-ing and research work, they discovered what they claimed would do what was demanded. To unquestionably prove their theory, 100 leading druggists, located in as many different cities, were requested to each furnish the name of a responsible person suffering from falling hair and baldness. Each of these 100 persons was furnished three bottles of the preparation with a request to give it a thorough trial and report results.

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When the verdict was announced there was a demonstration in the courtroom which called forth a stern reprimand from Judge Harris.

An effort was made by District Attorney E. T. Hunsaker to have Southworth held pending an examination as to his sanity. Judge Harris ruled that he could not pass upon the matter at this time and the attorney said that he would take the necessary action to have the examination made within a few days.

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