

CHINA'S PRESIDENT DIES IN HIS PALACE

Yuan Shi Kai's Illness Laid to Stomach Trouble, Suicide Rumor Being Denied.

PEKIN STILL IS ORDERLY

Foreigners Living Outside Legation Quarter Advised They Are Safe for Present—Lai Yuen-hung to Be Successor.

PEKIN, June 6.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic, died today. Premier Tuan Chi-jui immediately advised Lai Yuen-hung, the vice-president, of his succession to the presidency. President Yuan died at 1 o'clock this morning in the palace, surrounded by his wives and older children. Rumors that he committed suicide are stoutly denied by high officials.

Successor to Take Oath Today.

Lai Yuen-hung will take the presidential oath tomorrow. Chinese are rushing into the legation quarters, taking their valuables with them and engaging hotel accommodations there.

Lai Yuen-hung, who becomes president of China, in the regular course of events would remain in office until October of next year, when the term of five years for which Yuan Shi Kai was elected will expire. Owing to disturbed political conditions, however, his tenure of office is uncertain.

Yuan Shi Kai died while the storms of revolutions were gathering in increasing strength. The revolt broke out in December, 1915, when the president announced his intention of establishing a monarchy and ascending the throne as the first Emperor of a new dynasty.

The establishing of a monarchy was strenuously opposed by Japan and the final abandonment of the plan was largely credited to the representations made by Tokio.

Resignation Once Promised.

The revolt progressed, however, and in March the governors of the Chinese provinces demanded the resignation of the president. President Yuan announced May 26 his intention to resign when a suitable successor was chosen.

Born in 1853, the son of a district governor in the province of Honan, Yuan Shi Kai aspired to an official position, but the rule was that official life was open only to those who passed in ancient classics. Yuan utterly failed in one of those government tests at which thousands of aspirants are selected for three days undergoing examination.

He went into Corea as a secretary with the army and there rose rapidly through his display of military and diplomatic ability. The famous grand chancellor, Li Hung Chang, recognized in him a man of action and appointed him Chinese resident at Seoul. This was the highest post in the empire, and Yuan held it when he was only 36 years old. When the Japanese drove the Chinese out of Corea, he was one of the few to return to Peking still in the favor of the court.

Yuan Restored to Influence.

He rose to great prominence through his effective reorganization of the army after the war with Japan had showed its weaknesses.

With the death of the Empress Dowager and the Emperor Kuang Hsu, almost coincidentally, and possibly each by poison at the hands of the other, the child Emperor, Hsun Tung, came to the throne under the regency of Prince Chun. Yuan, presumably because he had gained such a control of the army, was dismissed in disgrace.

When the anti-Manchu rebellion broke out in October, 1911, the Manchu regency, in despair, urged Yuan to return. He became the first premier of the "responsible cabinet," which the regency offered the rebels as a concession of peace. But neither the rebels nor Yuan were satisfied. The abdication of the Manchu rulers was forced, and the boy Emperor, at the dictation of Yuan Shi Kai, authorized the premier to organize with the rebel leaders at Nanking a republican form of government.

Sun Yat-sen, the provisional president of the southern rebels, was forced to retire and Yuan Shi Kai was elected provisional president of the Chinese republic at Nanking on February 15, 1912. He took the oath of office at Peking the following month.

Washington Is Optimistic.

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American Minister Reimsch at Peking announced the death of Yuan Shi Kai, President of China.

The Minister's message, dated at Peking at 11 A. M. today, said Yuan died last night, and that Premier Tuan Chi-jui has announced that he would give his full support to the Vice-President, Lai Yuen-hung. No details of the President's death were given, and no mention was made of the widely circulated and officially denied reports that he had been poisoned.

It is generally believed in Washington that the accession of Lai Yuen-hung to the Presidency will make possible early restoration of order in China and bring the revolting and loyal provinces together. Lai has occupied a peculiar position, having taken sharp issue with Yuan in opposition to the restoration of the monarchy and being thoroughly imbued with republican ideals.

Lai is declared to be one of the most popular men in China, because he has abstained from factional quarrels, and has a reputation for high integrity.

POLITICAL FUTURE CLOUDED

Yuan's Death Believed Unfortunate for Southern Factions.

SHANGHAI, June 6.—The opinion was expressed here today that the death of Yuan Shi Kai might have an unfortunate effect on political conditions and that it was most inopportune for the southerners. Negotiations were on the eve of successful completion on the basis of the retirement of Yuan Shi Kai in favor of Lai Yuen-hung and the formation of a coalition cabinet in which the southerners expected to obtain a predominant position. The southerners were to guarantee the safety of Yuan Shi Kai and his monarchist partisans.

The death of the President, which under the constitution will result in the succession of Lai Yuen-hung, rous the southerners of all grounds of hostility to the north, but it also leaves them nothing in which to bargain for power. Premier Tuan Chi-jui, supported by troops, may be able to set up a quasi-military government, in which the southerners, if represented at all, will be in the minority.

Chang Soulin, Governor of Mukden province and the former Manchu General, Chang Shun, may make an attempt to reinstate the Manchu dynasty. It also is believed that Feng Kuocheng, Governor of Nanking, aspires to the Presidency.

EUGENE TO HEAR ACTION

Judge Skipworth to Sit on \$2000 Suit Against Doughs Company.

ROSEBURG, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—The damage suit of R. M. Buttle, a traveling salesman, vs. Douglas County will be heard by Judge G. P. Skipworth at Eugene next week, according to word received by District Attorney George Neuner today.

Mr. Buttle asserts that while riding on a stage between Drain and Scottsburg in September, 1913, the vehicle overturned and he sustained permanent injuries. The overturning of the stage, he alleges, was due to the condition of the roads. The District Attorney will oppose Mr. Buttle's contention, and will claim that if any liability exists it rests upon the stage company over whose lines he was traveling and not upon Douglas County.

The suit was originally brought by Mr. Buttle to recover \$30,000, but the amount was later reduced to \$2000. Mr. Buttle was granted a change of venue at a recent term of the Circuit Court here.

HIGHER EDUCATION URGED

Carlton Spencer Speaker at Cottage Grove Exercises.

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—Nineteen graduates of Cottage Grove High School were urged to follow up the advantages which their education has given them in the commencement address by Carlton Spencer, a Portland attorney, recent university graduate and former Cottage Grove boy. Clarence Spencer, a brother, was one of the graduates. E. R. Spencer, father of the two boys and a member of the School Board, was also on the platform.

The graduates were Herald Wellington White, Sadie L. Cox, Blanche Lorene Groom, Mabel Lillian Shorrledge, Prentice Powell Callison, Orpha Mae Stevens, Doris Jeanne Harding, Marjorie E. Shaw, Ellis B. Harding, Clarence D. Spencer, Evelyn Charlotte Turk, Ellen Brown, Opal Irene Whiteley, Daniel Lindley Woods, Annabel Small, Lillian Imogene Holladay, Arthur W. Combs and Zena Fay Eams.

FREE SERVICE DEMANDED

Telephone Toll Between Chehalis and Centralia Protested.

CENTRALIA, Wash., June 6.—(Special.)—At the noon luncheon of the Commercial Club yesterday a committee was appointed to be present at the next meeting between the City Commission and officials of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company, when the proposed new franchise to be given the company by the city will be discussed.

The committee, composed of J. R. Buxton, E. E. Teachnor, M. C. Hancock, Carlton Sears, Dr. F. G. Titus and Fred Thomas, will demand free service between Centralia and Chehalis, in effect between Raymond and South Bend and Aberdeen and Hoquiam, situated similarly to Centralia and Chehalis.

PAVING PLANS HALTED

Changes in Pendleton Street Work Programme to Be Made.

PENDLETON, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—As a result of a meeting last night of a large number of property owners on the North Side affected by the proposed paving proposition it is probable that the Pendleton City Council will change considerably the proposed paving district. The district will be reduced to Madison street from Jackson to Wilson, and Wilson street from Main to Bush. There is a possibility that North Main street will be paved from Jackson to Wilson.

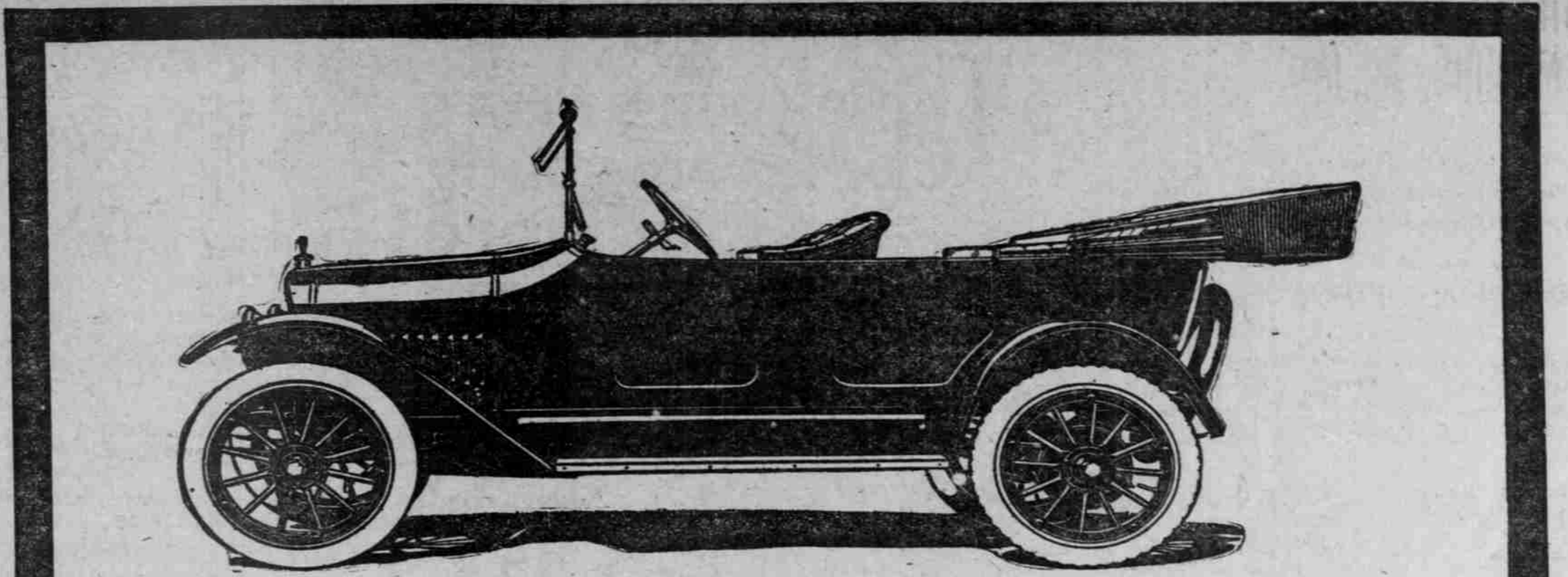
It was brought out last night that many of the property owners on the proposed district were not consulted when the plans were made.

Lewis River Logging Company Busy.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., June 6.—(Special.)—The tie-loading plant belonging to the Lewis River Boom & Logging Company, located on Lake River at Ridgefield, resumed operations for an indefinite run Monday morning, after being closed for over two years. The reopening of this plant gives employment to about 30 men, mostly from this place.

One Man Does Work of Five.

CANYON CITY, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—L. K. DeWolfe's sawmill timber crew in Bear Valley went on strike last week. The spokesman demanded that Mr. DeWolfe discharge a member of the crew. Mr. DeWolfe refused, and five of the crew struck. Now one of the men is doing the work of five men.



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SEX PARTY RAPPED

Dr. Shaw Says Formation Is Hindrance to Suffrage.

CO-OPERATION IS ADVISED

Women's Assembly Adopts Statement to Be Presented to Republican Convention at Conclusion of Today's Parade.

CHICAGO, June 6.—Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, pioneer suffragist and honorary president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association, addressing the meeting of the assembly here today, attacked the action of the Congressional Union in forming a women's party.

"The woman's party is a great hindrance to suffrage," she said. "You can't organize the home to fight the men on one point nationally and expect these same men to co-operate with women on other points which are of vital importance."

The assembly adopted a statement to be presented to the resolutions committee of the Republican National Convention at the conclusion of the parade of suffragists tomorrow. The statement says:

"We women from every state come to you in the name of justice, liberty and equality to ask you to incorporate in your platform a declaration favoring the extension of suffrage to the only remaining class of unfranchised citizens—the women of our Nation.

Mostly desire the vote, but who believe that the perpetuity of our National ideals, our patriotism and our Americanism positively demand that women assume the responsibility of full citizenship.

"We make our request in the name of justice. But a great party may well consider the expediency of such a course, since the women of seven states—Oregon, Arizona, Montana, Nevada, Kansas, Illinois and Iowa—have gained the vote since 1912, and these women voters have their party affiliations yet to make.

"It must be understood by all that the women of this country will not cease in their struggle for the vote until the women of every state are enfranchised. With party help or without it, we shall win. We believe that party to be far-seeing which befriends our cause."

Beaver Hide Sales Bring Fines.

CANYON CITY, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—Several citizens of the county

pleaded guilty to the charge of buying and selling beaver hides, before Justice of the Peace White last week at John Day. District Game Warden L. E. Hazelton, of Baker and Grant counties, made the complaints, which resulted in each offender being fined \$100 and costs.

RANCH BRINGS \$35,000

Umatilla County Land and Sheep Bought by Heppner Man.

PENDLETON, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—Through a deal consummated today, Douglas Belts sold 2240 acres of land on Birch Creek and 2000 head of sheep to George Currin & Son, of Heppner. The consideration was approximately \$35,000 and will be paid in cash.

The son will take charge of the ranch at once and conduct it as a sheep ranch. The deal was made through the office

of E. T. Wade, of Pendleton. The place is known as the old Belts home place.

Pendleton Pioneer Elected Head.

PENDLETON, Or., June 6.—(Special.)—George D. Peebler, prominent Pendleton pioneer, was chosen president of the Umatilla County Pioneers' Association at the close of their annual picnic Saturday at Weston. Mr. Peebler has lived in Oregon since 1833 and has been a resident of Umatilla County for the past 40 years. Link Swaggart, of Adreha, was named vice-president. J. H. Price was honored with the position of treasurer, and S. A. Barnes was re-elected to the position of secretary.

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