

DICTATOR NOW RULES IN CHINA

Chinese General Terrorizes Empire and Controls Army.

ARSENALS IN OPERATION

Allies Permit Manufacture and Distribution of Guns and Ammunition Designed for Their Destruction—Panchofote Confers With Hay.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—A Peking dispatch to the Pall Mall Gazette, dated December 17, says:

The situation has not improved by the representatives of the powers having reached an agreement, as the scope of the negotiations is limited and the effect is neutralized.

The allies have neglected to close the arsenals and factories at Han Kow and Shanghai, and have failed to check the transmission of supplies and ammunition of the Chinese. Tung Fung Slang thus has every opportunity of rallying and equipping his army. He has secured the position of dictator, terrorizes the empire and controls the whole movement of the troops.

It will be necessary to give the military operations of the allies a wider area.

ENGLAND AGREES WITH US.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hay had a conference for a short time this morning with Lord Pauncefote, the British ambassador, devoted solely to the Chinese situation. The result was to clear up, so far as that can be accomplished in Washington, some obscurity as to the Peking agreement, and unless unexpected opposition comes from some other source, neither the state department nor the British embassy has any reason to apprehend further delay in the consummation of the agreement.

A misunderstanding appears to exist as to the British attitude, according to officials here. So far from holding out for more severe terms and harsher measures generally, it is stated that the British government is in thorough accord with our own policy, as developed in the latest Peking negotiations and the exchanges that have taken place between Secretary Hay and Lord Pauncefote. The United States government itself has taken every precaution in making its contribution to the agreement to insure its binding force, and at no time has the British government sought to go beyond the state department in the terminology proposed for the agreement.

TURKEY WILL NOT PAY.

Administration No Longer Expects the Sultan to Settle Claims.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A special to the Herald from Washington says:

Payment of the missionary claims pending against Turkey is no longer expected by the administration. Although the sultan entertained the officers of the Kentucky in truly royal style, he did not let the presence of the battleship have any effect upon his pocket book and still holds the \$50,000 which American missionaries assign as the value of personal and missionary property destroyed six years ago. The Kentucky has left Smyrna for Port Said en route to Manila.

The belief of the administration is that Turkey will not settle the claims because of the reported purpose of Great Britain to press the missionary claims of her subjects against the Sublime Porte. It is stated that if another nation begins to press its claims the sultan will probably decline to settle those of the United States. The reason the American claims have not been disposed of is the fear of Turkey that other governments will require that their claims be paid.

The state department has not been informed of the signing of the contract with the representatives of the Camps at Constantinople for a cruiser, the cost of which was to have included the amount of the American claims.

MILLIONAIRE'S SON ARRESTED.

Bought Bronze Ornaments for Which He Did Not Pay.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Andrew White Brown, a young man stopping at the Palace Hotel, has been arrested on a dispatch from Fulton, Oswego county, New York, stating that he is wanted there for grand larceny. On registering at the hotel a few days ago he claimed to be the son of a New York millionaire and said he was making a trip around the world.

The complaint against Brown was preferred by Charles Wendell, a jeweler of Fulton, N. Y., who is said to have sold him some bronze ornaments which have not been paid for. Brown said he believes that Wendell caused his arrest in order to humiliate him.

CATHOLIC OBSERVANCES.

Pope Issues a Decree Regarding Manner of Reception of New Century.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Herald prints the following: Official instructions have been received here from the pope detailing how Roman Catholics are to observe the ceremonial closing of the year and the century on the night of December 31.

It is issued by Cardinal Creton, prefect of the Sacred Congregation of Indulgences and Rites, and signed also by Archbishop Sogaro, secretary of the congregation.

The decree is from the pope and is addressed to all the world.

"Now that the present age is drawing to a close," it begins, "and a new one is about to begin, it is highly proper that all who have been redeemed by Him in every part of the world should be solemnly consecrated to the King of ages, Jesus Christ, in order that this gratitude may be shown for the special favors from Him in the past.

"What our Holy Father granted a year ago by anticipation he also permits by the same decree of the Sacred Congregation of rites, viz:

"That at midnight which ushers in the year of 1901, the most august sacrament of the Eucharist may be exposed for adoration in churches and chapels and that in its presence one mass of the feast of circumcision of our Lord and the Octave of the nativity may be read or sung; and that, moreover, the faithful by special privilege receive holy communion either during or outside of the mass.

"While thinking of some means of increasing the piety of the faithful in connection with an event so solemn, the holy father learned that many prelates and pious sodalities anxiously desire that the faithful of Christ, moved by an eagerness to participate in the rich treasury of spiritual indulgences, should everywhere be invited to come and adore the blessed Eucharist.

"As this was in most perfect accord with his own wishes the holy father has benignly granted that a plenary indulgence may be gained by all the faithful of Christ who, having properly approached the sacraments of penance and received holy communion in a church or chapel where the most holy Eucharist is reserved, shall spend any full hour they please between midnight of December 31 and the noon of January 1 before the most august sacrament exposed to public adoration and shall moreover offer prayers to God for the intentions for his holiness."

PALACE CAR COMPANY SUED.

Plaintiff Bought a Berth Ticket and Found There Was No Sleeping Car on the Train.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—W. Seward Webb, as president of the Wagner Palace Car Company, is a defendant in a \$2000 damage suit now being heard in the city court before Justice Fitzsimmons. George W. Birnbaum, a traveling salesman, was the plaintiff. It appears from the testimony that in November, 1899, Birnbaum was traveling through Texas and on the night of November 5 he went to the office of the Wagner Palace Car Company at Dallas and purchased a ticket for a sleeping car berth on a train going to San Antonio.

He paid \$2 for the ticket and when the train started he found that there was no sleeping car. As a result he had to spend the night putting up in a day coach. He declared that the coach was so cold that he contracted rheumatism and he was forced to discontinue his trip through Texas.

The defense was that it was not the fault of the Wagner Company that the sleeping car was not attached to the train, but the fault of the railroad company over which the sleeper was carried.

PRESIDIO WILL BE CROWDED.

Returning Volunteers Will Tax the Hospital to Its Utmost Capacity.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Within a few days more than 1000 sick soldiers will be on their way from the Philippines. The Grant and Sherman are now en route with 550 men and the Sheridan is scheduled to leave on the 22nd with 500 more.

This rush will tax the general hospital at the Presidio to its utmost capacity. The convalescents will be mustered out as soon as possible after they arrive and if the 867 available beds at the hospital become overcrowded a tented annex will be built to accommodate the overflow.

COLUMBIA TO BE OVERHAULED.

Old Cup Defender Will Be Made Ready to Meet New Ones.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Ex-Commander F. D. Morgan, who will have charge of the Columbia in her races with the new defender, will have the old champion aloft early in April. He said recently that the work of overhauling and preparing her would be done at City Island, where she now lies hauled out. Her crew will be put aboard April 1 and under the direction of Captain Barr she will rapidly assume her aristocratic appearance.

NEW FOOTBALL CAPTAIN.

Cadet Casad, of Kentucky, Elected to Lead West Point Team.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Cadet Adam F. Casad, of Kentucky, will be captain of next year's West Point Military Academy football team. His election by a unanimous vote has just been announced.

Cadet Casad has generally played half back, but on several occasions took the place of quarter back. The new captain is short and stands high in the class of 1902.

CUT IN RUBBER GOODS.

If Deals Are Not Consummated Rubber Shoes Will Be Reduced 25 Per Cent.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The Tribune prints the following:

The report current in Wall street that negotiations were in progress for a settlement of the threatened rubber shoe war have been confirmed. A new company has been formed with \$10,000,000 capital for the purpose of controlling the crude rubber market in the interest, primarily, of the United States Rubber Company.

Of this capital the Standard Oil Company has subscribed \$3,000,000; August Belmont & Co. and other bankers, \$1,000,000; Charles R. Flint, \$1,500,000; the United States Rubber Company, \$1,500,000; other financial interests including crude rubber importers who will enter the new company, \$2,000,000.

Negotiations have been opened with outside manufacturers for the incorporation of their plants into the new company. The plan involves consolidation of independent rubber shoe manufacturers after the manner of the National Sugar Refining Company.

The directors of the United States Rubber Company have decided to cut prices 25 per cent on January 1, if present negotiations with the outsiders fail of consummation. A prospective cut of 25 per cent and a prospective "corner" in crude rubber, however, are expected to carry great weight with the outside interests.

It was further learned that the outside shoe manufacturers, in order to get business in competition, will make concessions of from five to ten per cent below regular prices.

NON-SECTARIAN MEETINGS.

Will Close the Nineteenth Century in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A number of the leading clergymen and laymen of this city have proposed the idea of holding a non-sectarian series of prayer meetings during the last week of the nineteenth century. It is intended that these meetings be held in various churches, but under the direction of a body of men connected with a number of denominations, and not sectarian.

A circular to this effect has been sent out signed by Rev. Drs. Francis E. Clark, of Boston; George T. Purves, Robert S. MacArthur, Henry Mottitt, J. Wilbur Chapman, David J. Burrell, S. Parks Cadman, A. C. Dixon, Cortland Myers, J. F. Carson, all of New York; James I. Vance, of Newark; Jas. H. Ely, of Philadelphia; John H. Converse, of Philadelphia; John S. Huyler and John M. Connell, of New York; William R. Moody, of Northfield, Mass.; General O. O. Howard, General E. Stebbins, of Brattleboro, and George E. Beech, Mrs. Margaret Bottoms and Mrs. Mary McElroy.

As planned, the prayer meetings will end by a union meeting of all ministers and church officials of the metropolitan districts in the Y. M. C. A. hall on Monday afternoon, December 31, at 2:30. This will be addressed by three or four of the leading pulpit orators of New York and Philadelphia.

Following the first of the New Year the first week will be devoted to daily prayer services in all parts of the nation. The movement is known as the twentieth century gospel campaign.

KILLED BOTH BANDITS.

Mine Owner on His Way to Pay Employees Was Prepared for Robbers.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—A special to the Record from Parral, Mex., says: G. E. Keerny was going out to his mine, twenty miles from Parral, Friday, to pay off his employees. He had about \$2000 in Mexican currency which he tied firmly to the bottom of his wagon, put his pistol in his coat sleeve and started out.

When he had gone about half way two Mexicans suddenly halted him and ordered him to get out of the wagon. He obeyed and the bandits searched about his person with no effect. Knowing he must have some money they proceeded to search his baggage and other effects.

While they were at this task Keerny took his revolver from his coat sleeve and fired. His attack was so sudden that the men did not have time to act and both were instantly killed.

NO DUTY ON CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

May Be Sent to Soldiers and Civil Employees in Cuba and Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The war department has issued an order providing for the admission into Cuba and the Philippines free of duty of packages and articles clearly intended as Christmas presents for the officers and enlisted men of the army and navy and for other employees of this government now serving in these islands.

The provision as to the free admission of such Christmas presents will terminate as to Cuba on February 18 and as to the Philippines on March 15 next.

PARKER'S RELIGIOUS DAILY.

Is Not Remarkable for Any Display of Originality.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says: Joseph Parker's reproduction of Sheldon's career as a daily journalist is not remarkable for originality. Today's Sun has all the news of the day, criminal and otherwise, and more advertising than usual.

The chief innovation is the substitution of a series of "City Temple Sermonettes" for the ordinary column of educational paragraphs. These begin with the frank confession that an editor has charter from heaven to regard himself as a Moses or Paul of the daily press and end with the practical moral that flogging is the true cure for "Hooliganism" and that the magistrates should use the act in whipping the offending Adam out of street browsers.

The most striking feature of this fresh example of daily journalism conducted on religious principles is a series of Bible texts printed under the head "Latest News," usually over the betting forecasts, beginning with "The Wages of Sin Is Death," and rounded out, singularly enough, with brief records of a breach of promise case and a police raid upon a gambling house.

In parallel columns appear the market quotations showing that "Americans" are buoyant and the editor's proclamation that gambling is a form of robbery and that it "catches like a cancer."

RIOTS IN JAMAICA.

Race Feeling at a High Pitch and Many People Injured.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Herald from Kingston, Jamaica, says:

Serious riots growing out of the race feeling took place in the streets of this city last night. The chief rioters were several hundred negro soldiers of the British West India regiment, who were supported by natives of their own color. They attacked civilians in the streets and maltreated many so badly that they were taken to the hospital and are under treatment for severe injuries.

Lieutenant-Colonel Allen, who is in command of the regiment, endeavored to control his men but was unable to do so by persuasion. He then organized the police and swore in citizens to aid in keeping the peace.

The soldiers and petty officers have refused to surrender to the police and defy their officers. Most of them are in the military camp and the streets are guarded by the force of police and volunteers under Lieutenant-Colonel Allen. Severe measures will be taken against the mutinous blacks.

There is great unrest in the city and vicinity and race feeling is at a high pitch. It is feared that something will precipitate riots like the former fatal outbreaks.

Meetings in the vicinity of the military barracks have been abandoned under orders from the authorities and all civilians have been warned to remain indoors until the trouble is over.

TERRIBLE SECRET DISCLOSED.

Woman Denounces Her Husband as the Author of Murders for Which Others Were Guillotined.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from London to the Herald says:

An extraordinary story of a woman's terrible secret at last revealed is wired from Ostend by a Daily Mail correspondent there.

Three Belgian workmen were tried about seven years ago and found guilty of having committed a series of crimes, among them the murder of an aged woman at Hautmonda. Although they declared their innocence until the last moment, one of them was sentenced to imprisonment for life and the others guillotined.

Now a woman named Soumagne has just denounced her husband, who she says committed the crimes. She is said to be quite sane and the authorities are investigating the charges.

When Degroot, one of the men executed, was being pinioned he caused some sensation by saying, "You cannot tie all of me. You will not have my immortal soul. You will be punished for all the wrong you have done me."

PAYNE FOR THE CABINET.

Republican Committee Urges His Appointment.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A Washington special to the Press says:

This week all or nearly all of the members of the executive committee, the managers of the campaign in the two headquarters, Chicago and New York, will be in Washington.

One request above all others, the Republican committee will press upon the president. That is for the appointment of Vice-Chairman Payne to a place in the cabinet.

CLARK DID NOT BUY.

Denies Report That He Purchased Mexican Mines.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Wm. A. Clark, president of the United Verde Copper Company, in a recent interview asserted that he had no interest in the silver and gold mines in the state of Chihuahua, Mexico. He denied that he had purchased these mines, said to have been offered to him by the Rosario Mining Company of Fort Worth, Tex., for \$300,000.

ENGLAND WANTS COMPENSATION.

Clayton-Bulwer Treaty Cannot Be Rejected Without a Quid Pro Quo.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Tribune from London says:

If the English people were bent upon taking a serious view of the Nicaragua canal question, as apparently they are, they would be confused by contradictory views of the New York correspondents, who are as far apart as the north and south poles and are utterly irreconcilable.

The Westminster Gazette takes the Standard correspondent as a guide and sought to interpret the action of the senate for the benefit of the English readers. It has reached the conclusion, with the most benevolent motives toward America that the treaty cannot be abolished by being described as being inconvenient or out-of-date and that the only practicable method of settling the vexatious canal question is that of arranging some kind of compensation for the abrogation of the convention of 1850.

The Alaska boundary question is named as a quid pro quo and the foreign office was urged to take up this method of adjusting all outstanding issues with the United States.

This suggestion is made by the friendliest English journal. This was considered a great gain for the American government before Premier Laurier stepped aside and allowed the question to be adjusted between Washington and London without interference from Ottawa.

The best thing that the friendliest critics now have to offer is an omnibus settlement in which the abrogation of the treaty of 1850 is the single entry with ample offsets to balance the account.

The Standard, in referring to the Nicaragua canal question, thinks it would be a pity if the good understanding between England and the United States should be weakened. Much has happened of late, it says, to warn Americans as well as Englishmen that they may have to rely upon each other in future for mutual assistance and to strengthen the bonds of race, language and common culture which link them to one another.

MATCH OF PIGEON SHOOTERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—James Elliott, the Pigeon shooter of Kansas City, is coming east and will contest with Robert Welch, the Cartaret Gun Club's expert, at the Interstate park, Long Island, on January 18. Much interest is shown in the contest.

FIRST AT NEW STATION.

Kaiser Wilhelm's Passengers at Ellis Island.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—With the arrival of the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II. for the first time immigrants were admitted to the new immigration station on Ellis island. The boat brought 652 average passengers and these were the first to pass through the new "Castle Garden."

CHRISTIAN RALLY.

Planned by Chicago Ministers to Usher in the New Century.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—The Record says: Five hundred Chicago ministers will usher in the twentieth century with a grand Christian rally. Clergymen of all denominations will assemble in the Methodist block, Clark and Washington streets, on the morning of January 1, and will devote the entire day to the discussion of religious progress during the nineteenth century.

LOSS OF LIFE OVER ESTIMATED.

New Thought Only Thirty-five Went Down With the German Training Ship.

MADRID, Dec. 18.—An official dispatch from the prefect of Malaga shows the loss of life by the foundering Sunday of the German training frigate Gneisenau off Malaga to be less than has been reported. According to this dispatch thirty-five fatalities resulted from the accident and one hundred persons were injured.

BILLIARD MATCH.

Canadian Professional Challenges a New York Player.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Leonard Howison, the Canadian professional billiard player, has challenged Ora Morningstar to a 1000-point match at 14-inch balk line for \$250 a side.

CHOATE RETURNING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—A dispatch to the Journal and Advertiser from London says:

Ambassador Choate will, it is said, sail either on Saturday or the week afterward for the United States, the death of his partner, Charles C. Beaman, having rendered his presence in New York necessary.

It is believed there that Ambassador Choate will not return to London.

RELEASED ON BAIL.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 18.—An Eldorado, Kan., dispatch announces that Miss Jessie Morrison has been admitted to \$5000 bail.

PRICE OF SILVER.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Silver, 64.



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