

CHINA PRESENTS GRAVE PROBLEM FOR DIPLOMATS

Washington, Mar. 27.—There is manifest concern in official quarters over circumstances which are causing a delay in the appointment of a minister to Peking to relieve Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, described as chiefly in the nature of political pressure by friends of various aspirants for the post. Urgent duties are awaiting the arrival of Dr. Schurman in his new post as ambassador to Germany, but the unstable condition in China is causing an evident reluctance to leave the Peking legation even temporarily without the service of a qualified minister.

The matter of filling the vacancies in the legations in Rumania and Albania also is held up in the cross tides of pressure behind rival claimants for the posts. The situation with respect to the Peking post, however, is surrounded by developments which have emphasized even more strongly of late the necessity of maintaining the most intimate touch with affairs in order adequately to protect Americans and their property against the possibility of recurrent political disorders.

While the de facto government in Peking appears to have as much nominal control as any recent Chinese central government has possessed, new uncertainties with respect to the alignment of military factions have resulted from the death of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the

South China leader. Where his followers may align themselves, and what effect this may have on the political situation in China, still remains an open question. Many close students of the intricacies of the Chinese political tangle believe that the large group of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's followers will ally themselves with what they see to be a rapidly spreading radical sentiment with the political awakening of millions in that country. Evidence of a rapid infiltration of bolshevik doctrine are regarded in fact, as one of the most unstable elements in the situation.

WILLS NOT AFTER GIBBONS FIGHT

New York, March 27.—Paddy Mullins, manager of the negro heavyweight, Harry Wills, has closed the doors upon boxing discussion until April 1.

Mullins called at Tex Rickard's office yesterday and is said to have been promised more money for his boxer in a match with Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul than he can hope to obtain if Wills meets the champion, Jack Dempsey.

Officials of the milk fund show, which will be staged here May 28, made it plain that the Gibbons-Wills bout was desired, but Mullins failed to show excitement, contending that Gibbons has been beaten by the champion and has lost a decision to the middleweight king, Harry Greb of Pittsburgh, while Wills has conquered every man he has been permitted to meet since becoming a contender for heavyweight honors.

THRIFT ASSOCIATION SEEKS TO FORCE PERMIT

Once more the National Thrift association of Eugene is endeavoring by the mandamus route to force Corporation Commissioner Crews to issue it a permit to sell its certificates. The commission has refused to grant the permit on the ground the association contemplates operating a form of a lottery. One effort at mandamus has failed.

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vote of stockholders certain awards will be made out of the \$25,000. Dollar certificates may be purchased monthly.

SHOALS COMMISSION NAMED FOR COOLIDGE

Washington, March 26.—A commission to study the Muscle Shoals problem consisting of former Representative McKenzie of Illinois, former Senator Dool of South Carolina, Professor Harry A. Curtis of Yale university, William McClellan of New York and Russell F. Bower of the American Farm Bureau federation was named today

by President Coolidge. Contrary to expectations no cabinet members were placed on the commission, which is authorized to determine the most practical methods of utilizing the facilities available at Muscle Shoals.

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