

PRESIDENT'S POWER IN CHINA IS LARGE

Proposed Constitution, Which Dr. Goodnow Approves, Is One-Man Affair.

WESTERN IDEAS MODIFIED

If Effective Legislative Body Can Be Developed, It Will Exercise Great Power—Disorders Justify Yuan's Conservatism.

PEKIN, June 21.—Dr. Frank J. Goodnow, who plans to give up his post of adviser to the President of China and return to America in August to become president of Johns Hopkins University, is pleased with the revision of the provisional constitution of this country. Though the revision of the constitution is criticised and ridiculed by the foreign press published in China, the Chinese press not daring to do so, Mr. Goodnow says it is much like the drafts which he drew up at the request of the President. "It is modeled in a large measure," says Goodnow, "on the Japanese constitution, making allowance for a president as differing from an emperor."

The revised constitution gives the President dictatorial powers. He has held them hitherto to such an extent as any single man can be a dictator, but not legally. "Occidental ideas adapted to Asia. Japan's constitution," Goodnow explains, "has been a successful attempt to adapt ideas of European representative government to an Asiatic people that has always had the autocratic government. The last two years especially show that the Japanese people are getting control of their government."

The President has, in the first place, practically supreme powers over the executive and administrative branches of the government. He appoints all civil and military officers and has the power to dismiss all officials, with the single exception of judges. His exercise of this power is not subject to the control of the Legislature.

"He has power to issue ordinances 'not contrary to law' to promote public welfare, as well as execution of law. In times of urgency, when the Legislature cannot be called together, he has the power to issue ordinances which supersede existing law. These ordinances must be submitted to the Legislature for approval, and if disapproved become void. Thus the President has concurrent power of legislation."

Effective Parliament Possible. "If, however, a legislative body which is at all effective can be developed it is hardly to be doubted that it will exercise great influence over the President's power of legislation. If the body is incapable it will not hamper him. If it is effective and really represents the people the President will not be likely to use his power of veto in serious matters. "The success of the revised constitution depends on the action of the President. It is my belief and opinion that the President is sincerely desirous of contributing to the establishment of a form of representative government which will permit China to solve the problems that are before her. President Yuan is unaccustomed to the forms and practices of constitutional government as it is seen in Europe and America. He must also be guided in such that he does by those who are about him and must make use of the means which are at his command. He is naturally inclined to take a conservative rather than a radical view of the situation. The disorders in the country prove that such an attitude on his part is correct."

MINERS LAUNCH A UNION

(Continued From First Page.) President Moyer has had an opportunity to outline his policy. The seceders have an executive committee of 20, a majority of whom are known to be members of the Industrial Workers of the World. The chairman of the committee is J. E. Bradley, one of the leaders of the I. W. W. in Butte. Moyer to Announce Plan.

The regulars of the Butte local of the Western Federation of Miners, under the leadership of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Federation, yesterday obtained from the present officers of the local union and the recently elected officers who are to take office in July, their resignations, hoping to bring election and thereby save the Butte local from being disrupted. Moyer last night announced that he had the resignations and that the complete plan he had formulated to save the union would be announced at the regular meeting of the union Tuesday night. Moyer announced the resignations last night, hoping to forestall action such as the seceders took today.

The Western Federation holds contracts with the mine owners and, besides the miners, has jurisdiction over all other mine workers, including hoisting engineers, carpenters, timbermen, blacksmiths, ropemen, electricians, tanners, machinists and boiler makers. All of these are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

The Western Federation has the power by its contract with the mine owners to say who may be lowered into the mines and the Federation's agent at the mines has the power to order the engineer not to lower any of the seceders into the workings.

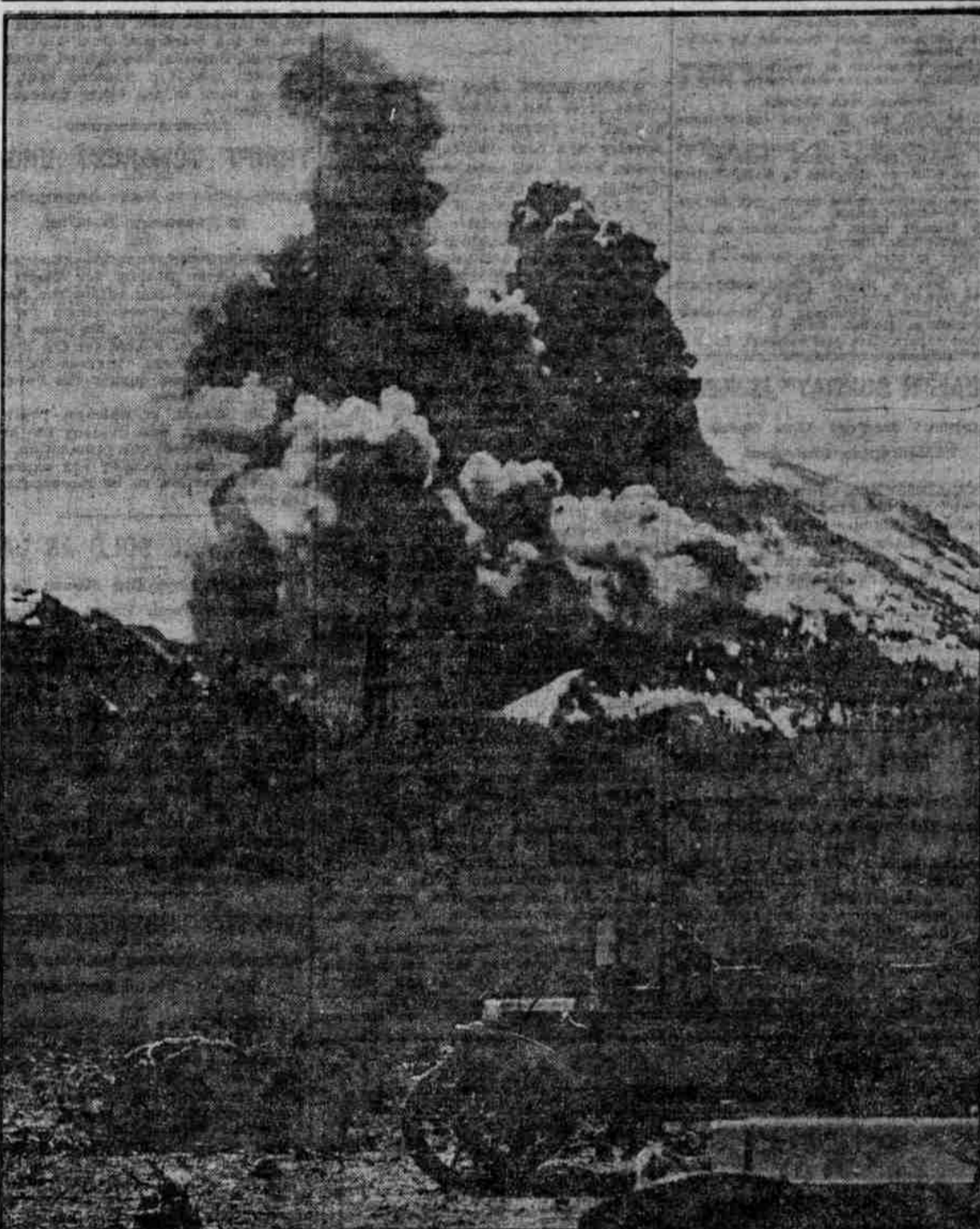
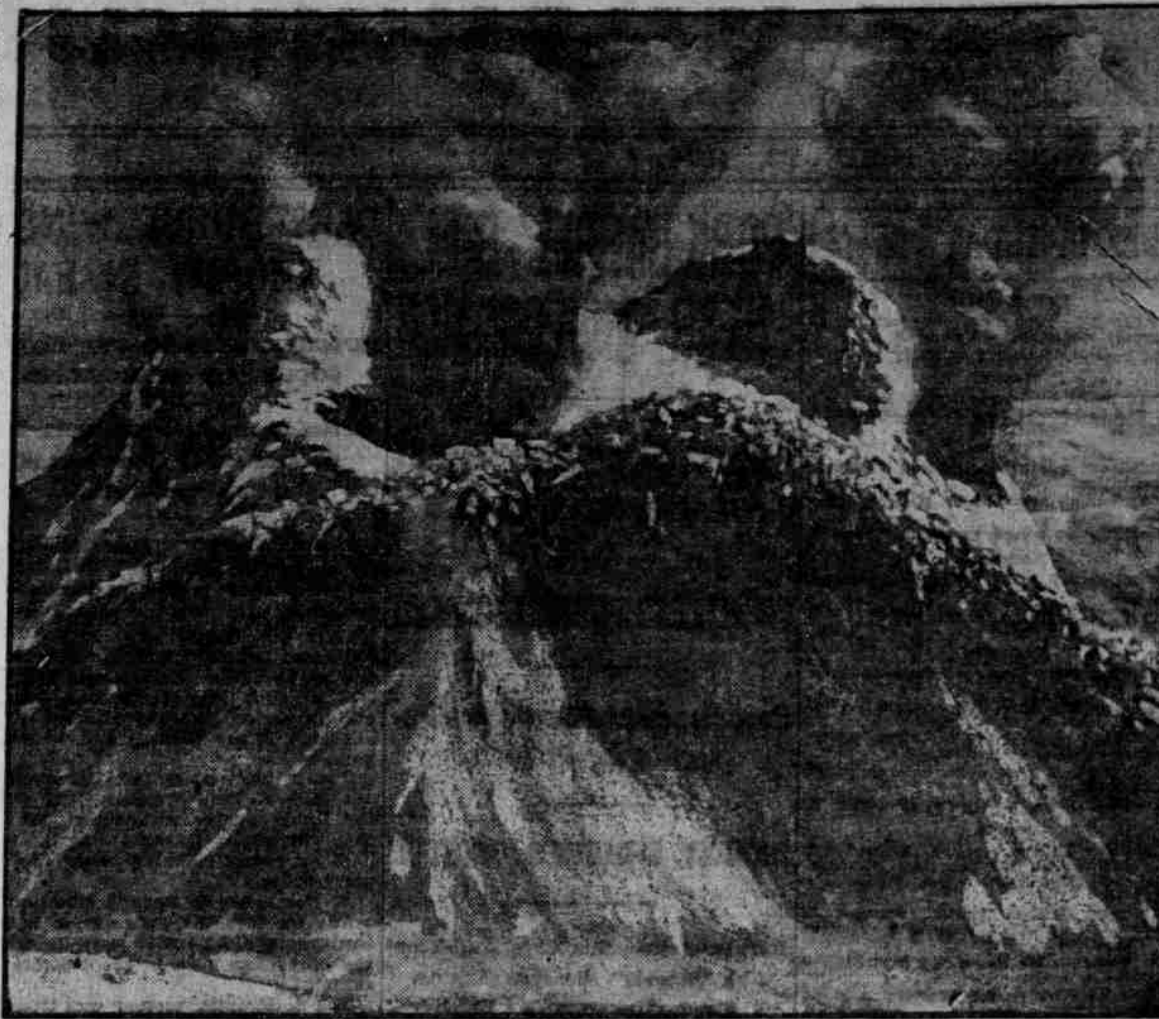
Under the contract between the Federation and the mine owners the Federation, if it has not enough men in Butte to work the mines, must furnish them from the outside.

MINEOWNERS NOT INVOLVED

Trouble Due to Effort to Dislodge Federation From Montana. No difference between miners and mineowners enters into the situation at Butte. Most of the trouble lies in the ranks of the miners themselves. It is an effort, successful so far, to dislodge the Western Federation of Miners from Montana.

This is the statement of Thomas W. Gerber, a newspaperman who has just returned from Butte, where he had an opportunity to observe what was going on. "The situation is critical," he said last night. "Most of the people there do not look for any more violence right away, but expect a long struggle. Furthermore, 90 per cent of the people are in sympathy with the striking miners. The issues are clearly defined. A week ago Friday the miners walked out of two big mines because they had decided not to show their cards to the walking delegates. They had for a

DRAWING AND PHOTOGRAPH DEPICT ERUPTION OF MOUNT LASSEN.



TOP, DRAWING SHOWS HOW CRATER BURST OUT ON TWO SIDES NEAR SUMMIT—BELOW, PHOTOGRAPH OF MOUNTAIN IN ERUPTION.

long time been paying heavy assessments for the support of strikes in other states. Dissatisfaction with what they regarded as undue levies on their pay checks resulted in the organized refusal to show their cards. "It is the generally accepted opinion in Butte that the 'secessionists,' as they are called, deliberately appointed a committee to wreck the old Miners' Union Hall and destroy the records. This is practically the only violence there has been. "The position taken by the mineowners is open and antagonistic to none. They have a signed contract with the Miners' Union and declare they are going to live up to it. Under the contract they can employ only union men and the 'secessionists' are barred."

SWIMMING POOL SOUGHT

Vancouver Council and Commercial Club Committee Investigate.

VANCOUVER, Wash., June 21.—(Special.)—The need of a swimming pool for boys here has been so pressing for several years that the City Council and the Vancouver Commercial Club are looking for a place where boys may swim without danger. At least a dozen boys have been drowned while swimming in the Columbia River in the past few years. A committee composed of W. J. Kinney, president of the Commercial Club; City Engineer B. L. Dorman and Councilman George E. Schuele, last evening visited Burnt Bridge Creek, just outside of the city and not far from the carline, to A. Falk's fine picnic grounds, where a couple of swimming holes are not deep enough to be dangerous. A spring board and other paraphernalia could be built at trifling cost. Mr. Falk may either donate or lease the ground. The committee will report at the next Council meeting.

Colonel's Cousin-in-Law Is Safe.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Landon Warner, of the Smithsonian Institution, whose relatives feared he was lost in a prairie fire in the heart of Mongolia, is safe, according to word received here today. Mrs. Warner, who was formerly Miss Lorraine Roosevelt, a cousin of Colonel Roosevelt, is in Shanghai.

LA GRANDE IN GAY DRESS

OREGON RETAIL MERCHANTS TO BEGIN CONVENTION TODAY.

Three Days to Be Devoted to Business and Pleasure, Including Street Dance and Automobile Trip in Valley.

LA GRANDE, Or., June 21.—(Special.)—Finishing touches were put on the preparations for the entertainment of the Oregon Retail Merchants' convention, which convenes here for three days tomorrow. The city presents a gala appearance, being decorated throughout the business section with bunting, flags and vari-colored pennants.

A number of delegates arrived here today in time to witness the Eastern Oregon motorcycle races. The larger portion will arrive by special train tomorrow morning, and will be met by the La Grande band and escorted to the hall, where routine business will take up their time until Tuesday evening, when a grand community ball will be held on the pavement on Adams avenue, delegate badges to serve as an introduction to all ladies dancing. Wednesday morning 150 automobiles will take the delegates for a tour of the valley. They will travel the foothill road, so as to view the valley as a whole, to Summerville, and return through the center of the valley by way of Imbler, Union and Hot Lake, making stops at each place. For Wednesday afternoon the most complete wild West show, consisting of racing, bull-dogging, broncho-busting and all buckaroo events has been arranged. Riders of wide renown will exhibit their dexterity for the pleasure of La Grande's guests. On Wednesday evening a farewell banquet prepared and served by 100 of the Neighborhood Club members, will be spread. Nothing is being spared to make this the banner affair for the visiting merchants. The La Grande band, the La Grande orchestra and the La Grande

quartet, besides solos and instrumental music, together with after-dinner speeches, will complete the programme. Much speculation is afoot as to which will be the lucky city chosen as the meeting place for the 1916 convention. While it is understood that bids for this honor will be registered by Eastern Oregon towns, it is expected that some Willamette Valley city will be the victor.



COLOMBIAN LOBBY TO BE INVESTIGATED

Attacks on Americans and Activity Over Canal Treaty Arouse Senators.

LETTER TO T. R. GIVEN OUT

Senor Escobar Reverts Charge of Blackmail Against His Nation and Says Colonel's Own Conscience Accuses Him.

WASHINGTON, June 17.—Part of the opposition to ratification of the treaty that proposes to apologize to Colombia and pay that nation \$25,000,000, besides making concessions as to rights in the Panama Canal that the United States itself does not enjoy, will center around the recent activities of Consul-General Escobar, of Colombia. Senor Escobar has been conducting an extensive lobby that has sent out from New York much literature praising the provisions of the proposed agreement and denouncing frequently in savage terms, American citizens who have opposed the apology and the money payment to his country.

Born to Urge Investigation. Senator Borah, of Idaho, who, with Senator Smith, of Michigan, will be active in opposing the ratification of this treaty, have been supplied with copies of the literature being sent out to influence the press and with evidence of other lobbying work by the Colombian representatives. They will submit the documents to the Senate and ask an investigation.

Every senator and every Representative in Congress recently received from Escobar a copy of a letter addressed to Colonel Roosevelt in reply to the former President's interview, characterizing the proposed \$25,000,000 gift as blackmail. Escobar in this communication used abusive language concerning Colonel Roosevelt, and wound up with a plea for a return to the "golden" traditions of the United States.

In his letter to Colonel Roosevelt Senor Escobar said that the executive power at Washington, who sent to the Congress of the United States, one of the most august bodies of men, a message dealing with Colombia in which were made such misstatements that I felt called on to refute them in an article published in the North American Review for January, 1904.

Colonel's Reply Called "Tirade." "In the year 1911 (October 7) you published in The Outlook a cowardly tirade against Colombia and the Colombian people, again full of misstatements. Upon that provocation I sent you an open letter contradicting flatly your libelous accusations and hurling back at you your favorite epithets, but you did not deem it necessary to answer me either by retracting your charges or gaining my counter-charges.

"You satisfied public opinion with that overbearing declaration, saying: 'No, I don't intend to pay any more attention to it (my letter) than I would to the ravings of Debs or any other crazy Socialist on the McManamy trial,' intending to classify me with people with whom I have nothing in common, forgetting to look up my record during the long years that I have spent in your country, even in the classrooms of one of your most famous universities, almost as famous as the one where you procured your versatile training."

Last month when you emerged from the Brazilian jungle your first outburst as of relief was the charge of 'blackmail' hurled against Colombia. "And now, even before you had time to embrace your dear ones at home, you come out against Colombia again, declaring that the amount stipulated to be paid to her in the new treaty is 'blackmail.'"

"It is plain, therefore, that abuse of Colombia has become an obsession of your mind. And searching for an explanation of such a psychological disease I have come to the conclusion that your hatred to Colombia is born within your conscience, where, ever and anon, rises the ghost of that fatal November 3, 1903, pointing an accusing finger at the author of Colombia's greatest misfortune."

Blackmail Charge Reverted. "And you try to appease your conscience by abusing the victim; you go on repeating the odious word 'blackmail,' with which you pretend to brand every Colombian without heeding our protests, with utter disregard of our feelings, and keeping silent when we ask you for proofs."

"I now come to ask you in the most earnest though respectful manner to refrain from applying to Colombia and the Colombians such an ugly word, and to remind you that you have not proved your charges so far."

"I further suggest for your consideration that even during your Administration it was acknowledged that Colombia had a grievance and was offered a reparation; that during the fol-

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Following Administration a proposal was made to Colombia (which, though called informal, has the character of an official offer) to settle her claims for the sum of \$25,000,000, which offer was refused; and that the present Administration, in consenting to sign the new treaty, has not given Colombia anything that was not previously offered in one form or another, during Republican Administrations. "Finally, it might be proper to call your attention to the fact that in trying to repair a damage, to right an in-

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