

# REFORMS TO BE THE ORDER

## New Rulers of China Are Anxious for Improvements.

Time is Set for Diplomatic Corps to Express Condolences of Their Respective Governments—Banks That Were Closed Reopened and Begin Paying Off Depositors.

Peking, Nov. 19.—An edict issued yesterday declares that the era of Pu Yi, the infant emperor of China, be named Hsuan Ung, meaning "proclaimed succession."

This characterization is interpreted as signifying the unification of the nation upon the reform program of the throne.

Another edict orders a posthumous title for Kwang Hsu in recognition of his merits. It enlarges upon the reform program to which the valedictory of the emperor committed the throne, and thus commits the government again to the details set forth in the program.

The grand council appears anxious to impress the idea of reform upon the new generation of the reigning Manchou clan.

The regent has appointed 9 A. M., November 25, for the members of the diplomatic corps in Peking to appear in the forbidden city and express condolences of their respective governments on the death of the emperor and the empress dowager. Three members from each legation will be received. They will bow three times before the coffins of the emperor and the dowager empress and once to Prince Chun, the regent.

The dowager empress, acting on a memorial presented to the princes and the ministers, has issued an edict that the period of mourning be reduced for the regent and the court to 100 days and for the people to only seven days.

Rumors are rife of political jealousies at the palace. Considerable adverse comment has been roused by the fact that Prince Chun, the regent, is ignoring the Chinese in announcing the composition of the committees that are to have the obsequies of the late emperor and empress in hand. The only two Chinese appointees are Yuan Shi Kai and Lieuchun Lun. The remainder are Manchous.

It is reported that Prince Chang, president of the board of foreign affairs, has suffered a partial collapse on account of his exertions and excitement of the last few days.

The political position is precarious and it is believed that his career is practically at an end.

The fourteen native banks that suspended payment a few days ago were reopened yesterday and began to pay out money from funds supplied by the government for the purpose of tiding over the panic. They are under police supervision. The payments are to continue for a period of five days.

## REFUE TRIAL IS RESUMED.

Judge Sternly Reprimands Ach for Wasting Time.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—The trial of Abe Ruef for bribery was resumed yesterday, with the testimony of James L. Gallagher, ex-chairman of the board of supervisors. The court was as strongly guarded as before, and every move of a spectator was watched by policemen. Judge Lawlor ordered the admission of any person Ruef or his counsel desired admitted. He then informed the jury of the shooting of E. J. Heney on Friday, and warned it that this transaction, so far as it relates to this case, is not a part of the case. He then called on the defendant in this trial, must stand as though they are not concerned, and that no person is charged with any responsibility in regard to it. "The entire matter should have no place in your mind, and should cause no bias or prejudice against anyone."

Gallagher was then called and Henry Ach, Ruef's counsel, resumed his cross-examination. Mr. Ach made him tell again the whole story of the nomination of J. J. Heney and the arrangements for distribution of graft money. He asked several questions as to whether Gallagher did not know he was committing a crime, all of the same purport, but different in form, for which Judge Lawlor sharply reprimanded him, saying:

"You might stand there for a month if that were permitted."

Gallagher admitted that this was the tenth time he had testified in the graft cases, and Mr. Ach then asked him if he had any agreement within the district attorney as to the number of times he should testify. Gallagher answered that he had none, other than a general agreement. Mr. Ach then went into the history of the immunity contract.

## Heney is Recovering.

San Francisco, Nov. 19.—Optimistic reports concerning the condition of Francis J. Heney were issued yesterday by Wallace L. Terry, who said: "Mr. Heney is resting well. At the passing of each hour the patient is gaining strength. The worst is practically over, but in cases of this kind infection is liable at any time till the wound is healed. However, taking all circumstances into consideration, Mr. Heney is doing very well and is on the road to recovery."

## Huge Mirror for Observatory.

New York, Nov. 19.—An unpolished solar mirror valued at \$60,000 arrived here yesterday on the steamer St. Andrews for the Wilson observatory at Pasadena, Cal. It was made at St. Codin, France, and is 100 inches in diameter. It weighs six and one-half tons.

## TOM JOHNSON POOR.

Loses Fortune by Devotion to Dead Brother's Estate.

Cleveland, Nov. 20.—Mayor Tom L. Johnson, who for years has been credited with possessing a very large fortune, announced yesterday that he had lost everything and would be compelled to give up his beautiful home on Euclid avenue and move into smaller and less expensive quarters. The mayor also stated that he would give up his automobile and other luxuries, because he could no longer afford to keep them.

His fortune was wrecked, the mayor declared, by his devotion to the affairs of the estate of his dead brother, Albert, who was heavily interested in traction properties in the East.

After Albert's death the question was put up to him whether he would resign his office as mayor and take up the management of Albert's estate. The mayor said:

"I decided that I would not. I had entered the fight in this city with certain ideals before me. I wanted to fight privilege and special interests and I had already decided to give up working for dollars. So I concluded to stay right here and do what I could to help my brother's children at long distance."

"Why did I choose the course I did? I'll tell you. It's not because I am a philanthropist, for I am not. I acted from a purely selfish motive. I wanted happiness and nothing else. I closed up my business affairs and took up civic activity."

## BIG TOBACCO DEAL.

Kentucky Growers Paid \$14,000,000 by American Company.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 20.—The big deal between the American Tobacco company and the Burley Tobacco Society for the 1907 crop and part of the 1907 crop of tobacco, which has been hanging fire for several weeks, was closed yesterday. The price agreed upon in the transaction, which is said to be the largest of its kind ever put through, is an average of 20 cents a pound for the 1906 crop and 27 cents for the 1907 product. The deal involved nearly \$14,000,000 pounds of tobacco held in the pool by the Burley Tobacco society, and an outlay of about \$14,000,000 on the part of the American Tobacco company, virtually all of this money being placed in circulation at once in central Kentucky.

The tobacco sold includes the larger part of the holdings of the Burley Tobacco Growers' association, which was formed several years ago and pooled the crops in 1906 and 1907.

No crop was raised by the members of the association in 1908, although a number of independents raised large crops in central Kentucky, under guard. According to many who are in position to know, the sale of the pooled crop will mark the end of the night riders in central and eastern Kentucky, at least for the present, as it is thought that with these crops out of the way virtually all of the growers will raise tobacco next year.

## ASKS MORE TAXES.

Says Germany is Despised—Army and Navy to Inspire Respect.

Berlin, Nov. 20.—Urging increased taxation for the enlargement of naval and military equipment, Chancellor von Buelow, who has recently been criticized by the reichstag for his defense of Emperor William and who later made himself the idol of the German people by exacting from the kaiser a promise that he would limit the imperial power, yesterday made one of the most remarkable speeches ever delivered in the German parliament.

Still pale from his long illness and the strain of his meeting with the emperor at Potsdam, Von Buelow made a vigorous address in support of his eight finance bills that were threatened with defeat in the reichstag because of the dispute between the chancellor, the emperor and the parliament.

"Germany is unpopular among the other nations of Europe," declared the chancellor, "and the only way we can regain our prestige is by the upbuilding of our naval and military forces."

"Germany needs armaments and the money with which to build them. Our financial system is our weakest point. It is the patriotic duty of the German people to inaugurate new taxes."

## Miners Flee From Death.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 20.—Fires which have been slumbering for many years in the depths of the Never Sweat mine, of the Amalgamated Copper Company, have taken on new life within the past few days and the smoke yesterday became so intense that about 300 miners were driven from their work to save themselves from being suffocated to death, and the mine compelled to shut down. The mine officials think that there is no immediate danger of the fire zone spreading, due to the close bulkheading of the threatened district.

## Opium in Cement Barrels.

Manila, Nov. 20.—An opium smuggling plot was thwarted yesterday when 103 cases of the drug were discovered in barrels supposed to contain cement. The barrels were part of a shipment from China to Corregidor Island, and the officials have renewed their activity to discover opium in all shipments from China. The opium was confiscated and a strict investigation was ordered. The Chinese officials will be called upon to permit an exhaustive examination.

## Heney Improves Rapidly.

San Francisco, Nov. 20.—Physicians attending F. J. Heney announce that they are well pleased with the condition of the patient, who has shown remarkable vitality and a determination to get well that is helping him along the road to recovery. Mr. Heney passed a quiet day, pulse and temperature remaining about normal, and the pain in his throat has almost disappeared.

# HAPPENINGS GATHERED IN AND AROUND WASHINGTON, D. C.

## GOES TO HIGHEST COURT.

Oil Octopus is Not Yet Shed of Its \$29,000,000 Case.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Following the recent action of the circuit court of appeals in Chicago in refusing the United States government a rehearing in the Standard Oil case, made famous by its \$29,000,000 fine, the department of justice decided tonight to take the case to the supreme court of the United States. The decision was reached after an all-day conference between Attorney General Bonaparte and government attorneys who have been engaged in the case.

Application will be made to the supreme court, when it reconvenes November 30, for a writ of certiorari, to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals. In a statement issued by the department following the adjournment of the conference, it was said:

"It was found that a considerable number of changes had been made in the opinion of the court of appeals originally rendered, and that Judge Baker, of that court, had filed a separate concurring opinion which differed materially in its reasoning from that of Judge Grosscup.

"After careful consideration of all phases of the situation it was decided that an application should be made to the supreme court of the United States, when it reconvenes November 30, for a writ of certiorari to bring up and review the action of the circuit court of appeals."

## ORDERS WERE VIOLATED.

Lumber Representative Says Roads Ignore Rate Rulings.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Complaint was made to the interstate commerce commission today by A. F. Specht, of Seattle, on behalf of the Pacific Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association, that railroads, in their new lumber schedules, which became effective October 15, have established rates from the coast to Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri river points higher than those authorized by the commission.

Into this territory the commission authorized an advance over the old rate, to begin at the Pembina line and increase gradually until the Mississippi river was reached, and there the maximum increase should be only 5 cents. Specht contends that the increase should be graduated, but cites the schedules to show that throughout most of this territory the roads have imposed the maximum rate; that it is points 300 miles west of the Mississippi river that are now compelled to pay the same rate as points on the river. He asks the commission to investigate the new tariffs and compel their revision in accordance with decisions rendered last summer.

## Young Bob Gets Reprimand.

Washington, Nov. 21.—The official reprimand to Lieutenant Frank T. Evans, son of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, retired, that followed his conviction by general court martial because of misconduct while with the Atlantic fleet, was made public by Acting Secretary of the Navy Newberry today. The department's letter says in part:

"The department, for reasons obvious to the service, regards this as an especially deplorable case, and in publishing its disapproval of the conduct of Lieutenant Evans, refrains from expressing fully its condemnation of the actions of this officer on the occasion in question."

## Bids on Coal for Fleets.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Bids were opened today for supplying 11,000 tons of coal to Panama, 11,000 tons to Magdalena bay for the use of the Pacific fleet, and about 20,000 tons to be delivered at Negro bay, Morocco, for the use of the Atlantic fleet, to be used on its return voyage after it leaves Oriental waters. There were eighteen bidders. The prices ranged from \$6 to \$6.50 a ton for delivery at Panama and Magdalena bay, and from \$4.20 to \$4.70 a ton for delivery at Negro bay.

## Wants Decision Enforced.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Mrs. Mary F. Ness, of Eugene, Or., today asked the supreme court of the District of Columbia to issue a writ of mandamus against Secretary of the Interior Garfield to compel him to recognize and follow the decision of the United States circuit court of appeals for the seventh circuit, which held it unnecessary for her personally to inspect a tract of public land before making timber and stone entry thereon.

## Tooters Free to Toot.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The Marine band will be free to play for a competence without regard to the statute providing that navy bands or members thereof shall not receive remuneration for furnishing music outside the limits of military posts when in competition with local civilian musicians. This is the effect of a decision rendered by the attorney general.

## Farmers Meet President.

Washington, Nov. 18.—President Roosevelt today received at the White House about 500 farmers and their wives, who are here attending the convention of the National Grange. Patrons of Husbandry. The president refrained from making a speech.

## Russell is Postmaster.

Washington, Nov. 19.—President Roosevelt late this afternoon signed the commission of George F. Russell to be postmaster at Seattle, succeeding George Stewart, recently removed. Russell was recommended by Senator Piles.

## Duvall Succeeds Weston.

Washington, Nov. 21.—Major General W. H. Duvall has been selected to succeed Major General John P. Weston in command of the troops in the Philippines.

## POSTOFFICE DEFICIT.

Postmaster General Recommends the Parcels Post as Cure.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Postmaster General George Von L. Meyer yesterday announced that the postal deficit for the last fiscal year was \$16,910,278.99, the greatest in the history of the country. He suggested that as a means of preventing a deficit a special local parcels post be inaugurated over rural free delivery routes. Postmaster General Meyer declared that the establishment of this parcels post would wipe out the deficit ultimately by making the rural free delivery routes self-supporting.

The postal receipts for the last fiscal year were \$191,478,660.41, and the expenditures were \$208,388,939.42. The receipts for the fiscal year 1908 exceeded those of the fiscal year 1907 by \$7,893,637.84.

The postal receipts for October, 1908, showed a general increase over the receipts for the same month last year. The statements of the receipts from the 50 largest postoffices in the United States show that New York received \$1,704,797.69 during this month, a 6 per cent increase over the receipts for the same month last year. San Francisco is high on the list, with \$192,698.06, an increase of nearly 6 per cent over October, 1907.

## Torney Succeeds O'Reilly.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The appointment of Colonel George H. Torney as surgeon-general of the army, to succeed Surgeon-General R. M. O'Reilly, was announced by the secretary of war today. Colonel Torney is now in charge of the general hospital at San Francisco. The vacancy in the surgeon-generalship will occur on January 14. The secretary of war stated that Colonel Torney's appointment was based on his splendid record as an administrative officer and as a surgeon.

## Shipments Are Doubled.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Statistics compiled by the department of commerce and labor show that Portland far outdistanced Puget sound in wheat exports during the ten months ending with October, and in that time more than doubled its own shipment for 1907. In the first ten months of last year Portland exported 5,380,050 bushels of wheat; during the past ten months 11,387,606. Combined exports of all Puget Sound ports for the past ten months was only 9,948,925 bushels.

## Machine Guns for Army.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Each regiment of infantry and cavalry of the army will be provided with a machine gun company, if a recommendation made by Secretary Wright and approved by the president finds favor with congress. Each company will have six guns, which will be operated by ten men. This addition will increase the personnel of the army by 130 to 135 commissioned officers and about 2500 men.

## Seattle Man is Ousted.

Washington, Nov. 17.—George M. Stewart, postmaster of Seattle, was today removed from office "for soliciting campaign contributions among employees of his office." Information as to when this offense was committed, from whom funds were solicited, and in fact, all pertinent details, are suppressed by the postoffice department and by the civil service commission, on whose complaint Stewart was dismissed.

## Utah Contract Awarded.

Washington, Nov. 18.—The navy department today awarded the contract for the building of the battleship Utah to the New York Shipbuilding company, of Camden, N. J. There were four bidders on this ship, the Camden company being the lowest bidder for a vessel of a speed of 20 knots. Its bid was \$3,948,000. A designed displacement of the Utah will be about 21,825 tons.

## After Fake Oil Company.

Washington, Nov. 20.—Federal agents at Oakland, Cal., at the direction of President Roosevelt are endeavoring to discover trace of the Roosevelt Oil company of that city, which has been flooding the mail with large stock offers with the unauthorized use of the president's name and accompanied by the use of his photograph, also unauthorized.

## Fish Succeeded by Terry.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The president today appointed George S. Terry to be assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, in succession to Hamilton Fish. Mr. Terry served as assistant treasurer of the republican national committee under Treasurer George Sheldon. The assistant treasurership of New York was first offered to Job E. Hedges, who declined the honor.

## Oregon to Have Park.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The secretary of the interior has withdrawn from entry two small tracts in Clatsop county, Oregon, with a view to creating national parks. The withdrawn areas embrace Saddle mountain and Humburg mountain. The creation of parks can only be by congressional action.

## Patrick Must Go to Prison.

Washington, Nov. 19.—The United States supreme court today dismissed the appeal of Albert T. Patrick, famous New York lawyer, who is in Sing Sing for the murder of William Marsh Rice. The court also dismissed an appeal on habeas corpus proceedings.

## Hood River Rural Carriers.

Washington, Nov. 18.—John L. Stewart has been appointed regular, Grace Stewart substitute, rural carrier, route 1; Jim E. Mowers, regular, Frank C. Stout, substitute, route 2, at Hood River, Or.

## NO MORE DELAYS.

Court Takes Stern Action Against Tactics of Ruef's Lawyers.

San Francisco, Nov. 18.—The trial of Abraham Ruef, interrupted by the shooting of Assistant District Attorney Francis J. Heney in the courtroom, will be resumed at 9 o'clock this morning where it was halted last Friday afternoon by the bullet of the assassin. Judge William P. Lawlor yesterday denied the application of counsel for Ruef for a change of venue to some other city or town in the state; denied also in quick succession the motions for a continuance of thirty days until public feeling subsided, for the dismissal of the jury and the empanelment of a new one, and finally ruled against the defense on the request made to interrogate the trial twelve as to whether any of them was prejudiced against the defense as a result of the tragedy in the courtroom.

Brushing aside all motion and technicalities interposed by the defense, the court announced that the trial would proceed this morning, and that it would contenance no further delays.

The action of the court followed the filing of 37 counter-affidavits by the prosecution, which in general terms denied many of the allegations made by Ruef and his counsel in their affidavits yesterday in support of their application for a change of venue, and set forth that no excitement or turbulence prevailed; that neither Ruef nor his attorneys were threatened with violence or their lives endangered, and finally, that no condition existed that would prevent the defendant from having a fair and impartial trial.

## MOURN FOR EMPEROR.

Obsequies to Continue in China for Nearly a Month.

Peking, Nov. 18.—An edict issued yesterday instructs Prince Pu Lun and Prince Yi to proceed to the western tombs and select a site for the grave of the emperor. There will be continuous obsequies at the palace for a period of 27 days. The obsequies began yesterday, and the function was attended by Dowager Empress Yehonale and representatives of the various governmental departments.

The local press is beginning to publish details of the occurrences of Saturday and Sunday. Up to the present time it has said virtually nothing of the events at the palace and the promulgation of the regency. The new Dowager Empress Yehonale with great presence of mind arranged for the meetings of the grand council to be held in her private apartments. Here the plan that already has been discussed and decided upon was adopted without loss of time.

The councillors warned the princes that the regency was final, and in terms that were not open to misinterpretation they expressed the opinion that any opposition thereto would be promptly met and punished.

## EMBLEM OF REVOLT.

American Flag Raised on Island of St. Pierre.

St. Pierre, Nov. 18.—The demonstration against the authorities here, which was begun yesterday, was continued today. The limited police force is unable to maintain order, but thus far no serious damage has been done.

The manifestation on the part of the populace is due largely to the school question. The people of St. Pierre demand free school in which religious instruction is given. Two schoolmasters were taken into court, charged with having violated the laws in conducting free schools. They were convicted and ordered to pay a fine of \$200 each. The authorities ordered the schools closed.

The action of the authorities inflamed the populace, which assembled on the streets and violently denounced the French government. Some one obtained an American flag during the height of the excitement, and with it the crowd marched to the government headquarters where a noisy demonstration was made.

## OREGON WINS SUIT.

Mouth of Columbia River Declared to Be Part of State.

Washington, Nov. 17.—Valuable fishing grounds at the mouth of the Columbia river were declared to be part of Oregon by the United States supreme court yesterday, ending the boundary line dispute which has existed between that state and Washington for several years. In 1905 suit was brought by the state of Washington to restrain Oregon from disturbing the people of Pacific county, Washington, in the possession of their land.

The territory which was in dispute comprises low lying islands or promontories at the mouth of the river, chiefly valuable for fishing purposes. For years it has been a mooted question whether this territory was subject to the Washington or the Oregon laws governing salmon fishing.

## Long Electric Contract.

Helena, Mont., Nov. 18.—A contract has been entered into between the Great Falls Water Power company and the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railway company whereby the former company will, for a period of 25 years, supply the latter with 25,000 horsepower. It takes effect one year hence. The portion of the St. Paul which will obtain power from the Great Falls company is that running over the Rocky mountains.

## Millions Lost in Flood.

Port Elizabeth, Cape Colony, Nov. 17.—A terrific rain storm swept this part of Cape Colony and caused a heavy overflow of the Bankens river. Several lives were lost and the damage amounts to more than a million dollars.

# CHINA ON BRINK OF REVOLUTION

## Prince Chun Fears Reformes May Overthrow Dynasty.

Masses Just Awakening to Death of Dowager Empress and Emperor, and in Panic Following 14 Banks Are Closed—Thousands of Gendarmes Guard Streets.

Peking, Nov. 17.—China is beginning to realize that the emperor and the dowager empress are dead. Prince Chun, regent of the empire, in fear of increasing excitement and revolutionary movements, has taken a firm grip on affairs and has adopted stringent measures that will result in the maintenance of peace for a time at least.

At noon 3000 gendarmes guarded the streets, and other military forces were held in readiness for any eventuality. Every precaution was taken to prevent a recurrence of the revolutionary tactics of last April and May, which were marked by widespread incendiarism. The foreign legations are under guard, special detachments of Chinese troops keeping watch at the approaches. The statement was made at the legations that there was no fear that the Chinese government would be unable to afford ample protection, but those within the legations were more alert than usual and seemingly anxious to have set at rest the doubts arising from the swift movement of events in the last few days.

There were many occurrences yesterday to add to the sinister aspect of affairs. Rumors were current for a time that the new dowager Yehonale and Yuan Shi Kai, the grand councillor, and one of the most powerful men in the empire, had committed suicide. Though there was no truth in these reports, they went far toward disturbing the Chinese and foreigners alike.

Serious runs on banks occurred yesterday and today, and 14 native banks closed. The crowds were wild with excitement, and toward the close of the day the police intervened and drove them back. One foreign concern, the Yokohama Specie bank, suffered a big run on its Tientsin notes, but the British, Russian and German institutions were not affected. It is probable that a number of native banks will be closed tomorrow, and it is believed that the government will step in and endeavor to stop the financial panic among the poorer classes.

## BULLET IS REMOVED.

Prosecutor Stands Operation Well and Reillies Rapidly.

San Francisco, Nov. 17.—After passing through a most successful operation for the removal of the bullet which was fired at him by Morris Haas during the Ruef trial last Friday, the condition of Francis J. Heney is reported by the doctors to be favorable in every way, and predictions of his ultimate recovery are made by his physicians. The operation, followed by the taking of X-ray photographs, which plainly showed the location of the leaden pellet in the muscles of the left lower maxillary. Chief Surgeon Terry, of the city hospital service, wielded the instruments, while Drs. Stillman, Moffat and Huntington assisted.

It was found that the bullet, which entered the right side of the head just in front of the ear, had passed downward, crossing the jawbone and striking the left lower jawbone, which was slightly splintered but not broken. The bullet was deflected backward by striking the bone, and lodged in the muscles of the jaw. Its removal necessitated the utmost surgical skill, as it lay close to the big blood vessels of the neck.

Mr. Heney rallied rapidly from the effects of the anaesthetic, showing no ill effects from the drug or shock from the operation. He passed a quiet day and slept peacefully last night. At midnight it was said by his attendants that his condition was entirely favorable, and that hopes for his speedy recovery were entertained.

## Plan Big Meeting.

Portland, Nov. 17.—The next important convention to be held in Portland will be that of the Northwestern Fruitgrowers' association, which will meet with the Oregon State Horticultural society the first three days of December. Preparations are being made to house a large exhibit of fruit in the building during the week of the convention. British Columbia and the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon will be represented in the convention, these being the state associations that comprise the Northwestern association.

## War Clouds Grow Darker.

Vienna, Nov. 17.—The possibility of trouble between Austria-Hungary and Serbia has not yet been eliminated. A semi-official statement issued here yesterday states that the Austro-Hungarian government will be compelled to take decisive steps if the Serbian provocations do not cease. The dignity of the dual monarchy forbids it longer to tolerate Serbia's actions. A final decision as to the course of the government will be reached in a few days.

## Australian Chinese Hint Foul Play.

Melbourne, Nov. 17.—The Sydney correspondent of the Age says that the Chinese reform party in that city has received a cablegram to the effect that the death of the Chinese emperor was due to foul play, and that it is feared a rebellion will break out.