

CHINESE RULER SAYS SUBJECTS MADE HIM KING

"WAS FORCED TO," WIRES YUAN HI KAI

In Cable to United Press, New Head of New Chinese Monarchy Says the Oriental Empire Has Always Been, and Always Wants to Be Friendly With the United States, and Gives Reasons for Accepting Throne.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—Emperor Yuan Shi Kai, the new head of the new Chinese Empire, today cabled the United Press his reasons for accepting the throne and crown.

His cablegram follows: "I have been forced to submit to the will of the people, both in changing the government from a republic to a monarchy, and in accepting the throne. I have instructed all the different ministers under me in the republic to make preparations for changing all departments to conform to the monarchical form.

"The relations between the United States and China have always been friendly. My policy will be to cement still more closely this friendship.

"I will exert my utmost to promote the industrial and commercial development of these two nations."

WILLARD SIGNS FOR MATCH AT ORLEANS

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—Jess Willard and Fred Fulton today signed articles for a twenty-round fight for the heavy weight championship of the world, the bout to be staged at New Orleans March 4th.

By the terms of the contract, Willard will receive \$32,000, win or lose.

WHEAT CROP SHOWS A GAIN IN PAST YEAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—The Department of Agriculture today announced that the 1915 wheat crop totaled 1,011,505,000 bushels for the United States. The crop last year amounted to 91,017,000 bushels.

Franz von Rintelen, Latest to Be Accused of Anti-Americanism



Evidence is now in the hands of United States government officials which tends to show that the German government, through its secret agent, Franz von Rintelen, spent high sums of money in an attempt to embroil the United States and Mexico. Von Rintelen is now held by the English government as a German spy. A careful search of his baggage brought to light several letters from prominent society

women in this country, and the information gleaned from these letters has materially aided the British secret service agents in this country. Von Rintelen is now in the Tower of London awaiting execution. He has such a fund of valuable information that his death has been postponed from time to time in the hope that he would confess to save his life. But he has stood firm, and says that he isn't afraid to die.

CLUB WRITING FOR FACTORIES

LETTERS ARE BEING PREPARED FOR INDUSTRIAL ENTERPRISES NEEDED HERE—FUND FOR RATE FIGHT GROWS

In an effort to interest outside capital in Klamath county manufacturing

possibilities, the Industrial Department of the Commercial Club is preparing data to be sent to a number of concerns all over the United States. This data will be prepared especially for each line of business, and the letters will be of a personal nature, instead of circulars.

The advantages this section offers for certain branches of endeavor will be pointed out fully to those interested in that line, and the club will invite further inquiry for information. Work of raising the \$1,000 for making a fight before the Interstate Commerce Commission for lower freight rates into Klamath Falls is going ahead steadily. A total of \$775 is now pledged, and there are several interested business men in the county yet to be interviewed.

STATE TAX LEVY LOWER FOR 1915

HALF A MILLION, OR NEARLY A FIFTH, CUT FROM ESTIMATES OF LAST YEAR BY THE STATE TAX COMMISSIONER

A reduction of \$562,000 has been made in the state tax levy estimate for 1915 by the state tax commission. The full commission has approved the active members' figures.

As a result, the Klamath county portion of the state tax levy will be \$40,034.99. Last year this was \$48,413.39.

The state levy calls for \$2,500,000, which is \$562,000 less than last year. For general state purposes \$1,624,849.92 is provided, as compared with \$2,188,911.06 last year. Other items are University of Oregon, \$280,348.51; Oregon Agricultural College \$278,788.01; road purposes \$233,623.73; and normal school \$37,379.30.

Tillamook county has the highest per capita wealth. There it is \$3,370.14 for every man, woman and child in the county. (Continued on Page 2)

War Bulletins

United Press Service ATHENS, Dec. 15.—Official dispatches state there is a lull in the fighting along the Serbo-Greek border. No large force of Bulgars has yet invaded Greece.

Scouts pursuing the retreating allies withdrew as soon as they discovered they had crossed the border line.

United Press Service PARIS, Dec. 15.—The war so far has cost France four billion dollars, or an average of \$8,000,000 daily, according to estimates presented to the chamber of deputies today. At present the daily cost is about \$16,000,000.

United Press Service LONDON, Dec. 15.—The liner Oscar II, Henry Ford's American peace

ship, arrived at Kirkwall, Scotland, last night. The vessel was due at Christiana, 400 miles east of Kirkwall last night, but was delayed by a storm.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Great Britain has granted Captains Roy-Ed and von Papan, recalled German attaches, safe conduct home. No provision has been made for the safe conduct of their successors yet.

United Press Service BERLIN, Dec. 15.—"We stand like rocks in the soil of their home country," said Dr. Karl Helfferich, imperial secretary of the treasury, addressing the reichstag today.

Helfferich predicted the downfall and dissolution of Great Britain as a result of the war.

ASKS EXTENSION OF WAR TAX LAW

MAJORITY LEADER OF HOUSE, THOUGH AGAINST THE PRESIDENT ON PREPAREDNESS, IS WITH HIM OTHERWISE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Representative Claude Kitchin, majority leader of the house, today introduced a resolution calling for the extension of the emergency war tax act for another year.

As reason for this, Kitchin stated that the losses in customs for the year have been \$82,000,000, and the losses of internal revenue from liquor and tobacco are \$25,000,000.

MINNESOTA STILL A MYSTERY SHIP

SMOLDERING FLAMES IN THE BUNKERS MAKE INSPECTION OF BOILERS IMPOSSIBLE—SEAMEN MAY YET ACT

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Federal inspectors are today unable to investigate the condition of the boilers of the liner Minnesota, which is in port here after most mysterious mishaps, following her clearance from Seattle recently with supplies for the allies.

Flames smoldering in the bunkers and steam in the boilers prevent the inspection.

It is rumored that an investigation will prove the vessels' boiler tubes were not properly inspected in Seattle. The sailors on the Minnesota, it is understood, seek to get the Seamen's Union interested in their plight.

Secretary Flynn is trying to get aboard, and make an investigation of the sailors' conditions.

CASH PRIZE FOR TICKET SELLERS

LIBRARY CLUB OFFERS FIVE DOLLARS TO THE BOY OR GIRL SELLING THE GREATEST NUMBER OF "FOLLIES" TICKETS

A chance to win five dollars in cash has been given every boy and girl in Klamath Falls by the Woman's Library Club. That is the prize offered to the one selling the most tickets to "The Follies," the big "pop" musical spectacle to be staged Tuesday and

CHAPMAN CLEAR BY JURY'S VERDICT

AFTER FIFTEEN MINUTES' DELIBERATION, TALESMEN EXONERATE WORDEN MAN ACCUSED OF IMPROPER CONDUCT

Following a fifty minute deliberation, the jury in the H. F. Chapman cases returned a verdict of acquittal at 3:50 this afternoon. Chapman was charged with lewd and lascivious conduct.

In the trial of the case many charges were brought out to show grounds for the action, but Fred H. Mills, conducting the defense, held that the state had failed to make any specific charges of misconduct against the defendant, and introduced only innuendo evidence.

Many residents of Worden and vicinity were called to testify, and there was much local interest in the case, the court room being crowded all the time the trial was in progress.

RAILROAD MEN DISCUSS FIGHT

REPRESENTATIVES OF OVER A QUARTER OF A MILLION GATHER TO CONSIDER GIGANTIC STRIKE

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—The executive committees of the four railroad brotherhoods representing 350,000 men met here today to consider whether they would make a joint demand for the first time upon all the railroads in the United States, acting for 350,000 engineers, brakemen, firemen and conductors, will decide whether to submit the plan to a vote of the Brotherhood.

The vote would take about thirty days. Should the proposals be endorsed and submitted to the railroads the latter, under present agreements, have thirty days in which to reply.

This is the first time in the history of the United States that such a large body of organized workmen has so united for a joint demand. Should proposals be submitted to the railroads, pressure of business incident to the European war, the labor men believe, would cause serious consideration of the demands by railroad officials. The railroads have given no indication of what their attitude may be.

Wednesday nights at Houston's opera house for the benefit of the Philanthropic Department of the club.

The contest was announced in the grade and high schools today. The tickets can be procured at the library any afternoon or evening, and as there is much interest in the coming local talent show, as well as a feeling of appreciation for the splendid work the Philanthropic Department is doing in extending proper aid to worthy poor, big sales are expected.

Heads Democratic Caucus of Senate



Senator John W. Kern

Senator John W. Kern of Indiana, has been re-elected to the chairmanship of the senate democratic caucus. His election took place at the first meeting of the caucus several days ago. It is sure he will see some noble battles before the fights over many senate questions are fought to a finish.

KLAMATH WEALTH IS \$1,797 EACH

PER CAPITA WEALTH OF KLAMATH COUNTY IS EIGHTH HIGHEST IN THE STATE—TILLAMOOK IS HIGHEST

Have you \$1,797.81 in your jeans, or credited to you at a bank?

If so, don't try to get cocky about it please, for you're not rated as a bloated bondholder on that account. You've only got the average Klamath county person's size roll.

The average roll of each man, woman and child in Klamath county, according to a comparison between census figures and assessed valuations is just \$1,797.81. This is one of the largest in the state; in fact, there are only seven counties in the state that beat us.

Pittman Says Klamath Schools Among the Best

The following, received by County School Superintendent Fred Peterson from M. S. Pittman of the Monmouth Normal School, is an interesting survey of Klamath county's schools. As it was prepared by an expert of wide travel, the compliments paid are highly gratifying to all who have labored to better school conditions, especially in the rural districts.

"I feel that I would be very unappreciative if I did not write a few words to assure you of the pleasure and profit which I received while in Klamath county last week. If the week had been planned for my social pleasure it couldn't have been more delightful. Your people, everywhere, were most gracious and hospitable. It seemed to be a habit with them. Homes and hearts were open to us, and many well laden tables invited us to partake of their bounty.

"But as pleasant as was the entire week, pleasure was not our purpose or business, but business everywhere was fraught with pleasure. At the close of a week's work I always like to sum up my findings, and see what I have added to my store of knowledge of the educational conditions of the state of Oregon.

CHAMBERLAIN SEES AMERICAN ARMY OF FIVE MILLION MEN

CALLS PRESENT SYSTEM DOWN-RIGHT MURDER

Oregon Senator, Head of Military Committee and Father of Bill Providing for Conscription and Citizen Military Training, Says His Measure Will Eventually Eliminate Regular Army Here.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, head of the committee on military affairs, and father of a bill for conscription and compulsory military training for youths between 18 and 23 years of age, today strongly advocated the passage of his newest measure.

He forecasted an American army of 5,000,000 well trained men in two years after the passage of his bill. "It is downright murder for this great nation of Gurs to continue its present plan, by which it may send untrained troops against the skilled veterans of other countries," said he.

"I thoroughly believe that the system I have advocated might ultimately lead to the complete abolition of the regular army."

MEDFORD COMMITTEE QUITS SUGAR CAMPAIGN

The Medford beet acreage committee has retired from the field, and the beet campaign in the upper valley now seems to be in the hands of the beet factory men. The Medford committee's retirement came upon the refusal of the factory people to promise the factory to the upper end of the valley, should the biggest proportion of the acreage be signed up in the Medford section. The Medford committee asked that the company agree to locate the factory between Gold Ray and Ashland if the majority of the acreage was signed in this district. Mr. Nibley of the company refused to promise this, and stated that he would take the contracts already secured to Salt Lake City and put it up to the stockholders. The Medford men agreed to guarantee the required acreage should the factory be built anywhere between Gold Ray and Ashland—Ashland Tidings.

Pittman Says Klamath Schools Among the Best

"Perhaps you would not object if I sum up last week on paper, so that you may see how it appears to me. It is as follows:

"First—I found in the city of Klamath Falls a splendid system of city schools under the direction of Mr. Dunbar, supported by a loyal and intelligent board of directors—and a very splendid county high school under the direction of Mr. Bowman.

"Second—I found that Klamath county has one of the best financial systems in the state for its rural schools, made possible by the vision and energy of the county superintendent and the support and co-operation of the county board. A system whereby the tax burden is fairly equalized and a good school is made district made possible.

"Third—The teaching force of Klamath county's rural schools is above the average. The greater part of them are graduates of normal schools, and are doing work with intelligence and boundless interest.

"Fourth—Many of the school buildings are beautiful. (Continued on Page 2)