

Former Emperor Lives in Poverty

Boy Head of Manchu Family is Reduced to Straits
LOSES HIS ESTATE

Cash Reserve Disappears
When Exchange Bank Fails

Peiping.—The "Boy Emperor," once the ruler of all China, has moved into a small house in Tientsin with his wife and single concubine, because he can no longer afford to live in a large house.

With his fortune almost gone, the former emperor is now dependent for support on the kindness of his old Manchu retainers. But they, too, are suffering from falling incomes, and are not able to spare him enough to keep up anything resembling an imperial menage.

The Boy Emperor, now approaching the age of thirty, is not prepared to do anything to earn a living. He is not ambitious, and his friends say he has no hopes whatever of recovering his lost power. He is content to live quietly with his two women and a few Manchus who have remained with him since his abdication.

Income Cut Off
When the emperor abdicated, an agreement was made to leave him the possession of his landed property and a large part of his jewels and curios. But succeeding so-called Republican governments have ruled against this agreement, and the ex-emperor's property has gradually been confiscated and sold. It is said that all of his income from property has now been cut off.

The young ex-emperor also made an unfortunate investment. He put \$250,000, almost all of his ready money, into the Exchange Bank of China, a joint Japanese-Chinese institution. A few months ago this bank failed because of the deterioration in value of its investments in Chinese government bonds. The young emperor's money was lost together with that of thousands of other unfortunate Chinese depositors.

The ex-emperor felt his poverty most keenly when the news was reported to him that the tombs of his immediate ancestors, the Manchu emperors, had been broken into by the Chinese soldiers and desecrated and robbed.

Scraping together all the money he could, by the sale of some treasures, he managed to get \$1,000 to contribute to a fund for re-embalming and re-burying the bodies of the Empress Dowager and other royal personages which had been taken out of their coffins, stripped of their ornaments, and thrown on the floors of their tombs. Other Manchus, once rich and powerful, were able to contribute only an additional \$4,000, and with this very simple burial rites were held.

Kept 100 Servants
The ex-emperor has been living for the past two years in the Changyuan garden in Tientsin, located in the Japanese concession. Although the rent was given him free, by the division commander in charge of Tientsin, the place was so large that he had to keep more than 100 servants and other expenses were in proportion.

Seeing the young man's plight, an old Chinese friend, Lu Chungyue, offered him the use of one of his houses also in the Japanese concession, and the ex-emperor decided at once to move with his household.

It is estimated that the ex-emperor, his wife and his concubine, are now living on about \$300 silver a month, or about \$150 gold.

Canadians to Try New Breed of Sheep

Lethbridge, Alta.—Introduction of the hardy Corriedale sheep, which has already become well established in New Zealand, into the western prairies, is the object of a joint research project undertaken by the federal Department of Agriculture, the Universities of Saskatchewan and Alberta and the National Research Council.

Prof. J. P. Sackville, of Alberta University, will be in charge of the research for this province and will test out at the Lethbridge experimental farm the adaptability to range conditions of this line of sheep.

Range conditions in New Zealand are similar to the Lethbridge district. Such factors as humidity, temperatures rainfall and available feeds will be taken into consideration. The Alberta University will co-operate with sheep ranchers throughout the province in the tests.

Gen. Noble Implies New Polar Venture

Berlin.—Gen. Umberto Noble, the Italian explorer, has arrived in Berlin. It was conjectured that he was planning another arctic expedition. He left for Gotha to confer with several natural scientists. He also conferred with Berlin aeronautical experts.

To the question whether he would undertake a third polar flight, he replied: "I am 44 years old and have studied aeronautics for 16 years. I have constructed 14 dirigibles and for four years have endeavored to find new land for Italy. I am still young enough."



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I Know a Bird

I know a bird that sings at twilight,
Slings, oh, sweet! when dusk is falling.

Sings from the shadowy deep green cover
Over a tall dark cliff to the southward.

I know the song of a bird.

Always the sun is sloping westward
(Cooler the air on the cool blue water);

Over the river silverly singing
High, singing low, singing clear, singing sweetly
Comes the song of a bird.

I know a bird that sings when the clover
Sweeter smells from the dew's moist falling,
Perfume and melody softly calling,
Plaintively calling over the water,
The good night song of a bird.

—Erica Selridge.

The Gold Drain

Truth (London): "For some time past British gold has been flowing to France in alarming quantities." As to the gold drain, that is now going on, nobody appears to know why France is taking gold, or rather, why the French exchange has fallen to a point at which it is highly profitable to ship gold from this side. Evidently money is dearer in France than suggested by the level of the Bank rate (2 per cent. below London), and it has suited France to withdraw part of her sterling credits in the form of gold. While the with drawings are going on there must be anxiety regarding the future.

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The Graf Zeppelin and the Future

Two-day dirigible service between the United States and Germany is predicted by Germany's representative of the Ministry of Transportation, as a result of the Graf Zeppelin's successful 5,000-mile flight from Friedrichshafen to Lakehurst, New Jersey, in less than four days. This was the great airship's second voyage to these shores and the return trip last year was made in less than seventy hours. A larger dirigible, we are told, not only could carry a greater number of passengers and more mail and express, but it could make the westward crossing in less than sixty hours. Al ready, says a writer in the Baltimore Sun, plans have been made for the construction of two American passenger dirigibles, each twice the size of the Graf Zeppelin; and in Great Britain the giant British airship R-100 is nearing completion. But the Graf Zeppelin, we are reminded by the St. Joseph News-Press, "is the first representative of that mighty argosy of air-liners with which the human imagination has for generations been painting the skies."

Germany's "merchantman of the air" left Friedrichshafen at 9:29 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Wednesday, July 31. She carried, besides twenty passengers, a stowaway and a crew of forty, 30,337 letters and 31,499 postcards, some birds and animals, and miscellaneous freight items, including a piano. A similar trip, attempted last May, failed through defective engine shavings, recalls the New York Times. The voyage which began on July 31, we are told, "was a shake-down for the new equipment and a training trip for the crew in preparation for the dirigible's trip around the world." At 10 p.m., August 1, the Graf Zeppelin passed over Gibraltar, and at 7:05 p.m. the following day she was ninety miles south of Pico, the Azores. At 9 p.m., Saturday, August 3, her position was given as 1,035 miles southeast of the Navy's hangar at Lakehurst, which she reached at 6:29 the following evening, exactly ninety-three hours out. She came, it is estimated, 5,331 land miles.

As a result of the Graf Zeppelin's second visit we are experiencing a revival of the airplane-dirigible controversy. The airship enthusiasts are loud in their praise of the potentialities and capabilities of the dirigible, while the supporters of the airplane insist that the airship is cumbersome, uneconomical, and generally impracticable. The unprejudiced ones are "from Missouri." Certainly maintains the Washington Post, "of the 'round-the-world flight is carried out successfully, Dr. Eckener and his Graf Zeppelin will have convinced many that the dirigible is not the ungainly thing it is so frequently painted." To quote the Philadelphia Evening Public Ledger:

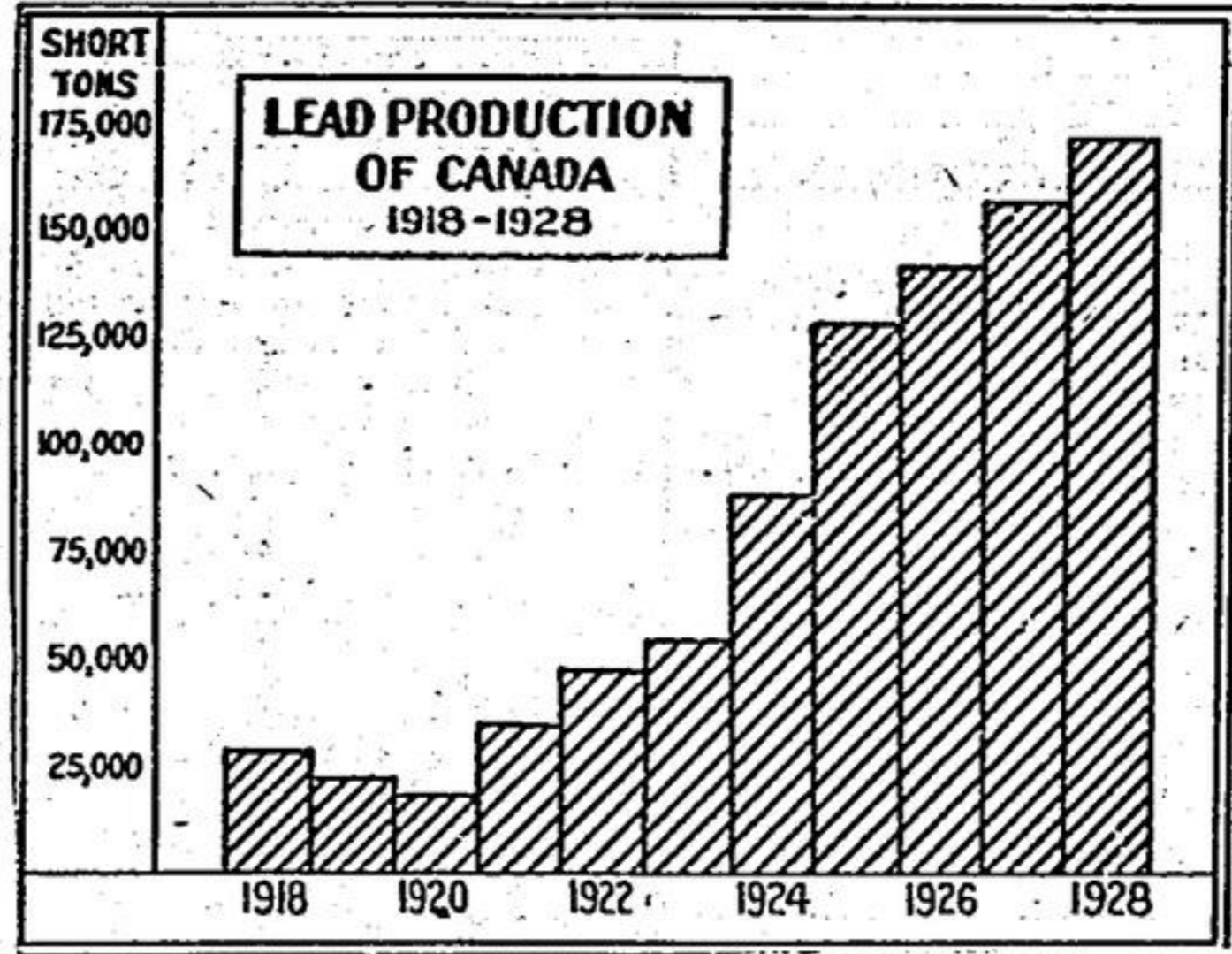
"There is solid significance to this second triumph of German ingenuity and enterprise. Those nations which carry the world's trade have their minds turned to the air as the next field of competition for supremacy in transportation and communication. 'Big airships are building in England and America, and others are contemplated elsewhere. The air-liner will have many opportunities during the coming years to prove its possibilities.'"

A large number of newspapers, on the other hand, are convinced that the dirigible is still in the experimental stage; that the dirigible's margin of time advantage over the ocean-liner is not sufficiently great to attract passengers. In the opinion of the New Haven Register, "the Graf Zeppelin's usefulness will be seriously restricted until she can develop much greater speed." "If she is to compete with the passenger-carrying liner, she must function as regularly and be as safe," points out the New York Times. A criticism of the New York World is that "the Zeppelin type of airship is very costly to build, house, and operate in proportion to the useful load it can carry." Then there is the time which such a levithan of the skies loses through being compelled by unfavorable weather to take a longer route. Writing of the "commercial disadvantages" of the Zeppelin type of airship, William L. Laurence says in the New York World:

"First, are the enormous discomforts of this mode of travel. During these early stages when the newspapers still give Zeppelin flights front-page publicity willing to pay \$2,000 for the privilege of being cooped up like hens for three days or more, eating mostly canned foods, unable to smoke or bathe, or even to open a window to get a breath of fresh air. Add to this the pleasure of being pitched and rolled over God's heavens, and it will not take such horse-sense out that while such 'ocean travel' may be good enough for baboons, gorillas, pigeons, canaries, and grand pianos, it is far from attractive for individuals going aboard for purposes other than publicity."

In the final analysis, avers the Norfolk Virginian-Pilot, "it can not be said that the Graf Zeppelin's flight from Friedrichshafen to the United States advances the development of lighter-than-air craft beyond the experimental stage." For example: "Airship disasters, such as the Roma, the Shenandoah, the R-38 in England, the loss of the Dixmude, and England, the loss of the Dixmude, and Graf Zeppelin on an attempt to fly to America earlier this year, all attest

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the degree to which the dirigible is dependent upon favorable weather for its success. The present voyage, which was made under most favorable weather conditions, and which seems to have been uneventful, does not appear to have done more than call attention to the desirability of further experiments with this form of aircraft."

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The Right of Asylum

Manchester Guardian (Lib.): (Mr. Clynnes has refused Trotsky admittance to Britain on the ground that he might become a source of "grave embarrassment" to the Government. One would have thought Sir William Joynton-Hicks, now more suitably accommodated in the Upper House, alone capable of the apology which Mr. Clynnes has offered for the Government's decision to refuse Mr. Trotsky admittance to this country. Admittance of Mr. Trotsky, the ex-Bolshevik and arch-heretic, would annoy no one, except perhaps the Soviet Government, which has exiled him, and the little group of British Communists. And the Labor Government would be wise to avoid the appearance of caring too much about either. The entrance of Mr. Trotsky would no doubt cause some public excitement. He would no doubt write vivid and entertaining memoirs. But there is no way in which he could harm this country or its Government—even if he would. In a few months he would be forgotten, like other distinguished exiles, mainly of royal blood, whom the present Government appears to find tolerable enough.

On Writing as a Trade

Illaire Belloc in the New Statesman (London): Belzac said a very true thing when he maintained that the writing man gives more of himself than any other kind of worker. He is the plous pelican; he feeds the brutish populace upon his own flesh. I doubt whether there is any interval more dispiriting than that between the moment when a man sets out in his fatigue to attempt some writing, utterly indisposed as he is, because it is his miserable task, hardly even a duty, certainly not a natural activity, but a bitter slavish compulsion and that when, perhaps an hour later, he has screwed himself up to the pitch!

Lord Lloyd and Egypt

Spectator (London): It is not necessarily a condemnation of Lord Lloyd to say that he was without conciliatory conviction in regard to Egypt. He had the right to his own judgment, and his proved courage and energy would make him a valuable and administrator under different conditions. Indeed, we wish that it had been possible for the Government to offer him there and then some other post. Thus they might have avoided the mischievous rumours which are bound to be set afloat by a sudden procured resignation.

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Welsh Outlook: (London, Edinburgh, Dublin and Belfast are capital cities; but what of Wales?) "We have a national museum, a national library, a national university, a national eisteddfod, national organizations of religious bodies and of intermediate education, a national orchestra, a national agricultural society, a national institution to combat tuberculosis. A very large portion of our social life is organized on a national basis. . . . Ought we to have a national capital as well? . . . We have never had a national capital in the whole of our history. As our institutions show, our national feeling is very much alive today. We have got on pretty well without a capital. Would we have done better with it? Does Wales really want a capital, and need it?"

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