

TOKIO PREPARES STRONG PROTEST

YUAN-SHI-KAI

Action Due to Entente's Opposition to Monarchy for China

REPUBLIC IS RESTORED

President May Resign Following Refusal of Title of Emperor

Yuan-Shi-Kai Centre of Political Storms

Elected President of China in October, 1913, after centuries of Manchu rule and a violent revolution for term of five years.

Assumes virtual dictatorship of country, restores Confucianism and drives noted reformers from country upon taking office.

First talk of return to monarchy begins in August, 1914, and continues until December, 1915, with much agitation against it.

Congress of State, by vote of 2043 to 1900, decides in favor of restoration of throne and offers crown to Yuan.

Japan, Russia and Great Britain protest against abolition of republic and Yuan postpones time for ascending throne.

Revolution again sweeps several southern provinces, which declare their independence of Yuan. Yunnan Province proclaimed a republic.

Government troops in Hupoh and Nanking join rebels.

Yuan announces abandonment of plan to restore monarchy on March 22, 1916, and his prospective resignation is rumored.

WASHINGTON, March 23.—The reversal of China from a monarchy to a republic was officially confirmed today in a dispatch to the State Department from Ambassador Reinsch at Peking.

TOKIO, March 23.—A strong note, threatening vigorous measures unless China immediately carries out the demands of Japan, has been drawn up and shortly will be presented to the Chinese Foreign Office in Peking.

It is predicted that the decision to maintain a republican form of government in China will have a strong bearing upon the future relations between China and Japan. Although Japan favors a monarchical form of government in China, her allies, England, France and Russia, are against the change.

PEKIN, March 23.—Yuan Shi-Kai's rejection of the title of emperor and his decision to maintain a republican form of government may be followed by his resignation. If such is the case his successor may be chosen by the Powers instead of by the General Assembly.

The belief is strongly expressed that, if Yuan Shi-Kai does resign, Chinese affairs may be administered for a time by a commission form of government appointed by the countries interested in the affairs of this nation. Chinese statesmen fear that Japan would try to take advantage of such an opportunity to gain further concessions in the Manchurian provinces and to take a hand in directing the government of the country.

It was announced last night that Yuan-Shi-Kai would continue as President of China, and that the plan to change the country into a republic had been abandoned because of the growing revolutionary movements.

GOVERNOR HAS HIS TEN GUESTS BEHEADED AT DINNER

Chinese Official's Effective Manner of Poiling Army Plot Against Him

LONDON, March 23.—A Reuters dispatch from Urumchi, China, says: "Army officers in the province of Sinkiang plotted to kill the Governor, but the Governor, learning of the conspiracy, invited 10 of the plotters to dinner and had them beheaded as they sat at the table."

PRESIDENT WILSON VISITS PHILADELPHIA

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procession went out Walnut street to 18th, and down that thoroughfare to Spruce street. The President's limousine stopped so suddenly in front of the Madison that one of the mounted policemen was nearly thrown from his horse.

The sudden arrival of the cavalcade escorting the President's car caused excitement in the neighborhood. Women in dusting caps, coaches, footmen, chauffeurs and passers-by appeared from doorways and around corners as if by magic and by the time the President and Mrs. Wilson had entered Mrs. Howe's apartments for lunch a crowd of 200 persons had gathered.

The President and Mrs. Wilson lunched with Mrs. Howe and her daughter, Mrs. Anne Cochrane. Their stay was limited, for their train was scheduled to leave shortly before 2:30 o'clock.

The special train was delayed in coming to this city by engine trouble which developed at Pottsville, Md. By the time a fresh engine was sent from Havre de Grace 34 minutes had elapsed. The train arrived that number of minutes late, at 1:35 o'clock.

The heavy guard furnished the President was explained by Lieutenant Durty, of the Marines, who said that the police were notified of his coming until last night, when it was not stated for what purpose the intended visit was to be made.

The order for the large escort was issued last night and remained in effect.

AUGUSTA FIRE LOSS MAY BE \$8,000,000; 3000 ARE HOMELESS

Strip of Business Houses and Residences Two Miles Long, Four Blocks Wide, in Ruins

COTTON STOCKS BURNED

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 23.—Augusta, yesterday one of the prettiest cities in the South, today is in great part a pile of smoking ruins. A fire which burned all night and still rages up spasmodically, swept clear a strip of business houses and residences two miles long and four blocks wide, entailing a loss estimated at \$8,000,000.

Three thousand persons, most of whom lost all their effects as well as their homes, are being cared for by a hastily formed citizen committee, while three companies of militia are guarding the burned area.

The flames, which originated in the Dyer Building elevator shaft from defective wiring, swept the heart of the business section first, the new 15-story Empire life Building, just completed, being among the first to go. The fire swept two newspaper plants, four banks, two telegraph offices and other business establishments.

After several hours' fight the firemen believed the flames were under control, but they burst out afresh, crossed Broad street and swept a row of cotton warehouses, which contained \$2,000,000 worth of cotton furnished fuel.

The flames then ate their way into the residence section, destroying everything in their path, until there was nothing left to feed upon.

There was no loss of life, but many persons were slightly injured, among them being Firemen Horn and White.

\$1,500,000 Fire in East Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 23.—Three thousand persons were homeless today as the result of yesterday's fire which swept 35 blocks of residences in East Nashville and did \$1,500,000 damage. The fire, which was started by a small boy throwing a lighted ball of yarn into the dry grass of a vacant lot, was driven across the city by a high wind. The East Nashville suburb which was destroyed, the big mansion, the big building and several churches were reduced to ruins, and nearly 600 residences were burned to the ground.

OAK LANE PHONE GIRL HEARS FIRE CRACKLING ON WIRE; SAVES LIVES

Flames Displace the Receiver in Burning Home, and Operator Gives the Alarm

CALLS UP NEIGHBORS

Presence of mind of Margaret Delaney, a telephone operator at the Oak Lane Exchange, saved Theodore Boesch and his family, this morning from a fire which destroyed their home at 68th avenue and York road.

Miss Delaney, known as "number 12" on the switchboard, saw a red light on the board, the signal of a "call." It proved to have been the result of fire displacing the receiver in the burning wood.

Miss Delaney listened intently, and ever the wire heard what she thought at first to be the voices of men. Finally she decided that it was the crackling of burning wood.

Then she telephoned to the garage which is opposite the Boesch home, and told Daniel Hassinger, who answered that there was a fire in the house across the street.

Even as he listened on the telephone Hassinger saw smoke pouring from the windows of the Boesch house. He dropped the receiver, and with Sergeant Watkins, who happened along, climbed the porch of the burning house and aroused the occupants.

Boesch, who conducts a drug store on the first floor, occupied the third floor with his wife and three children. Hassinger and Watkins carried the children down the smoke-filled stairway to the street, while Police-men Reinhardt and Fannin saved Miss Mary McKinley, who boards with the Boesch family.

The fire, the origin of which was not known, caused a loss of \$3000.

PHYSICIAN, ACCUSED OF MURDER, ARRESTED

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Peck, of Grand Rapids, Mich., parents of the physician's wife.

A secret autopsy of the body of millionaire Peck at Grand Rapids revealed arsenic in his stomach. The district attorney also has obtained information from Swann that he had seen Doctor Waite pour liquid from a vial into his father-in-law's soup. The maid said the elder man took a spoonful of the soup, but refused to have any more of it because of its disagreeable taste.

Then, the maid continued, she heard Doctor Waite say: "Well, you must take something to ease you up. I will make you a cup of tea."

The tea was made, the girl said, and she again saw Doctor Waite pour liquid from the small bottle into the cup.

The first intimation that the aged couple had met death from other than natural causes was contained in the following telegram to Percy Peck:

"Suspicious aroused. Demand autopsy. Examine body."

The telegram was signed "K. Adams." According to the police, "K. Adams" is a woman with whom Doctor Waite was on intimate terms. Jealousy is believed to have prompted the sending of the message. The woman is now missing, but the police are conducting a country-wide search for her.

Peck was president of the Peck Drug Company, of Grand Rapids, and a director of other large corporations.

Doctor Waite is 28 years old. At high school and at the University of Michigan he made brilliant records, both as student and athlete. He holds the indoor tennis championship of New York.

He married Miss Peck at Grand Rapids, September 9, 1915.

The death of Mrs. Emma Ring, 49 years old, is the center of second mystery which occupies the attention of the police. She was the wealthy widow of George L. Ring, a broker. She died Tuesday.

Coroner Richardson is now holding up the funeral pending an autopsy. His suspicions were aroused by an anonymous telephone call, telling him to look into the death. Two witnesses examined by the police have stated that Mrs. Ring had complained of being "blind for money."

Her estate is estimated at \$100,000.

"CALL OUT NATIONAL GUARD AT ONCE," CRY MANY IN CONGRESS

Senate and House Leaders Openly Advocate Use of State Troops on Mexican Border

FOR 50,000 VOLUNTEERS

WASHINGTON, March 23.—Many Senate and House leaders today openly advocated the calling of the National Guard for immediate service along the border.

Open fears were expressed that the present force of regulars was "inviting disaster" and members of the Military Affairs Committee of the two houses were planning personally to urge the President, on his return here tonight, to take all possible precautionary steps.

It is known that the War Department has already prepared a tentative list of organizations that will be called on for volunteers should the situation in Mexico and along the border not improve.

A substitute resolution, demanding that the President immediately call for not less than 50,000 volunteers for service in Mexico, preference to be given to the organized militia of the States, was drafted this afternoon by Senator Sherman, of Illinois. He said he would substitute it for his joint resolution of yesterday, which was side-tracked, and that, inasmuch as it would be a Senate resolution, it would be entitled to immediate consideration.

The lid was blown off the Mexican situation in the Senate immediately after it convened this afternoon. Senator Johnson of South Dakota, precipitated a warm debate when he read a message from constituent offering to raise 100 volunteers for Mexican service.

"Why doesn't he take his hundred warriors to a recruiting office instead of parading his patriotism before the Senate?" demanded Senator Penrose.

Republican Senators, led by Kenyon, of Iowa, and Lodge, of Massachusetts, made a determined effort to bring before the body Senator Sherman's resolution authorizing the President to call for 50,000 volunteers. Vice President Marshall, however, ruled it was not in order.

"We are courting disaster by sending a small force into Mexico," said Sherman. Senator Stone characterized Senator Johnson's reading of the message as ill-vised.

"The situation in Mexico is, as every one knows, acute," he said. "Anything that tends to add to the acuteness is better left undone."

Senator Stone pleaded with Senator Sherman not to attempt to bring the resolution before the Senate because of the discussion it would surely provoke.

"It has become alarmingly apparent the last few days that our land forces are pitifully weak and unable to meet even a moderate emergency, much less a crisis against the border," said Sherman, "the States of northern Mexico are uncertain. The temper of their people is unreliable. No one knows to whom their sympathies will finally gravitate."

The northern States of Mexico should prove unfriendly, General Pershing and his forces would be in danger of finding a hostile country in their rear and no communication with our country. With our present available military force, if Mexico should attempt to force us, we would be powerless to deliver our strength at the point needed for his relief.

"We are courting disaster. We are trusting to luck. We are sending our men into known danger without safeguarding them against probable fatality which can be guaranteed by prompt preparation. We have no assurance at this time that we have not sent our troops into interior Mexico to meet their death before we can reach them with reinforcements. It is against this possibility that my resolution would provide."

11 Couples Licensed to Wed at Elkton

ELKTON, Md., March 23.—Couples granted marriage licenses in Elkton today were Charles Lamont and Katherine Campbell, John Paulson and Katherine Newmiller, John T. Ramsay and Anna C. Foster, and Ralph C. Kruse and Beale F. Lough, all of Philadelphia; Charles E. Wechter and Amy P. Schaefer, Bethlehem; Harold G. Lebaron, Lock Haven; and Elaine Walters, Phoenixville, Pa.; Donald J. McCloskey and Grace Ray, Pennsboro, N. J.; Arnold L. Brown, Hingham, Va., and Eva H. Jones, Nassawadox, Va.

TODAY'S MARRIAGE LICENSES

Louis V. Shoemaker, 1934 E. Lippincott st., and Minnie L. Carlan, 1212 N. Frankford av., Philadelphia; Frederick Schussler, 1712 N. Frankford av., Philadelphia; and John J. D'Almeida, 1712 N. Frankford av., Philadelphia.

Domestic Licensees: John J. D'Almeida, 1712 N. Frankford av., Philadelphia; and Regina E. Quinn, 4820 N. 5th st., Philadelphia; and Nicola, 1215 S. 22d st., Philadelphia; and Roy Griffith, 2215 Tucker st., and Edna M. Gibson, Allentown, Pa.

Paul, 2244 Watkins st., and Anna William Smith, 605 Lombard st., and Jennie Samuel Steinfield, 2555 S. Marshall st., and Yvonne, 2555 S. Marshall st., and Frank J. Danks, 927 W. Grand av., and Ida Williams, 1215 S. 22d st., Philadelphia; and Solomon Marcus, 721 N. 10th st., and Yetta Greenberg, 1411 N. 4th st.

Seek Deserted Boys' Parents

Two boys, 4 and 6 years old, who were deserted by their parents more than three months ago, are today with their grandmother in Frackville, Pa., as a result of the efforts of Mrs. George Botsford, matron of the Mason Home, 402 North Franklin street, and probation officers to locate their relative. The boys are Charles and William Roberts. They were sent yesterday to their grandmother, Mrs. E. A. Bretz, in Frackville, after she had petitioned the Juvenile Court here for the custody of them.

FALLS DEAD AT BROTHER'S FUNERAL

"I feel sick," said Ladislav Ivanicki this morning while attending the funeral services of his brother Stanislaw. When the funeral procession started for Holy Cross Cemetery, the body was taken to and shortly after rushed out of the house "for air" and fell to the street. He was taken to the Hahnemann Hospital, where physicians pronounced him dead from heart failure. The body was taken to 230 Calowhill street, where he conducted a saloon.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION

HELP WANTED—FEMALE

COMPETENT woman for cooking and domestic work. Apply 3401 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

HOUSEWORK—Wanted reliable English or Irish woman for general housework. Apply 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

WATERSIDE wanted in private family; experienced; good references; no laundry work. Apply 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

YOUNG LADY, quick and accurate at figures, to assist in office. 919 W. Thompson st.

HELP WANTED—MALE

AMBITIOUS young man, accurate and reliable at figures; knowledge of stenography, English and bus. education. P. 609, Locust st.

MAN WANTED for garage to wash automobiles. Apply J. G. Garage, 1405 B. Barlow st., Philadelphia.

PAINTER—First class on automobile body work. Two weeks' business. Apply 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

UNSHARPED middle-aged white man, handy with tools, permanent home. Apply Chas. F. H. Co., Atlantic City, N. J.

MORTGAGES

\$15,000 WANTED, secured by 2d mortgage. Equity amounts to \$10,000. Reply to 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

WANTED, 1st int. \$2500 on new \$5000 property at 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

READY FUNDS for good first mortgage. Apply 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

WANT TO BORROW \$10,000 on split mortgage on city property that cost \$25,000. Reply to 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

AUTO SALE

FRENCH BUICK, 1915, 5000 miles, \$1000. Apply 1123 Locust st., before 12 o'clock.

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LEGAL BARRIERS MAY FORCE CITY TO ABANDON NEW TRANSIT PLANS

Provisions of Taylor Program Must Be Adhered to Unless Difficulties Can Be Overcome by Officials

AWAIT RESULT OF PROBE

Action Depends Also on City Solicitor's Opinion and Director Twining's Report

Legal difficulties, caused by Transit Director Twining's proposal to change the Taylor transit plans after contracts had been let and the plans in part approved by the voters at the polls, may force the original Taylor program so far as the Broad street subway and the Frankford elevated are concerned.

This was forecast freely today when it was learned that Mayor Smith had named a commission of five department and business engineers to make an exhaustive study of physical conditions under City Hall to determine the plan of subway construction most feasible there, and that Director Twining at the same time had asked City Solicitor Connelly for an opinion as to whether it was possible to change the original plans without annulling the contract for the work.

Mayor Smith today deplored the fact that the appointment of the commission had been made public, and said he never had intended to give it out until the report was before him.

"I had no intention," said the Mayor, "of making public the fact that directors and engineers were carrying on an investigation. It is not an investigation. It is a public advance everything that is made public. I do not know when the full report will be before me. It may be a day or three days."

"While I have not asked City Solicitor Connelly for any transit opinion, I think Director Twining has done so."

The opinion from the City Solicitor is expected to be made public today, but the report of the commission will not be completed for some time. Until then, however, given out and the complete report of Director Twining made public, the City Hall work will be taken by Mayor Smith to have the work continued.

It was pointed out today that City Solicitor Connelly two weeks ago advised the Mayor in a verbal opinion that it would be illegal to change either the plans of the Broad street subway after the voters had approved its construction from League Island to Olney avenue or the plans of the Frankford elevated after its construction to Rhawn street had been approved.

Lawyers who have studied the case predicted that the City Solicitor will also be compelled to admit that any important change in the construction plans under City Hall would also precipitate legal difficulties since the changes would, in all probability, annul the existing contract with the Keystone State Construction Company.

In his preliminary report, dealing with the division of the City Hall section of the subway from under the hall to around and outside it, Director Twining stated that he could effect a saving of \$500,000 to the city. It is understood that more recent calculations have convinced the Transit Department officials that even a greater saving could be made.

While the contract for the work around City Hall was let to the Keystone Company for a price approximating \$1,700,000, provision was made for the payment for extra work on the unit basis. It is feared that the foundations of City Hall will be found to be so unstable that immense quantities of concrete and other materials will be necessary to render them firm enough to support the great weight upon them when the subway is constructed underneath.

This condition will be carefully studied by the commission and a report made before the work is continued. Whether or not the changes of Director Twining or the original Taylor plan is followed will then depend in part upon the opinion to be given by City Solicitor Connelly.

The commission named by the Mayor, consisting of Transit Director Twining, Director of Public Works, Director of the Department of Wharves, Docks and Ferries; Chief Engineer Quimby, of the Department of Transit, and Chief Engineer Chester E. Albright, of the Bureau of Surveys, started its work yesterday.

The commission will confer with the Mayor today, although, it is understood, it will be ready to make only a preliminary report at this time.

AMERICAN KILLED WITH BLACK WATCH

ST. LOUIS, March 23.—Richard J. Howard, of St. Louis, a lieutenant in the famous Scotch regiment, the "Black Watch," was killed in action in France, according to a cablegram received here from the British War Office. Formerly he was a lieutenant in the Missouri National Guard.

KING GEORGE RECEIVES CADORNA

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