

A BETTER ERA

Will Dawn Upon Empire Of China.

THE NEW REGENT

PRINCE CHUN IS DECIDEDLY PROGRESSIVE.

Professor Hirth, of Columbia University, expects rapid progress now toward European ideals—Authority sees Newer, Better China.

New York, Nov. 19.—A new and better era is opened up for China by the death of the dowager empress and the emperor of the great empire, according to Friedrich Hirth, professor of Chinese at Columbia University. Prof. Hirth, who has made a life-long study of the Chinese people and who is considered an authority on Chinese topics, says that from now on China will advance rapidly toward European ideals and that in twenty or thirty years it will be transformed into a nation of an equal footing with other great nations of the world. Prof. Hirth said last night:

"I think the events of the next few weeks or days will determine the question of bloodshed or peace. I think that both liberals and conservatives are ready to wait quietly in order to see what course the government will take. Prince Chun is a liberal and he has enough followers to control the situation."

"Little as we know the new characters on the Chinese stage, it is fair to believe that both extremes—conservatives and progressives—will hold themselves in check, and will wait to see where the government is tending. The talk is of a constitutional government. I think, and have always thought, the Chinese well fitted for it. They have always appeared to me to be born parliamentarians. Certainly they are as well fitted for liberal institutions as any oriental nation—better fitted than the Turks or Persians, as well fitted, I think, as the Japanese. But I believe they will model their government on the Japanese government and that the stages of their progress generally will be peaceful."

The Chinese in Burma object to the new Emperor Pu Yi. They want a Chinese emperor, not a Manchu. In Central China there is reported a movement on foot to overthrow the Manchu dynasty. The powers have agreed to support the status quo. The fourteen native banks, which suspended payment on the death of the emperor and Empress Dowager, have resumed payment from funds supplied by the government.

Political Jealousies.

Pekin, Nov. 19.—The situation shows no material change, but rumors are rife of political jealousies at the palace. Considerable adverse comment has been aroused by the fact that the Prince Chun, the regent, is ignoring the Chinese in an announcement of the appointment of the committee that are to have the funeral obsequies of the late emperor and empress in hand. The only two Chinese appointees are Yuan Shi Kai and Liu Chun Ling; the remainder are Manchus.

The selection of Prince Pu Lun and Chen Pi to proceed to the western tombs and select the site for the mausoleum of Kuang Hsu, the late emperor, has been received with great dissatisfaction, principally because Prince Pu Lun was at one time very active in the intrigues to secure the throne for himself. Chen Pi is a former Oxo; and anti-foreign in his

sentiments. He owes his position and power to the Manchus.

The acts of Prince Chun are clothed with full imperial authority and show that he is jealous of the Manchu prerogatives, and guards them jealously.

His edicts show clearly the literary style of Chan Chi Tang, a member of the grand council, but otherwise Chang Chi Tung is not active in the affairs of state and appears to have been eclipsed. It is reported that Prince Chun, president of the board of foreign affairs, has suffered physical collapse on account of his exertions and the excitement of the past few days. His political position is precarious, and it is believed that his career is practically at an end.

The fourteen native banks that suspended payment a few days ago have reopened and begun to pay out money from funds supplied for the purpose of tidying over the bank.

OFFICIALLY CLOSED.

The Last Ship Has Left Montreal This Season.

Montreal, Nov. 19.—With the sailing of the Allan line steamship Numidian at daybreak this morning the Montreal shipping season of 1908 may be said to have been officially closed. There are several small vessels still in port but the Numidian was the last of the passenger boats to leave the port.

That the St. Lawrence route is becoming more and more popular among the travelling public of America, and that Canadian steamship companies are rapidly acquiring business which formerly went to American and European companies sailing from New York and other United States ports is shown by the record of the past season's passenger traffic from the port of Montreal. The number of emigrant passengers who sailed from Montreal for European ports this summer was the largest on record. Eastern voyagers have come to Montreal from all points in the United States, even from as far south as Mexico and from the far western states to sail by the palatial steamers of the C.P.R., Allan or Dominion lines. This great rush of American passengers is due largely to the extensive advertising campaign which has been inaugurated by the Canadian lines in the United States and to the fact that many experienced travellers have discovered that it is no small advantage to be brought within touch of the United Kingdom in the space of less than six days, only four of which are spent in the open sea.

Against this big increase in the east bound passenger traffic the steamship companies have to record a decrease in the number of west bound passengers and a heavy fall off in freight traffic. All of the Canadian lines report a decrease in freight traffic and many vessels sailed during the season with very light cargoes. The shipments of dairy and farm produce declined considerably while the number of cattle arrived by the Canadian steamships from this port was much smaller than last year. General freight also shows a falling off.

The decrease in the east bound passenger traffic is attributed to the restriction of immigration.

RESULTS OF ELECTION.

Wellington, New Zealand, Nov. 19.—The latest returns of the elections give government 35; opposition 16; independent 6. The "No license" proposal was carried in fourteen districts, and license reduction was carried in six.

SUFFER A PENALTY.

Also Catcher Ford, Placed on Ineligible List.

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 19.—A fine of \$250 against the Brandon club in Canada has been imposed by the National Baseball Commission in a decision announced today. Catcher Ford, who was purchased by the Philadelphia Americans in 1907, from the Edmonton Club he placed on the ineligible list.

The player failed to report to Philadelphia and was missing during the season. It was finally learned that under another name he had been playing with Brandon club, and the commission declares that neither the player nor the Brandon club had any excuse for their actions.

A PENSIONER OF 1837.

Oliver Groves, Cornwall Centre, Dies, Aged 93.

Cornwall, Ont., Nov. 18.—Oliver Groves of Cornwall Centre, died at his home yesterday. He was one of the last, if not the last, pensioner of the troubles of 1837. Deceased was born in the third concession of Cornwall on the 27th October, 1815, and served in the Dragoons under Capt. Jarvis, of Cornwall, during the Rebellion. His work was largely despatch riding, and while on this duty he was badly hurt, and the pension most awarded him is pension. After the war he devoted his time to farming. He is survived by three sons and one daughter.

MAY LAY NEW CABLE.

Montreal, Nov. 19.—The London correspondent of the Star says Hon. Rodolphe Lemieux has power to close definite arrangements with the British cabinet to lay a government cable between Great Britain and Canada at the joint expense of the British, Canadian, Australian and New Zealand governments. All road cablegrams are thought to be more immediately practicable than allied steamships.

The basis of the negotiations is that cablegrams are to cost five pence a word instead of a shilling, and press messages two and one-half pence instead of five pence.

SLEW BABY

The Crime Of A Drunken Father.

A HORRIBLE STORY

BROUGHT OUT THROUGH ACTION FOR TRUANCY.

A Maid of Thirteen Says Her Parent Shot and Killed Her Fifteen Months Old Baby Brother—The Story Has Just Been Made Public in Court.

Milwaukee, Wis., Nov. 19.—The story of what may prove to have been a horrible murder was told in the juvenile court when thirteen-year-old Stella Tut was brought before Judge Neulen for not attending school.

In a voice devoid of emotion the child told the judge that her father, Joseph Tut, three months ago, in their home in Junction City, Wis., shot and killed her fifteen months old brother and escaped. Not a word of the alleged crime ever had been told to an officer before. The threats of the father that he would kill any member of the family who notified the police silenced all of them the girl declared.

For days, the girl said, the body of her little brother had been left neglected, the father having threatened to throw it to the pigs. The child said she doesn't know whether the body ever was buried.

The girl said she did not know where either her father or mother was. After the alleged crime, she said, she was taken to Chicago by her mother, but on what street they lived she could not tell. Finally she said her mother turned her over to Mrs. Marnowsky, who brought her to Milwaukee, where they lived at 127 Nineteenth avenue.

Mrs. Marnowsky, it appears, had treated her well, but had neglected and her to school. Mrs. Marnowsky was brought into court to tell why she did not send the girl to school. Then Stella's story came out.

"We were living on a little farm in Junction City," Stella said. "One night, it was about three months ago when my man wasn't home, my father came in. He was drunk. He got the gun and began to shoot. My little brother—he was about one year and three months old—was sitting on the floor. My father shot him twice, in the foot and in the ear."

WILL PUSH CASE.

Mrs. Warnock Will Appeal—Two Courses Open.

Toronto, Nov. 19.—Mrs. Agnes Warnock of Brockville, wife No. 1 of the late Ottawa horseman, who failed in her action to set aside Warnock's will by which most of the estate was bequeathed to wife No. 2, states that she will take some action, although she could not say yet what course she will pursue.

She has the choice of two actions. She can appeal directly against the decision of Chief Justice Falconbridge in the court of appeal, thus making another attempt to invalidate the will or she can seek to prove her marriage through the divisional court of three judges, which is one of the sections of the high court of justice, and if the suit is successful, she can claim dower from the estate of her late husband.

Dower is a life interest in one-third of the deceased's real estate. Various estimates have been made of the realty left by J. G. Warnock, and it is possible to decide the amount only approximately at present. It will be between \$10,000 and \$20,000.

Therefore, if Mrs. Agnes Warnock attempts to win, she will receive, if successful, a life interest in a sum of ten and twenty thousands dollars.

Supposing that it were \$15,000. Then Mrs. Agnes Warnock would have a life interest in \$5,000 worth of property. Mrs. Eva Warnock, who under the terms of the will receives \$33,000, would retain the remaining \$10,000 worth of real estate, and \$15,000 in cash.

If the court of appeal reverses the decision of Chief Justice Falconbridge and at the same time recognizes the marriage of J. G. Warnock and Agnes Wilson at Ogdensburg in 1891, Mrs. A. Warnock and her four children will be the lawful heirs of the entire property. Mrs. Eva Warnock and her infant child will receive nothing.

As soon as the will is probated it is probable that Mrs. Agnes Warnock will be appointed the official guardian of her four children, who among them inherit \$20,000.

WANT A FREE HAND.

If Combine Cannot Meet the New Rivalries.

London, Nov. 19.—An important meeting of British steel rail makers has been called, for Friday, in London, to discuss the serious situation created by the keen competition of the Dominion Iron and Steel company of Canada and a Russian firm, neither being in the international rail combine. These concerns maintain that if a new international compact cannot be devised to contest the unlooked-for competition and also to regulate the American operations, it would be better to break up the combination and give the British makers a free hand. This will be insisted on at the conference.

Wade's white camphorated oil will not become rancid or sticky. In bottles, 15c. and 25c. Wade's drug store.

Freeman Davis, Mattawa, was crushed to death in a train wreck at Rideau Junction.

NEEDS LOOKING INTO.

Said Grafting Has Been Going on in Montreal.

Montreal, Nov. 19.—Popular indignation has been aroused by the revelations regarding the system of purchase of supplies for the city made by Ald. Robinson at the last meeting of the city council, and it is likely that the civic authorities will be forced to accede to Mr. Robinson's demand for an investigation.

Ald. Robinson declares that in certain civic departments goods have been purchased at from twenty-five to sixty per cent. above the regular market values and that a system of graft prevails by which the money of the citizens is recklessly squandered. He declares that he has documentary evidence to support his charges and can name specific cases. He demands that an enquiry be held in which case he promises to file documents which will prove his assertions. The charges have been denied by the purchasing committee of the city hall, but it appears likely that a mere denial will not satisfy the citizens. Ald. Robinson declared, today, that he would not let the matter rest until some action had been taken to oust the graft from the city hall, and there is every likelihood that the council will be forced to institute an enquiry.

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HOW REGARDED.

Russia Sees Possibility of Division of Empire.

St. Petersburg, Nov. 19.—The possibilities in the Chinese crisis constitute for the Russian newspapers and officials an unsolved riddle.

The crisis has arisen at a moment when the internal situation, but from an international standpoint, two factors are considered of the greatest importance, the possibility of a division of the empire and the extension of Japanese influence at Peking.

Schoman of aggression are no longer entertained and Russia is definitely committed to her traditional policy of the most friendly relations with her great Eastern neighbor.

YUAN SHI-KAI.

London, Nov. 19.—The new ruler in China is one of hopeful expectancy. It is recognized that the empire's future progress depends upon what person or faction secures control of the new administration. The real management of affairs, it is believed, probably will come into older hands than

Prince Chun's. He is considered progressively inclined, but is young and inexperienced. Those best acquainted with China hope that Yuan Shi-Kai will be the power behind the throne.

Charged With Mayhem.

Waterloo, N.Y., Nov. 19.—Charged with mayhem, Michael Goodfriend pleaded guilty and the case was set down for December 4th. It is alleged that in a fight with Schayler Sehermhorn, at Chaumont, Goodfriend gave the latter not only a good punching, but chewed off a portion of the man's ear.

Some time ago Goodfriend was in court to answer a charge of a violation of the excise law at Chaumont, having been indicted by the grand jury. He was acquitted, and it is now said that the present affair arose about over the information furnished certain parties at the time of the previous case.

The Bridge Almost Completed.

Edmonton, Nov. 19.—The big Grand Trunk Pacific bridge over the Battle river, a short distance east of this town, was completed this week and the work of laying steel into Edmonton is being pushed forward as rapidly as possible. The completion of the bridge has rendered it possible to commence the work of completing the gap between Battle river and Edmonton. The weather continues favorable and it is hoped that construction work can be continued for at least two weeks longer though a sudden cold snap or heavy fall of snow would tie things up until the spring.

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ATTACKED WITH FEVER.

Two Deaths Are Reported in Napanea.

Napanea, Nov. 19.—It was a shock to our citizens when it was learned yesterday morning that Harold Rockwell, only son of O. N. Rockwell, John street, and grandson of B. S. Rockwell, had died of typhoid fever, after but two weeks' illness. Deceased was a fine young man, about nineteen years of age, and an employee of the Robinson company for the past two or three years. Besides his father and mother he leaves one sister, Laura, to mourn his early death. The sympathy of a large circle of friends goes out to the stricken parents. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon.

Another sad death from typhoid fever was that of Mrs. Morley Shipley, which occurred in the Bellevue hospital, yesterday morning. Deceased was only ill about two weeks. She nursed R. Hetherington's two daughters through their long tedious illness of the same trouble and only left them two weeks ago, and not feeling well she decided to go to the hospital in Bellevue, as she feared she had contracted the disease. She leaves a daughter and little son to mourn the loss of a loving mother.

Miss Arlie Carson, daughter of W. A. Carson, continues in a very low condition in the Kingston hospital, of typhoid fever. Her father, mother and sister were called to Kingston on Tuesday evening, as she had taken a change for the worse.

Mrs. Ketcheson is another of the very ill ones from the same typhoid trouble, at the home of her father, Mr. Van Slyck, East street.

MUTTON CROP FAMINE.

Shepherd's Calling in Danger of Becoming Extinct.

Paris, Nov. 19.—If butchers are to be believed, France is on the point of having a mutton-crop famine, and the calamity will strike Paris more forcibly than the suburbs, it is believed. But Parisians have been expecting the bad news, for mutton has been scarce for many months. M. Camus, president of the Butchers' Syndicate, explains the situation by showing that there are but few lambs left, and farmers cannot supply the big want for mutton.

There are two things which chiefly contribute to the scarcity. First, there is a duty on all foreign wool which is almost prohibitive, and, secondly, growers have lost all their former advantages. Free pasturage on the village commons has been mostly suppressed, the inhabitants having sold the privileges to increase the village budget and build schools or other institutions, and the children of the peasants no longer wish to tend flocks. Their ambition is to settle in towns or cities as soon as possible, so that the shepherd's calling in France is in danger of becoming extinct with the sheep.

THEY TIPPED HIM.

New York, Nov. 19.—The Times' cable despatch from Geneva says: "The richest and most eccentric man in Switzerland, Dr. Gabrini, is dead at Lugano, leaving a fortune of \$500,000."

Most of which was made in America. Dr. Gabrini was the shabbiest clothes and many tourists who visited his beautiful chateau at Claret accepted his services as a guide under the impression that he was one of the gardeners. He used to take their tips with glee.

FINAL PROGRAMME

Of the Proposed Balkan Conference is Out.

Constantinople, Nov. 19.—The Porte's final programme of the proposed Balkan conference has been sent to the Turkish ambassador abroad for submission to the respective governments to which they are accredited. The principal point of discussion suggested are the judicial position of Bulgaria and Eastern Roumania, their tributes and share of public debt, the judicial position of Bosnia and Herzegovina, concerning which indemnity is not mentioned lest it imply acceptance of their annexation by Austria. Compensation to Montenegro general, must not be left to the expense of Turkey but, otherwise, settlement is desired with the view to securing general tranquility. Another point of discussion is a modification of foreign post offices in Turkey, while another is an increase of the Turkish import duties.

Manager Arrested For Theft.

Glenboro, Man., Nov. 19.—A sensational arrest was made here this morning, when James Copelin, manager of the Cairns, Copelin company's general store, was locked up charged with the theft of goods from the stock. Over \$500 worth of goods were found in his house.

Sentences Imposed.

Napanea, Ont., Nov. 19.—Walter Root and Daniel Lucas, for the burglary of the store of J. L. Boyes, last week, were sentenced this morning by Police Magistrate Rankin. Lucas received six months in the Central prison, and Root was allowed out on suspended sentence.

Bibby's underwear is unshrinkable. The Quebec rugby football union has decided on a sudden death game in Brockville for next Saturday as the means of deciding the championship of the Grand Trunk and Ottawa for the championship of the intermediate series.

Try Bibby's great \$1 underwear.