

REBELS INSIST ON CREATION NEW REPUBLIC

Threats of Assassination Against Premier Yuan Shi Kai Are Heard Half Million People Are Reported Starving.

TINNED GOODS ONLY FOOD FOR FOREIGNERS

Danger of Attack Now at Hankow by Half Famished Natives—Rebels May Split.

HANKOW, Dec. 12.—Rebels here are dissatisfied with proposals of anything short of a republic and threats of assassination against Premier Yuan Shi Kai are being made today by the revolutionists. Murmurs of discontent against General Li, the rebel leader, who is not considered a big enough man to conduct negotiations against Premier Yuan are also heard. General Li is respected as a soldier, but not as a political leader.

If General Li accedes to Premier Yuan's request that the rebels lay down their arms a deceptively constitutional monarchy there is a possibility of a split in the rebel ranks and continued hostilities by that faction which demands a republic.

Fully 500,000 persons in Hankow and vicinity are destitute, with the city laid in ruins by fire and facing starvation. Foreigners in the concessions are living on tinned food and there is danger of an attack by the half famished natives.

BARBARIC RUSSIA ALLOWS SUBJECTS STARVE TO DEATH

Appalling Details of Great Famine Become Known—Government Prevents Operation of Relief Societies.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 12.—Appalling details of the present famine in Russia are gradually becoming known, despite efforts of the government to suppress the facts. Already it is predicted that unless adequate relief measures are undertaken conditions will be worse than in the great famine of 1891, when the number of deaths in the European provinces of Russia reached 800,000 in excess of the normal.

From the government of Ufa comes the information that the children have for several months past been subsisting on acorns, and that the supply of these is almost exhausted. In the Samara government the people are eating dog and the bark of trees. In all, a score of government administrations are affected by the crop failure.

Meantime the government is pursuing the most astonishing course, having absolutely prohibited the organization and operation of private relief societies for fear of political propaganda. In some districts the chiefs of police have prohibited the local press from raising funds for the sufferers, besides forbidding all mention of the famine in the news columns.

FAVORABLE REPORT ON SULZER BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—The house committee on foreign affairs today unanimously agreed to a favorable report on a resolution by Congressman Sulzer of New York recommending the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 with Russia, owing to the refusal of that country to recognize passports presented by American Jews.

BRIDE BY PROXY.



DR. BELISARIO PORRAS AND WIFE.

Accompanied by his wife, to whom he was married by proxy while he was in Washington and she in Costa Rica, last September, and later by a civil justice in this country, Dr. Belisario Porras, until recently the Panama minister to the United States, left New York for his native land a few days ago. There is a possibility that he will become a strong presidential candidate when he arrives in Panama.

REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE HITS PRIMARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—By an overwhelming vote the national republican committee defeated the resolution favoring the presidential primary, only seven members supporting Senator Borah, who forced the issue.

The vote stood 7 ayes, to 44 noes. The committee on call of the convention did not mention presidential primaries in its report. Senator Borah presented the minority report providing for a primary, and argued in favor of his point.

"This is a living issue," Borah said. "It cannot be wisely to leave the matter to the several state committees. It will result in a vastly better feeling in the rank and file of the party."

John Blodgett of Michigan, Clayton of Arkansas and Lyon of Texas opposed the scheme. Borah replied to their objections and then Thorsen of South Dakota seconded Borah's motion to adopt his report. The vote was then taken.

ONLY 88 SIGN ROLL OF VOTERS

Registration at City Hall is Progressing Slowly—Only Eight Days After This in Which to Register for City Election.

Only eighty-eight voters registered at the city hall yesterday, not nearly the number expected on the first day of registration. This seeming lack of interest is undoubtedly not a lack of interest at all but may be attributed to the fact that it is a new procedure in the city and not fully understood nor extensively advertised.

Recorder Telfer is having large placards made telling of the registrative requirements and will have them posted in various parts of the city.

The registration board will meet in the council chamber of the city hall every afternoon except Sunday, and will be in session from one until seven o'clock. The registration books will be closed on the evening of December 21.

Arizona Going Democratic. PHOENIX, ARIZ., Dec. 12.—Tremendous interest is being taken by the voters of Arizona, which state is electing its own governor today and acquiring for the first time two United States senators and one congressman. Meager reports received here up to noon indicate that 90 per cent of the registered vote will be cast, the largest in the history of Arizona. That the election is going heavily democratic is indicated.

INDIA BOWS IN HOMAGE BEFORE ENGLISH KING

Vassalage to Great Britain is Once Again Formally Proclaimed to the World Amid Settings of Glittering Oriental Splendor.

GEORGE FIRST ENGLISH MONARCH TO VISIT LAND

Over 300,000,000 Subjects Are Represented at Formal Coronation of George as Emperor.

DELHI, India, Dec. 12.—India's vassalage to Great Britain was again formally proclaimed to the world today when, in the presence of 100,000 persons, representing some 300,000,000 subjects, 150 native rulers knelt in homage to the head of the alien house of Hanover and Saxe-Coburg.

Amid scenes of unparalleled magnificence, unparalelled in the history of India, in the great arena where Queen Victoria was proclaimed empress by Viceroy Lord Lytton in 1877, and where King Edward was proclaimed by Viceroy Lord Curzon in 1903, King George the Fifth—the first reigning English sovereign to visit the Far East—announced his own accession to the imperial throne.

The fact that every week more than 6000 natives are dying from plague that hundreds of thousands are on the verge of starvation, and that the spirit of sedition abroad in the land impressed only by England's strong display of force, was apparently forgotten for the moment.

The Oriental setting, the glitter of the royal crowns, the gorgeous robes and jewels of the Indian princes, the thousands of brilliantly uniformed and superbly disciplined troops, and the varied host of people of hundreds of races and creeds, combined to make a series of tableaux of surpassing splendor.

The Durbar arena, situated about three miles from the royal camp, consists of two semi-circular amphitheatres, an inner one, seating about 5,000, reserved for the king and the native princes and British officials, and the outer one built on the high ground between the fort (the former Mogul stronghold) and the ridge, scene of the desperate fighting which finally assured the British conquest of India, in 1857.

Shortly before noon the booming of cannon announced the departure of the king and queen from their camp, and when they arrived at the arena the one vacant space in the color scheme was filled. Six horses weighted down by gold-spangled harness, drew the royal carriage, and their majesties were escorted by a body of princes, heirs to some of the proudest thrones in India, and squadrons of cavalry, British and native.

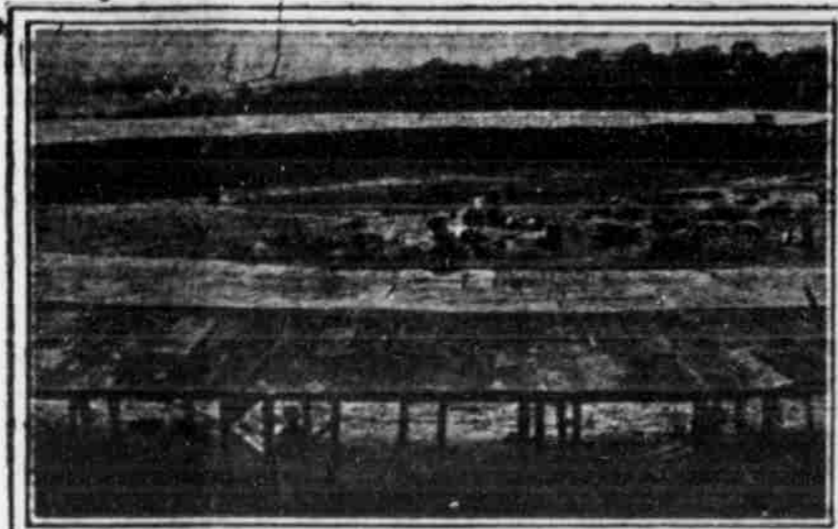
Queen Mary wore the same crown that did duty in Westminster abbey last June. Blazing in the center of it was the famous Koh-i-noor diamond which one gaced the Peacock throne of Shah Joonn—last of the "great Moguls." King George's was not the imperial crown, but a new one especially made for the occasion. The utmost secrecy had been maintained over the details of its construction, and it was publicly shown today for the first time. As had been anticipated, it proved to be a magnificent creation, for in their efforts to design something to impress the native rulers the royal jewelers had utilized nearly every gem of value possessed by the British royal family.

The assembly of princes rose to their feet as the king and queen took their seats on the thrones, and Viceroy Lord Hardinge, Indian Secretary Lord Croke, the Duke of Teck and the host of British noblemen and court officials—all in state robes and the peers wearing their coronets, grouped themselves round the steps of the dais. Behind and on either side of the thrones the king's bodyguard of blue-coated gunners of the Royal Marine Artillery, stood stiffly in attention, while the Seafarth Highlanders, in scarlet tunics and kilts, and green coated Rifles, formed a guard of honor round the flagstaff.

KING AND QUEEN OF ENGLAND RECEIVED WITH ACCLAIM BY SUBJECTS OF THEIR EASTERN EMPIRE



THE CITY OF DELHI.

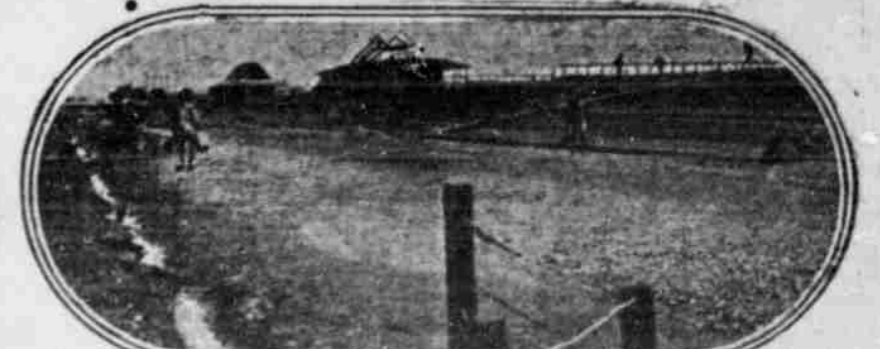


BUILDING PAVILION WHERE KING AND QUEEN WILL HOLD RECEPTION.

The above photographs show the preparations made at Delhi, India, for the reception of King George and Queen Mary at the Great Durbar, which took place today. Also presented herewith are the latest portraits of Lord and Lady Hardinge, the Viceroy and Vicerine of India, who act as host and hostess to their Majesty during the Durbar coronation festi.



LORD AND LADY HARDINGE.



PREPARING THE DURBAR POLO GROUND IN DELHI.

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1912 TAX LEVY IN CITY IS FIXED BY COUNCIL AT 9.5

This Rate Will Raise \$61,750 for City Purposes—Is Slightly Higher Than Last Year Due to Working of Baneroff Act.

Fund	Levy	Sum
General	2.8	\$18,200
Interest	2.0	13,000
Street	1.5	9,750
Sewer	1.0	6,500
Park	2	1,300
Library	5	3,250
Bridge	1.0	6,500
Sinking	5	3,250
Total	9.5	\$61,750

The city council met Monday afternoon and fixed the city tax levy for 1912 at 9.5 mills, which will realize \$61,750 for city purposes during the coming year.

The increase in the levy over that of last year is made necessary to meet the first six months' interest on the improvement bonds issued. The Baneroff bond act requires that interest annually, while the property owner against whose property the bond is issued is only required to pay his assessment and interest annually, thus the act does not make provision for the payment of the first six month interest when it becomes due and payable. However, this increase in the levy will only be necessary to meet the first six months' interest on the bonds as issued, the property owners' annual interest meeting the requirements after one annual interest amount has been paid.

COUNTY OFFICIALS ATTEND CONVENTION

County Judge J. R. Neil, County Commissioner James Owens and County Engineer Bert Harmon left last night for Portland to be in attendance at convention of the county judges and commissioners of the state which is in session there, beginning today and closing Thursday.

Judge Neil is scheduled for an address Wednesday morning on "Probate Law and Procedure." There is probably no another county judge in Oregon who has had a longer experience in this work than has Judge Neil and none better qualified intelligently to address an assembly upon the subject assigned him.

Thursday will be given up to a discussion of practical road building.

RUSHING RESCUE WORK TO REACH MEN STILL ALIVE

Tappings Convey News That All of the Entombed Miners in Tennessee Death Hole Are Not Dead—Frantic Efforts to Save.

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 12.—With probably from 125 to 150 of the 200-odd miners entombed here still alive, efforts for their rescue today are being pushed with every resource at the command of the government life savers and the mine officials.

Impetus was given to the toll of the rescuers when tapplings were heard just beyond that portion of the galleries already searched. Every man who can swing a pick is being put to work to defeat death and save the lives of the imprisoned men.

Seven more bodies were found this morning under a cave-in, in one of the deeper galleries of the mine. This brought the total number of bodies recovered to 30. There is now believed to be little doubt that far back in the mine most of those caught by the explosion have perished, although the erection of brattices may have shut out the noxious gases sufficiently to cut down the death list to smaller proportions than it was feared it would reach.

Those of the miners so far brought up alive have been entombed more than 60 hours. They had practically no food with them and were compelled to drink the putrid water which seeped through the mine seams and lay in evil smelling pools on the floors of the workings where they waited in darkness for the death that seemed sure to come.

Around the mouth of the pit the excitement today was intense when it was learned that new hope had come of saving many of the entombed men. Women and children, the families of those still unaccounted for, wept with joy and only with the greatest difficulty were the eager crowds of miners held back from descending into the shaft until their turns at shift arrived.

Every man who can be employed in the limited space in the mine is being worked. One hour shifts are being used and as fast as the rescuers tire of working at high pressure they are brought to the surface and new gangs take up the battle for life without an instant's delay.

The two ways of finding work—want advertising and answering want ads—give you a double-barreled chance of winning the kind of a job you want.

NEW YEAR'S ISSUE.

The only publication setting forth in detail the growth and progress of the Rogue river valley during the year 1911 will be the New Year's issue of the Mail Tribune. It will be the only opportunity of telling the nation what splendid progress we have made and what opportunities we offer the homeseeker.

MOTHER TO LIVE NEAR SAN QUENTIN

Mrs. McNamara Plans to Remove to California in Order to Be Near Where Her Sons Are Confined—Is Heartbroken.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Mary J. McNamara today plans to leave Cincinnati in about two weeks to take up her residence near San Quentin, Cal., where she will be able to visit her sons, J. B. and J. J. McNamara, the confessed dynamiters.

When questioned regarding a visit she received from H. S. Hoekin of Indianapolis, acting secretary-treasurer of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers, Mrs. McNamara would not deny that he called for the purpose of paying her money for a trip to San Francisco.

"I have not heard a word from my boys," she said in reply to a question, "and have no statement to make at this time."

WOLVERTON IS TO TAKE CHASE'S PLACE

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Harry Wolverton is announced today as manager of the New York American League baseball to succeed Hal Chase. President E. N. Walter of the Oakland Coast League club has released Wolverton, who was under contract to manage the Oakland club for 1912, and will announce Wolverton's successor tonight.

BIG REPUBLICAN CONVENTION TO BE HELD JUNE 18

National Committee Chooses Chicago as Convention City and Names June 18 as the Date on Which It Will Meet.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 12.—It was learned here today that the republican national executive committee named Harry S. New of Indiana, the administration candidate, as chairman of the substitute committee which will have charge of the arrangements for the national convention in 1912. The personnel of the committee is as follows:

Harry S. New, Indiana, chairman; Mulvane, Kansas; Murphy, New Jersey; Duncan, North Carolina; Williams, Oregon; Rosewater, Nebraska, and Vorys, Ohio.

Of these, Mulvane, Murphy, Williams and Vorys are known to be strong supporters of the Taft administration.

The National Republican convention will be held at Chicago on June 18, 1912. Harry New of Indianapolis is almost certain to be chosen chairman of the powerful committee on arrangements, which names the temporary officers of the convention. The national republican committee is in session here today.

New's selection, if it is made, will be due to the efforts of President Taft and his secretary, Charles D. Hilles. New was opposed by Secretary Frank H. Hitchcock, secretary of the committee, and it is said by the Roosevelt wing of the republican party.

The most serious affair in the early stages of the committee meeting was caused by the Ohio delegation insisting that the delegates at large to the national convention be selected, through a president preference primary instead of by the state convention. They declare that unless their demand is granted they will select an anti-Taft delegation at large.

Ohio already has a law providing for the selection of 42 congressional district delegates at a republican primary. Several Ohioans declare that President Taft cannot get a delegate north of Columbus in such primaries.

Colonel John Hannan, Senator La Follette's secretary, said of the republican outlook: "La Follette did not expect to make a showing before the national committee, which is part of the old party." (Continued on Page 4.)