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M.M. Department Store**MILITARY LEADER AS CHINA PREMIER, ARMY RULES LAND**

PEKING, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—General Chang Shao Tsung, the military leader, has been appointed premier with the approval of parliament. His selection, which was supported by General Tsao Kun, is believed to indicate the intention of the military party to resume control of China.

The Chinese newspapers published reports to the effect that President Li Yuan Hung will soon retire and that General Tsao Kun will take his place. Another report says that Tsao Kun, with the backing of General Chang Tsao Lin, is preparing hostilities against General Wu Pei Fu for early spring, with the purpose of placing the pending government completely in the hands of the militarists.

The appointment of Chang Shao Tsung to the premiership is declared to be a concerted move of the militarists to regain control. It is said that with the support of the military group in sixteen provinces Tsao Kun induced President Li Yuan Hung to nominate the new premier and that parliament had acted almost unanimously in his favor.

This is taken to indicate that parliament is ready to support Tsao Kun's ambition to accede to the presidency.

General Chang Tsao Lin succeeds Wang Shih as premier of China. The latter was designated as acting premier early this month in a ministry supplanting that headed by Wang Chung Hui. General Chang, who became military governor of Sui Yuan Cheng in 1912, has not occupied a prominent place in Chinese affairs for several years.

General Tsao Kun was favored for the presidency at the time of Li's election last summer and his name has recently appeared as a prospective candidate for the presidential chair. Dispatches this month have indicated that Tsao Kun and General Shao Tsung would come together to attempt to eliminate General Wu Pei Fu.

TURKS TO GET PEACE TREATY SATURDAY

LAUSANNE, Dec. 19.—(By the Associated Press)—It was reported this afternoon that a complete draft of the peace treaty drawn up as a result of the deliberations of the Near East conference here would be presented to the Turks on Saturday.

Today's session of the conference body dealing with the question of the straits was adjourned at two p. m. until tomorrow without an agreement having been reached. The Turkish delegates were conciliatory, but the Russian representatives maintained an attitude of opposition.

Lord Curzon announced that the discussions were dragging on too slowly and that tomorrow's meeting must be the last for consideration of the straits problem.

Foreign Minister Tchitcherine of Russia made an effort to draw fire from the American delegation. He urged that the American statement as to the attitude of the United States on the question of the straits should be interpreted to mean that only warships on errands of mercy could go through the straits to the Black Sea. The American representatives did not reply.

LAUSANNE, Dec. 16.—Djellaladine Arif Bey, representative of the Angora government at Rome and member of the Turkish delegation at the Near Eastern conference, was president of the senate in Constantinople when the allied governments, under British leadership, closed up the Turkish parliament in 1919 and banished most of the nationalist leaders who had not joined Mustafa Kemal in Angora.

The British were after Djellaladine but he was too clever for them. He was warned in advance and lay in hiding until he was able to make his way across the Bosphorus disguised as a peasant. Then he slowly worked his way across Anatolia to a point on the Angora railway which was beyond allied control.

Djellaladine Arif Bey is as large a man as Chief Justice Taft of the United States supreme court. His companion in flight was Halide Edib Hanum, the celebrated woman nationalist whom the English also wanted to send to Malta because of her effective agitation against the terms of the Sevres treaty. Halide Edib Hanum is of slight, athletic build and found the night walks and horseback rides comparatively easy. But it was difficult to find horses strong enough to carry Djellaladine Arif Bey. The horses fell under his weight, and he was badly battered and bruised before he managed to reach a zone of safety.

In the three years and a half since that flight the Angora government has won recognition as the responsible government of Turkey; has defeated Greece, and has unseated the Sultan at Constantinople. So the refugees of 1919 are now returning to Europe under conditions far different from those under which they fled.

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PILSUDSKI OUT FOR POLE PRESIDENCY IF ELECTION HELD

PARIS, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press). An increasing probability that Marshal Pilsudski, former premier of the Polish state, will become a candidate for the presidency of Poland in the election to fill the vacancy caused by the assassination of President Narutowicz is reflected in dispatches received by the French foreign office.

The marshal's intervention to prevent reprisals against the nationalists after the assassination of the president is said greatly to have strengthened his position and it is thought he will be able to muster such a majority as to remove his own objections.

WARSAW, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press). The government, in its efforts to determine whether a plot existed for the murder of President Narutowicz, is continuing to effect searches and arrests among the nationalists and many high officers and officials have been arrested or dismissed.

Extraordinary precautions against possible disorders are being taken in this city and in the mining regions.

The country generally is in mourning for the late president and the government has ordered all officers to wear a crepe armband for six weeks. All big public entertainments have been suspended for the rest of the season in respect to the president's death.

ENGLISH SEE HOPE OF AMERICAN AID

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Those newspapers to which the British public looks for solid and conservative information reject the idea that a United States loan to Germany is probable. These journals base their skepticism on long reports from their correspondents in the United States who appear to have probed important sources of information over the week-end.

The possibility of American intervention in Europe's troubles still engrosses attention here.

Two or three of the morning newspapers reiterated with more or less striking embellishment last night's news reports.

The consensus of opinion, however, is that there is something in "the wind" and that there is a distant possibility that America, in some way that has not been divulged, will take a hand in helping to solve the difficulties which have confronted European statesmen.

In all the comment there is a clear eagerness to see intervention and there are many indications that this desire is based on a confident belief in the high American ideals.

BOY SCOUTS LOCATE ANCIENT TEMPLE

BEIRUT, Syria, Dec. 19.—(By Associated Press). The foundations of a large Roman temple, probably an ancient sanctuary of Adonis, have been uncovered near Kassaba by Armenian Boy Scouts from the American Near East relief orphanage at Jebell, 25 miles north of this city.

In this same district the boys found Babylonian and Phoenician reliefs which had been buried in the sands for centuries.

A small museum has been established at the Jebell orphanage to accommodate the treasures, but it is expected that the Near East relief will send the more important objects to American museums.

FESTIVAL OF NATIVITY ALWAYS ON DEC. 25

The festival of the Nativity was never held on any other day than the 25th day of December. The ancient observance of the feast, however, continued for 13 days, or in ecclesiastical language, "an octave and a half," other festival days having an "octave" or eight days of observance only. Hence, the last day of the feast was termed twelfth day, Little Christmas (among the French) and Old Christmas day in some parts of England. It was in 813 A. D., that the Epiphany was first celebrated as a distinct festival, at the end of the Christmas celebration proper. The day has its own observances, twelfth day cake, king of the feast, the mystical bean in the cake, etc., but is now usually celebrated as "le jour de roi," by the French people, or as the festival of the Epiphany, the Greek word for manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles.

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