

## NEW HEIR TO THE THRONE OF CHINA

Candidate of Dowager Empress Said to Be Nephew of Prince Tuan.

### PRESENT HEIR UNCONTROLLABLE.

Reform Faction Disapproves of the Selection, and Suggests that the Powers Oppose It if the Empress Wishes to Carry It Out—Prince Chang Will Act as Grand Marshal of the Court on His Journey From Kai-Feng.

Pekin (By Cable).—A new heir to the throne, it is believed here, will be appointed when the Dowager Empress meets Prince Ching and several of the Viceroy's at Kai-Feng, capital of the Province of Ho-Nan, where there will be a general discussion of the empire's affairs. This news is believed to be authentic, as it was received from high Chinese officials. The present heir, Pu Chun, has proved to be dissipated and uncontrollable. The status of his father, Prince Tuan, as a banished prince, makes his succession contrary to Chinese traditions.

The candidate of the Empress is said to be Pei Tze, nephew of Prince Tuan, and who is intellectually weak. He took part in the Boxer aggression, personally leading an attack on the French cathedral.

### Present Heir a Lad of 17.

Pu Chun, son of Prince Tuan, was selected by the Dowager Empress in 1908 as heir apparent to the Chinese throne, the present emperor, Kwang Su, having no children. The heir is 17 years old.

It was announced last November that Prince Tuan, his father, had fled to Kansu. Tuan is a Manchur of pure descent, is the grandson of the Emperor Taouk-Wang, who died in 1850, and a nephew of Emperor Hien-Fung, who died in 1861. Prince Tuan's father, Prince Tun, was the most likely heir to the throne after Taouk-Wang's death, but his succession was set aside.

### EX-GOV. FILLSBURY DEAD.

Succumbs to Bright's Disease After a Brief Illness—Numerous Benefactions.

Minneapolis (Special).—John S. Pillsbury, former Governor of Minnesota, and one of the State's foremost citizens, died here of Bright's disease. His illness was very brief owing to his advanced age. He was over 73. He was a member of the famous family of flour millers, and left a large fortune. He served three terms as Governor, from 1876 to 1882. Among his numerous benefactions was his gift to the University of Wisconsin of his \$150,000 science hall. He had long been a member of the board of regents, having been named a life member. His father, John Devereux Pillsbury, died in 1820, leaving to his native town of Sutton, N. H., a town hall in memory of his parents. The ex-Governor had been a resident of Minneapolis since 1854.

### FREDERICK H. BENEDICT KILLED.

Meets Death by Overturning of an Automobile While Descending a Hill.

West Point, N. Y. (Special).—An accident occurred near here which resulted in the almost instant death of Frederick H. Benedict, son of E. C. Benedict, and perhaps the fatal injury of Granville Kane, guest of Mr. Benedict. Mr. Benedict and his friend, Mr. Kane, with a chauffeur, started from Tuxedo on an automobile for West Point to attend the football game. A thunderstorm came up and the fall of rain made the roadway slippery. In descending a hill the chauffeur lost control and ran into a breaker with sufficient violence to upset the machine. Mr. Kane was thrown under the machine, which weighed 400 pounds. The entire automobile then toppled over him. Mr. Benedict was crushed beneath the weight.

### Taken for Robbers and Shot.

Roanoke, Va. (Special).—Two Evansville (Ind.) officers mistook Harry McCarroll and William Drum for safe blowers, wanted at Howell, Tenn., and shot them near the latter place. The men were beating their way on a freight train, and, fearing arrest, got down and started to run away, when the officers fired on them, killing McCarroll and seriously wounding Drum.

### Lover's Double Crime.

Cleveland, Ohio (Special).—Margaret DeHolland, 21 years old, was shot and almost instantly killed at her boarding-house by Verne Rogers, 35 years old. After firing three shots at the young woman Rogers turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet into his head. He will probably die. It is said that Miss DeHolland, who was very pretty, had refused to marry Rogers, and this, it is supposed, led to the tragedy.

### Fatally Stabbed at Bristol.

Bristol, Tenn. (Special).—Nathaniel Tate, a farmer, was fatally stabbed by his nephew, John Tate, near Kingsport. The elder Tate had accused the young man and a man named Smith Hall of stealing. Words followed, and it is stated that as Nathaniel Tate turned the young man stabbed him with a dirk. He lived but a short time. Both John Tate and Smith Hall have escaped, and a posse is organizing to pursue.

### Mrs. McKinley "Doing Nicely."

Canton, O. (Special).—Surgeon General Sternberg, of Washington, left tonight for Columbus, where he goes on business. He was a guest at the McKinley home to-day. It is given out that he stopped here merely as an old friend of the McKinleys to make a social call on Mrs. McKinley. She is said to be "doing nicely." There was no change in her condition that called for the professional attendance of Surgeon General Sternberg.

### Submarine Boat Launched.

Elizabethport (Special).—The submarine boat Shark was successfully launched here. The boat is one of the fleet of submarine warships that is being built by the Holland Torpedo Boat Company. Miss Wainwright, daughter of Commander Wainwright, U. S. N., christened the new vessel. The Shark is 63 feet 4 inches long and has a displacement of 120 tons. She has gasoline and electrical engines for propelling power. She will be equipped with Whitehead torpedoes, which will be fired from the bow.

## SUMMARY OF THE LATEST NEWS.

### Domestic.

The United States Steel Corporation and the Tinplate Company paid the tax imposed by the State of Ohio on foreign corporations, but not the fines, aggregating \$52,000, for which suits will be brought by the State authorities.

Annie Allison, colored, of Sussex county, was arrested in Richmond, Va., on the charge of abducting Mattie T. Smith, a white girl. The colored woman's brother is accused of criminally assaulting the girl.

Henry McDonnell Sedley, a Yale student, was arrested for causing the death of Edward Corrigan, a law school student, whom he had thrown out of a wagon.

Judge Walcott, of the Circuit Court of Grand Rapids, Mich., awarded \$40,000 damages to Melvin B. Church against the Antikalsomine Company.

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court reversed the decision of the lower court and declared the Philadelphia "ripper" law unconstitutional.

John Stone killed Mabel F. Mayer, a girl of 13, in San Francisco, with whom he was infatuated, and then killed himself.

Raymond Morton, 6 years of age, died in Norfolk, Va., from lockjaw, the result of a splinter in his foot.

J. Daniel Reinhard, 70 years old, and weighing 495 pounds, died in Bethlehem, Pa.

A combination of the independent oil producers in the Texas field is being formed.

Fires have been lighted in nearly all factories of the American Window Glass Company.

George W. Farnsworth dropped dead while at work on the railroad near Piedmont, W. Va.

Rear Admiral Francis M. Bunce, retired, died of cancer at Hartford, Conn., aged 65 years.

The monster steamer Siberia, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, was successfully launched by the Newport News Shipbuilding Company in the presence of 20,000 people.

George Armitage, the missing messenger of the Bank of New Amsterdam, surrendered to the New York police and made a confession, implicating four persons.

A \$100,000 deal between the Flat Top Land Association and the Pocahontas Company, both of West Virginia, is said to be about to be consummated.

Ambassador Choate, former Vice-President Morton and Gen. Francis V. Greene arrived in New York from Southampton on the Philadelphia.

It is recognized in Washington that some aggressive action is necessary in the Philippine war because of recent outbreaks.

The marine guard which was stationed at the Buffalo Exposition will be transferred to the Charleston Exposition.

Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, dismissed charges filed against Police Chief Devery by the Merchants' Association.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railway Company was incorporated in Burlington, Iowa, with a capital stock of \$100,000,000. This is supposed to be the first tangible move in the Hill-Morgan deal.

The board of governors of the National Bureau of Identification, in session in Washington, adopted a recommendation to be urged on Congress for legislation for the suppression of anarchy.

At the closing session of the American Bankers' Association Convention at Milwaukee, Wis., Mr. P. C. Kauffman, of Tacoma, Wash., made a plea for the establishment of an international bank.

President Roosevelt is reported to be much interested in the Panama canal project, and will do all within his power to secure a satisfactory treaty with England.

The Reciprocity Convention will meet in Washington November 19.

### Foreign.

The Lord Mayor of Dublin and other noted Irishmen gave a big greeting to Patrick McHugh, member of Parliament, who had just been released from prison, where he served six months as a first-class misdemeanant. Mr. McHugh will sail, with John Redmond and John O'Donnell, for a tour of American cities.

A meeting of German manufacturers and business men was held in Berlin to discuss the "American danger," at which the statement was made that the United States kept detectives in Germany to discover trade secrets and undervaluations.

The uncertainty as to when the insurgents will attack the city of Panama causes intense anxiety and a general depression in trade. The United States battleships Indiana and French and British warships continue to await developments.

The French Government has refrained from taking coercive measures against Turkey to enforce settlement of the Lorando claim, fearing that such action might force the disruption of Turkey.

The defaulting manager of a bank in Hungary made a confession to his wife, who handed him a revolver and told him to kill himself, which he did.

Commander Sheepers and 11 more Boer leaders, recently captured by the British, have been banished from South Africa.

Judge O'Connor Morris, at the opening of the Roscommon sessions at Dublin, said he had received documents purporting to emanate from the United Irish League, marked with a coffin and containing threats against King Edward.

Two French detectives have started for Bulgaria to search for Miss Stevo, the American missionary held by brigands for ransom. They say they are in possession of likely clues.

The gun sights and other fittings of the British cruiser Magnificent have been thrown into the sea by the crew in order to bring about a righting of their wrongs.

### Financial.

The steamer St. Paul has arrived at Seattle from Nome with \$1,500,000 gold.

The New York treasury has transferred for the banks \$275,000 to New Orleans.

It is reported that Atchison will show over \$1,000,000 increase in September gross earnings.

The New York treasury statement shows that the banks have lost \$1,447,000 during the last week.

The Pullman Company is expected to show \$17,000,000 gross earnings for the year.

## POSTOFFICE STAMP VAULT ROBBED

Thieves Bore an Entrance From Beneath Through Steel Flooring.

SECURE \$74,610 WORTH OF BOOTY.

So Careful Had the Job Been Planned That Men Working in Other Parts of the Building Had Not the Slightest Inkling of the Daring Robbery Being Worked Almost Under Their Noses.

Chicago (Special).—The most ingenious and boldest robbery of a public institution ever perpetrated in Chicago was accomplished some time between Saturday night and Monday morning, when postage stamps to the value of \$74,610 were abstracted from the stamp vault of the Chicago postoffice by operators who burrowed beneath the building through a steel floor in order to reach their plunder.

Had they calculated their distance six feet west from where they were working they might have secured nearly \$40,000 in cash and \$300,000 in stamps. Originally the vault contained no partitions but a year ago steel walls were put in place, and thus the robbers missed the cashier's vault.

In accomplishing their work the thieves displayed patience, skill and forethought of the most remarkable character. The manner in which the difficulties that confronted them were overcome proves to the satisfaction of the postoffice inspectors and city detectives working on the case that they are old hands at the business and that among their number there must have been one or more expert mechanics.

No tangible clue has been developed by the scores of police and secret service men at work on the case.

The work of forming an entrance to the vault had evidently been going slowly forward for many days. It is believed, however, that the intention of the thieves had been to enter the cashier's vault, 37 holes were bored in a space of 18 inches square in the bottom of the vault, just enough to allow the entrance of a man's body. A dry goods box stood over the hole thus made and concealed the work of the robbers while it was in progress. When discovered the finger marks of one of the robbers were still discernible on the dust.

The enormous crowd which had gathered inside and outside the grounds gave the aeronaut a tremendous ovation.

### Sir Thomas Advocates Change.

Chicago (Special).—Sir Thomas Lipton declared himself in favor of a change in the construction of challengers and defenders of the America's Cup. "The yachts should be something more than mere racing machines," said Sir Thomas. "The present yachts are not safe. Should the cup ever cross to the other side the challenger would have to be built according to British ideas of stability."

## NINTH INFANTRY SUFFERS AGAIN.

Bolomen Attack Company on Samar Island—Ten Men Killed and Six Wounded.

Manila (By Cable).—Four hundred bolomen attacked a detachment of 46 men of the Ninth Infantry at Bangajon, on the Candara river, island of Samar, killing 10 and wounding 6. The remainder of the company arrived on the scene in time to prevent further slaughter and routed the enemy, killing nearly 100 of them. It is believed the enemy only retired for reinforcements. As soon as the news was received at Catbalogan two gunboats were dispatched, General Smith going in person to the scene.

Washington (Special).—The following brief telegram from General Chaffee reporting the fight of the Ninth Infantry in Samar, was received at the War Department: "Forty-six men, Company E, Ninth Regiment, United States Infantry under First Lieut. Geo. W. Wallace, in field, lower Candara, Samar, were attacked by 400 bolomen Oct. 16. Our loss to kill, 6 wounded; names not received; 81 of the enemy left dead on the field. Enemy beaten off." (Signed) CHAFFEE.

The War Department officials were somewhat dismayed at the report of the

new setback on the island of Samar. The Ninth Infantry, which suffered there, was the same organization that engaged in the latest fight at Bangajon.

An inspection of the disposition made of the troops on the island of Samar shows that before the Balangiga fight there were no less than 38 separate posts. These were so disposed that supplies could be conveyed to the troops by water. General Hughes has left Samar and gone to the island of Cebu to recuperate, which accounts for the assumption of the command on Samar by General Smith. General Hughes was worn out and suffered from the effects of a severe fall received while chasing insurgents to the mountains of Samar.

As of interest in connection with the report from Samar, Adjutant General Corbin made public a report by General Hughes to General Chaffee, dated Aug. 20, on the situation in that island. General Hughes says:

"The progress in Samar is satisfactory in some ways and not in others. The subduing of the fighting propensities of the war faction is reduced almost to a nullity. The growth of our strength in the estimation of the people is also quite satisfactory."

## FIVE DEAD IN A TUNNEL.

Laborers Caught by a Cave-in in New York Subway—Tons of Rock Fell on Them.

New York (Special).—Five men were killed and two injured when a great mass of rock fell from the side and roof of the rapid transit tunnel, in course of construction on Broadway about the line of One Hundred and Sixty-fourth street, in this city.

The section of the tunnel where the cave-in occurred is 105 feet below the surface. A shaft leads to the tunnel, and from the shaft headings extend north and south, each being about 700 feet long. The accident occurred in the south heading of the tunnel, about 640 feet from the shaft.

A gang of 20 rock drillers was working in the extreme south end of the heading and about 50 feet from the end a gang made up of 20 shovellers and a foreman was removing the debris produced by the blasting.

Without warning the mass of rock, 63 feet long 11 feet wide and 10 feet high and weighing about 150 tons, fell with a tremendous crash directly where the shovellers were at work, almost closing the tunnel and creating a panic among the 200 or 300 men at work in other sections. Great clouds of dust filled the whole excavation. The frightened men, most of them Italians, in great excitement and finding themselves cut off, as they thought, made wild efforts to escape, their cries adding to the confusion. In a short time, however, all made their way to the street and the work of rescuing the shovellers was commenced.

Owen Bly, the section boss, who was in charge of that portion of the tunnel, was placed under arrest.

## GENERAL DE WET REPORTED DEAD.

Conflicting Stories as to Death of Boer Commander—DeVilliers Says He Is Alive.

Durban, Natal (By Cable).—General De Wet's recent inactivity has produced the impression among military men that he is either dead or incapacitated through illness or wounds. According to a letter from Pretoria a prominent Boer recently wrote to a friend there relating the terrible hardships suffered by the Boers in the field, especially from a lack of surgeons.

"De Wet, for example," wrote this Boer, "suffered the most terrible agony before he died. He was wounded in the shoulder by a splinter from a shell and the wound gangrened, owing to its being dressed with dirty rags."

Five Boers captured at different places recently said De Wet was dead, but each gave a different version of his death. Against these reports is the statement of Piet de Villiers, the field cornet, recently taken prisoner in the northern part of the Orange River Colony, who said that on the morning of his capture he took breakfast with General De Wet.

## BIG HOTEL BURNED.

One of the Leading Houses in Houston, Texas, a Prey to the Flames—Loss \$250,000.

Houston, Tex. (Special).—At 2.30 o'clock in the morning fire broke out in the rear portion of the Hutchins House, one of the leading hotels in Houston. The flames spread rapidly to all parts of the upper stories of the building, which is a four-story structure covering more

## SANTOS-DUMONT WINS PRIZE.

Committee Says That He Exceeded the Time Limit—Time Lost in Descending.

Paris (By Cable).—M. Santos-Dumont, the aeronaut, sailed around the Eiffel Tower in his balloon and returned to the Aero Club within twenty-nine minutes, having, to all appearances, complied with all the conditions imposed by M. Deutsch for the winning of the award of 100,000 francs for the invention of a dirigible airship.

M. Deutsch says that Santos-Dumont virtually won the prize, but the Aero Club says he has not because he failed to land inside 30 minutes. M. Dumont refused to concur in the decision of the club. The committee declares that Santos-Dumont took 30 minutes 40 4/7 seconds to make the trip.

M. Deutsch offered a consolation prize of 25,000 francs, but Santos would not accept them. The inventor will now take his balloon to the Riviera.

Santos-Dumont started for the first time at 2.29, but on leaving the park his guide rope caught in a tree and he was obliged to descend. He started again at 2.42 p. m., rose 250 yards and then pointed for the Eiffel Tower, the balloon going in a straight line. It was seen through field glasses to arrive at the tower and round it.

The time up to the point, with the wind in the balloon's favor, was 8 minutes and 45 seconds. It returned against the wind and made slower headway, but still kept in the true direction for St. Cloud, which it reached in the total time of 29 minutes 15 seconds. But instead of descending immediately Santos-Dumont made a broad sweep over the Aero Club grounds, with the result that another minute, and 25 seconds were consumed before the workmen seized the guide rope. Thus, technically, Santos-Dumont exceeded the time limit by 40 seconds.

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Dayton, O. (Special).—Mrs. Mary Belle Witmer, the alleged murderer of 14 persons, retains a stoicism which amazes the authorities and quite disconcerts her attorney. She has maintained her composure from the beginning. Only once has she given way to tears, and that when she was visited by her stepson, whose father, Frank D. Witmer, her fifth and last husband, is said to have died from poison which she administered. Young Witmer offered to bring the prisoner any delicacies she might wish, and reminded her that she had always been a kind mother to him.

Aside from this the woman has kept up an indifferent attitude under all circumstances. Police interviews have failed to make the slightest impression upon her, and she has daily reiterated her statements with reference to crimes attributed to her and reasserted her innocence. Several attempts to entrap the prisoner have failed, and it is apparent that she will make a good defense.

Evidence against Mrs. Witmer is purely circumstantial. She is directly charged with the murder of her sister, Mrs. Anna C. Pugh, a professional nurse, who lived with Mrs. Witmer in this city.

Mrs. Witmer lost four husbands, and all died rather suddenly and under peculiar circumstances. In the wholesale charges informally made by the authorities she has been accused of causing the death of all, in addition to those of several children, making a total of 14 deaths.

There is no expectation that more than one crime can be fastened upon the woman, if, indeed, the authorities will succeed in that. She is an adept in holding her own in trying situations. When arraigned on the charge of administering arsenic to her sister, she merely shook her head when the word "murder" was pronounced, and at the conclusion of the reading of the affidavit by the prosecutor, she arose, and in a quavering voice, replied distinctly, "I am not guilty."

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### Executed 101 Filipinos.

The annual report of Gen. George B. Davis, judge-advocate-general of the army, shows that in the past year there were 6065 trials by general court-martial, 600 less than in the preceding year.

Of these 16 were trials of commissioned officers, of whom 10 were convicted. Of the enlisted men tried 896 were regulars and 1167 were volunteers. The report says that the number of men sentenced to dishonorable discharge in the regular army was 1895 and in the volunteer army 333, making a total of 2228.</