

CHINA SEEKS TO INCREASE CUSTOMS TO PROVIDE REVENUE

PEKIN, Dec. 18.—Sun Po-eh, minister of foreign affairs, today sounded the various foreign ministers in regard to China's desire to materially increase her customs duties, which are supposed to be five per cent, but which are as low as three per cent in many instances, due to the inability of the government to enforce fines. The present customs tariff has been in force since 1902, by virtue of a treaty Great Britain and subsequent agreements with several nations.

Legally speaking, China, as a full-fledged nation, has a right to draw up and enforce her own customs tariff, modified only by the customary favored nation treaties entered into by all countries. However, China's custom service has been in the hands of foreigners for nearly fifty years, and no tax on imports can be imposed by China without the sanction of treaties. The administration of the Chinese customs service by foreigners, under the direction of the late Sir Robert Hart, was of inestimable benefit to China, as well as satisfactory to the world at large.

The control of the country's tariff by treaty with the powers has also worked well in the main, when China's financial needs were small, but now that China is modernizing rapidly, it is only a question of time when she will demand the inalienable right to fix her tariff regulations and rates to suit herself.

REASONS FOR WEARING WHISKERS IS PROBED

ROME, Dec. 18.—"Il Resto del Carlino," a leading Italian daily, which has been conducting an investigation into the reasons for the decreasing popularity of whiskers and why those who still wear them persist in the evil, today announced its findings. As regards the bewhiskered ones, it found that 40 per cent of them have been told by physicians that whiskers prevent toothache, tonsillitis, sore throat and kindred evils; twenty per cent are workmen engaged in dusty occupations, the whiskers protecting the respiratory organs by "ambushment" and waylaying all germs and particles of dirt that seek to slip by; the remaining 40 per cent are about equally divided between those who imagine that whiskers are beautiful and those who do not shave either because they are too poor or because they are too lazy.

MISS ETHEL HOWE WITH DONALD HALLETT PLAYERS, AT THE IT THEATER COMMENCING TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23



GRAFT SCANDAL IN PURCHASES FOR CANAL RAILROAD

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 18.—John Burke, purchasing agent for the Panama canal, charged with accepting commissions from contractors who furnished supplies for the isthmian railroad today, gave his accusers the flat lie. He was here on a vacation.

"There is no truth in the charge that I profited from purchases," he said. "A disgruntled employe started the story. The canal commission investigated September 8. I was exonerated."

"I go back to the canal zone January 7."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Secretary of War Garrison denied today that Purchasing Agent John Burke of the Panama canal had been exonerated on charges of taking commissions from contractors.

Indications were that there would be government action in connection with the case.

At any rate, Attorney General McReynolds was considering whether it came under the New York state law making it a punishable offense for railroad officials to accept gratuities. The Panama railroad is a New York corporation.



REPORTER DENOUNCED FOR SAYRE HOLD-UP

LONDON, Dec. 18.—United States Ambassador Page today warmly denounced a reporter who waylaid Mr. and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre at midnight with a demand for an interview with Mrs. Sayre, declaring he would lose his position if he failed to get it. The Sayres, guests of the ambassador, were returning to his residence when the newspaper man stopped them.

EXCLUDE DISEASED POTATOES FROM NATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The question of exclusion of diseased potatoes from all foreign countries was considered today in a public hearing at the department of agriculture. Department experts were inclined to admit such potatoes as are free from potato diseases, in order that there may be no famine in "murrhies" this winter.

DAVIS RESIGNS FROM ESPEE SUPERINTENDENCY

RENO, Nev., Dec. 18.—The resignation of J. M. Davis as general superintendent of the Southern Pacific, with headquarters in Reno, was announced today. Davis said he expected to leave soon for Cincinnati, where he had accepted a similar position with another road.

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