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YUAN SHI KAI

Has Been Removed as the Viceroys.

A FINE STATESMAN

THE STEP IS REACTIONARY AND HARMFUL.

And is Said to Be the Outcome of a Manchu Plot—The Home Governments Are Not Well Pleased—Was the Leader of the Empire.

Pekin, Jan. 4.—An edict issued today dismisses from office Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces. The reason given for this action is that he has "flinched from the leg." The edict orders Yuan Shi Kai to vacate all his offices and to return to his home, adding: "Thus our clemency towards him is manifested."

A second edict appoints Na Tung, comptroller of customs and ex-governor of Peking, grand councillor, presumably in Yuan Shi Kai's place.

The members of the diplomatic corps at Peking are well nigh thunderstruck at the sudden dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai. The step is believed to be the outcome of a Manchu plot and there are indications that the Japanese representatives alone had any inkling of what was on foot.

The home governments will act after an interchange of ideas, but there is reason to believe that Prince Ching, president of the board of foreign affairs, will be waited upon by a strong diplomatic combination, such as the British German and American representatives here.

There is nothing to indicate that the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai means danger to foreigners, but the good fame of China's management of the crisis following the demise of the emperor and the dowager empress, has been swept away by this vindictive act, which will astonish and arouse the outside world.

In accordance with the regulations of the new regency the decrees of the Prince Regent and bore the signatures of the grand councillors, excepting that of Prince Ching. This is evidence that Prince Ching dissented.

There are grave apprehensions here of revolutionary outbreaks in such centres as Canton and some of the most conservative diplomats already are suggesting the return of foreign troops to the lines of communication between Peking and Tientsin.

It is no exaggeration to say that the foreigners of Peking are overcome with astonishment at this evidence of China's incapacity to take such a reactionary step.

Stronger Than Li Hung Chang.

New York, Jan. 4.—Yuan Shi Kai, the great viceroy of Chi Li province, was one of the most influential and powerful statesmen in the Chinese empire. He has been called the strongest man in China and infinitely more powerful than was Li Hung Chang. He inspired a national patriotism which is today doing much to sweep away middle age superstition and re-

DAILY MEMORANDA.

- Royal Rink, Earl street, open to-night.
- Ottawa vs. 14th Hockey team, Covered Rink, 8 p.m.
- Week of Prayer Meeting, at Bethel Church, 8 p.m. All welcome.
- Leo, Singletop, Piano Tuner, 406 Brock St. Phone 401.
- "The Time, The Place and The Girl," Grand Opera House, 8 p.m.
- Bijou Theatre—"Hidden Treasure," a thrilling drama.
- "The Adventure of the Tomato Ketchup," "Adventure of the Two Bad Kids," Illustrated Songs "In Memory of You Sweetheart," by Will West.

Jan. 4th, in Canadian History.

- 1824—The Hon. Peter Mitchell, of New Brunswick, one of the fathers of the Confederation, was born. Died October 25th, 1899.
- 1881—The Hon. Thomas Moss, Chief Justice of Ontario, died at Nice.
- 1897—Sir Joseph Hickson, formerly manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, died at Montreal, aged 64 years.
- 1900—The second Canadian contingent departed for South Africa.
- 1902—The Canadian Pacific round-house at Owen Sound was wrecked by an explosion of acetylene gas.
- 1904—Extremely cold weather prevailed throughout eastern Canada.
- 1905—The plant of the Canadian Carriage Company in Brockville was destroyed by fire, causing a loss of a quarter of a million.

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LATEST NEWS

Dispatches From Near and Distant Places

THE WORLD'S TIDINGS

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

Matters That Interest Everybody—Notes From All Over—Little of Everything Easily Read and Remembered.

John Ross Robertson gave \$10,000 to the Hospital for Sick Children.

William E. Nicholson & Co. are about to commence in New York the greatest Cobalt campaign in the history of the big Canadian silver camp.

Silas H. Pearson, Peterboro, confessed, at Pittsburgh, that he had shot Jacob Knoderer, of Wilcox Station, while attempting to rob Knoderer's store.

Tom Longboat won his race with Dorando, in Buffalo, the Italian giving up after going nearly nineteen miles at a pace much faster than previous races over this distance.

The trades and commerce department has appointed H. R. Poussette as Canadian trade commissioner at Durban, South Africa. He is a son of Mr. Poussette, Sarnia, Ont.

A major portion of the Chinese quarter, Cebu, Philippines, has been wiped out by fire. Part of the foreign business district also has been destroyed.

The loss is estimated at \$250,000. The British labor party will meet at Portsmouth, on January 27th, and will discuss a number of drastic proposals including the fixing of the old age pensions limit at fifty-five years.

Maurice Ryan was arrested at Hailbury and brought to North Bay to answer a charge of deceiving and robbing another man, but will be charged with a severer crime, the murder of his brother.

Emperor William, at the New Year's Day reception, refrained from offering his hand to Count Von Stolberg-Wernigerode, the president of the Reichstag. The incident is regarded as an intentional snub.

E. A. S. Blake, the contractor convicted of attempting to bribe J. M. Kelly, a prospective juror in the Ruel bribery trial to vote for acquittal, has been sentenced in San Francisco to four years in the penitentiary.

China has just bought out the Pekin-Hankow railway from the Belgian contractors, for about \$30,000,000. China will at once disengage with the foreign employees of the road, retaining only the consulting engineer.

News has reached Morrisburg of the death of an aged couple at Irena, a small village in Matilda township, about ninety miles from this town. They are Mr. and Mrs. Sidney A. A. well known and highly respected citizens. They died within a few hours of each other.

HEART STITCHED UP.

Wonderful Operation Saves the Life of an English Butcher.

London, Jan. 4.—The surgeons at Leeds Infirmary carried out a wonderful operation on a butcher, who was accidentally stabbed in the course of his business.

The man was removed to the institution in a collapsed state. The wound seems to have been a severe one, the wall of the heart being punctured. An operation was instantly performed and the lesion of the heart successfully stitched up. For the moment, as all events, as the result of this prompt surgical treatment, the man's life is saved.

This carrying out of such remarkable operations as that of stitching up the heart is of comparatively recent practice, and has only been rendered possible by the high state of efficiency in modern surgical work.

Old Time Honesty.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—"There is \$5 unpaid on an account I owed at your store about thirty years ago. Will you please send me your address, so I can forward the money with interest." The foregoing is contained in a letter signed with the name of Magic Clarkin, 724 Broadway, Fargo, N.D., received by W. D. Kipp, of Spokane, who conducted a general store at New Hampton, Iowa. When Mr. Kipp closed his business he charged the account of the books under the impression he would not be able to collect it, as the party had moved.

"This letter shows there is more old-fashioned honesty in the world than is commonly supposed," he said, "and I am going to send a receipted bill to Mrs. Clarkin as a belated Christmas present."

Stayed His Hand Twice.

New York, Jan. 4.—The startling declaration that Thornton Jenkins Hains, now on trial for his life at Flushing, had twice prevented his brother, Capt. Peter C. Hains, Jr., from killing William E. Annis, previous to their tragic encounter at the Bayside Yacht Club, is made. It came from Thornton Hains' attorneys, and it was accompanied with the declaration that the prisoner would testify to all the details of these earlier encounters.

"Wise mothers" buy infants' food at Gibbons' Red Cross drug store. Always fresh there. Phone 290.

Testi, the Italian composer, who has long resided in England, has been knighted by the king.

The United States congress will give \$500,000 to the relief of the earthquake sufferers.

An ounce of "do" is better than a pound of "suffered."

WOMAN LIGHTHOUSEKEEPER.

Has Tended a Beacon on Nova Scotia Coast For Many Years.

Yarmouth, N.S., Jan. 4.—Miss Laura A. Hexco, who for twenty-seven years has tended the light of Santa Cruz lighthouse, has but recently returned to her post from the last of the six vacations she has taken during that period. Since 1881 this woman has had absolute charge of the light and in all that time it has never gone out during the night.

Miss Hexco followed her father in charge of the light. He was a retired clergyman, who took the work of caring for the light when his health broke down under the stress of his pastoral duties. With him went his wife and girl, who cared for him as well as the light.

During the thirteen years her father was in charge Miss Hexco was practically the real mistress of the lighthouse. When his death came she applied for and received the charge of the light and in all that time she has never gone out during the night.

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FAREIVE NOW

Is the Danger in Earthquake Centres.

THE EARTH TREMBLES

TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND DEAD AND MANY DYING.

The Stories Related By Some of the Survivors—Messina and Reggio to Be Abandoned By Their Living Inhabitants—Queen Helena Was Not Seriously Injured.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The Figaro publishes the following despatch from Rome: As each day goes by the disaster appears more horrible. In my earlier despatches I spoke of over 150,000 dead. It is conservatively estimated that 200,000 persons perished and the scourge has not yet done its final work.

The tremblings of the earth continue with slight rumblings and at times jets of boiling water surge from the crevasses. The sources of the streams are poisoned with putrid matter.

In spite of herculean efforts the succor still is insufficient. In the more remote regions the unhappy injured are dying for want of food and medical treatment. Dogs and swine, enraged by hunger, spring upon the wounded and devour them. Insatiable fire and uncontrolled famine will inexorably claim their victims."

Stories of Survivors.

Messina, Jan. 4.—The stories related by the survivors in the hospitals and at the food supply stations, where rations are issued twice a day, reflect horror of the fatal 28th of December.

A cobbler named Francesco Missiano relates that immediately after the first shock, he and his wife and children rushed out into the streets. Fires were breaking out all around them. Hearing groans from a pile of debris nearby the cobbler made a hurried examination. He found two girls dying. The head of one was split open, while the chest of the other had been crushed in. The cobbler picked up a baby, but the infant expired in his arms. Seized with mad terror, the man fled towards the sea. It took his party two hours and a half to traverse the heap of ruins between his house and the waterfront. After placing his family in safety he returned to see his mother and sisters, but he was obliged to give up the effort. During the thirty-six hours the cobbler passed among the ruins he did not see more than 5,000 or 6,000 survivors. He estimates the number of dead at 150,000, and says that about 20,000 people succeeded in getting away from the city. This man owes his safety to the fact that he lived in a one storey house. He says that no help arrived for thirty hours after the catastrophe.

Yesterday an old man who had lost all his family was seen going about the ruins vainly asking for food. He had loaded himself down with his most valuable possessions. While on one of the docks he suddenly called out: "As nobody helps me, I will die," and with these words he threw himself into the sea.

Almost all of the people of Reggio and Messina, it is said, are making up their minds to abandon their beloved cities.

As an indication of the progress that is being made in bringing order out of chaos, the railway line from Reggio to Cassanura, was again put in operation last night. There is a break on the line, however, of six hundred and fifty feet, over which passengers and freight must be transferred from one train to another. The distribution of food also is being made more regularly in the affected districts, and many of the starving, therefore, have been relieved temporarily. Many persons living along the coasts of Calabria and Sicily, paddle out in canoes to the large steamers passing through the straits and receive food from them.

It is said that nobody in Italy envies Victor Emmanuel his errand of mercy more than does Pope Pius, who always has felt that his place was with the stricken earthquake sufferers.

Queen Helena Hurt.

Rome, Jan. 4.—Queen Helena has been slightly injured at Messina. A despatch received here from Minister of Justice Orlando, who is with their majesties at Messina, says that a slight shock was experienced at Messina yesterday, and the patients in one of the improvised hospitals were thrown into a condition of panic. The majesties were close by. She hurried to the scene and tried to allay the fears of the people. She was caught in a rush the patients were making for the open and sustained slight contusions on the chest.

Warships May Bombard Ruins.

Rome, Jan. 4.—It has been reported here that the services of a number of Italian warships will be made use of to bombard the ruins of Messina in order to bury under debris the bodies of the dead still exposed, but this report lacks confirmation.

Further Disaster.

Rome, Jan. 4.—There was a strong earthquake at dawn yesterday, at Caltanissetta, in the south-eastern part of Sicily, followed by a rumbling noise. Many houses collapsed, including a school, which, in falling brought down a church, burying the sexton and his son. There were also considerable landslides and fissures ap-

HOT FIGHT IN PICTON

TEMPERANCE PEOPLE HAVE A TICKET

In the Municipal Elections—Death of David Palmer and Miss Martha J. Spafford—Two Weddings.

Picton, Jan. 4.—The town of Picton is to-day in the throes of a hot fight for municipal honors that has taken place in many years. A double ticket for each office is the unusual method offered the electors. This all comes about through the united efforts of the temperance element, who are making inroads on the coalition of voters for not passing the now famous local option petition, praying for the submission of a local option by-law. Osgoode Hall has upheld the action of the council, however. Of course now the temperance people must wait till 1910 till they can submit a by-law, but they have formed a citizens' league of 200 members, and will try to elect a ticket to the council who will see to the stricter enforcement of the liquor license laws. The ticket is: For mayor, J. H. Porter, reeve, S. Kocou, deputy reeve, J. B. McDonald, councillors, McMillen, Hamly, Cass, Newman, Dr. Henslip and Robin. Against these will run for mayor, W. H. Williamson, reeve, Thibault, deputy reeve, W. A. Enger, councillors, Sherris, Hepburn, Harrington, Martin, Hoover, Johnson, H. B. Brantford, Dr. S. Philp, J. H. McDonald, electric light and water commissioners for several terms, will have to contest an election this year as C. F. Vandusen is ambitious. All the school trustees have been elected by acclamation as follows: Messrs. Reid, Garbutt and Hayler and Brock and William Monroe. The bride wore a gown of soft white silk, enriched with white insertions of lace. She carried a shower of rich crimson roses. The bridal couple were unattended. A wedding luncheon was afterwards served. The happy young couple received very many fine gifts, among them being \$45 in gold from the Hill Publishing company, of New York, publishers of "Power and the Engineer," on which the groom is associate editor. He is a graduate of Illinois university, from which he obtained the degree of electrical engineer, and he is also an expert in gas engine designing.

David Palmer, aged seventy-six years, died early Saturday morning, of the disease of Thomas J. English, Hallowell, from paralysis. Deceased was born in the township of North Marysburgh. He learned his trade as moulder and in his youth worked in Brockville and Kingston. Then he came to Picton, working in the now Barker foundry, which at that time was under the Aming-Moxon management. Then he went to Toronto to work, and remained there fifteen years. A little over three years ago he went to Vancouver, B.C., to live with his daughter, but after two years there returned to Picton, going to live with Mr. English's family. He is survived by his widow and one daughter, Mrs. John Damer, of Vancouver. There is also a surviving sister, Miss Jane Palmer, of Toronto.

The death occurred on Friday, of Miss Martha J. Spafford, after a very brief illness. She was born in Hallowell, on the Cherry Valley road, the daughter of the late R. A. Spafford. She had lived in town the past two or three years, coming in from the farm homestead where she had spent nearly all her life. She was aged fifty-three years. The deceased is survived by three sisters, Mrs. Belle Collier, Mrs. M. Waring, Mrs. H. Miller, of Cherry Valley, and one brother, William Spafford, who lives on the homestead.

On the evening of Dec. 3rd, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bryant, of Albury, Miss Hattie Bryant was united in marriage to Samuel Pembroke Peck, also of Albury, the pastor, Rev. F. H. Howard, officiating.

A Pointer to Kingston.

Spokane, Wash., Jan. 4.—Seventeen of the thirty-seven counts in the state of Washington will indict women in office as superintendents of public schools for the next two years, term, beginning January 11th.

Lennox Kidney and Liver Pills. Regular price 25c. each. 2 for 25c. at Wade's drug store.

PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Jan. 4.—(10 a.m.)—Mild to-day, Tuesday, strong winds, with light snow or mist, becoming decidedly colder at night.

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EVERY REMNANT must go before stocking. If low prices will do it. We invite you to call TO-MORROW and look them over.

SALES FOR CASH.

REJECTED BY DOUMA.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 4.—The defence committee of the Douma rejected the government's demand for a grant of \$1,500,000 towards the construction of four new battleships. The rejection was based on the ground that there has been no reform in the naval administration.

ELECTIONS OF TO-DAY

OPINIONS AS TO THE LIKELY OUTCOME.

Both Sides Were Confident of Victories—Couper's Majority Was Figured All the Way From 200 Up.

Election day had fine enough weather overhead, but under foot it was anything but desirable, as the roads were not in fit condition for good sleighing, and wheels had again to be brought out. The polls were well manned, particularly in the four wards where hot germanic battles were being waged. Both sides expected that they would win in the aldermanic contests. In Sydenham ward, a dead-set was made upon Ald. Toye, a veteran of twelve years, and Dr. Anglin was brought out to be the executioner. The doctor was once before a candidate in Sydenham ward, as alderman, but was defeated. However, it was thought he could put Ald. Toye out of "business" this time, as a doctor has an acknowledged advantage among the people of his home ward, particularly. However, Ald. Toye may survive the fight.

In Cataract ward, a few bets were made by both sides. It was thought that McKay defeated Henderson, Tweddell would defeat Ross, and vice versa. The candidates were run on tickets, and one would likely aid the other. It was conceded that Nesra, McKay and Tweddell had an even chance with their opponents. Rideau ward was also looked upon as uncertain. Both candidates are well known. Mr. Clugston's friends looked for his election on account of his sterling worth. On the other hand, W. H. Metcalfe's old-time popularity was counted upon to carry him through.

In Victoria ward, Ald. Graham's friends declared that he would win by seventy-five or one hundred over Marshall Reid, while the ideas of the latter looked for his election over the board of works' chairman.

As to the trustee elections, the consensus of opinion seemed to be that the winners would be Kilpatrick, in Victoria; Macne, in St. Lawrence; Lambert, in Frontenac, and Metcalfe, in Rideau. In the latter ward, however, W. H. Grodin, Jr., who ran so well a year ago, was conceded as a possible winner.

The Wormwith-by-law was conceded carried by at least three to one. The roads improvement by-law was scarcely spoken of, but chances were even.

As to the morality, all kinds of prophecies were made. None of these, however, called Givens to win. All were based on what Couper's majority would be, and the estimates varied from 200 to 700.

Imperial Underwear is comfortable.

BORN.

McCRACKEN—At Roblin, on Dec. 24th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Archie McCracken, a son.

LOCHHEAD—At Centerville, on Dec. 29th, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H. Lochhead, a son.

COVERT—In Kingston, on Jan. 2nd, 1909, at 56 Union St., to Mr. and Mrs. Franklin A. Covert, a daughter.

MARRIED.

HUFFMAN—MAKIN—At Moscow, on Dec. 23rd, 1908, Garret H. Huffman, to Miss Nellie E. Makin, both of Camden.

DOWN—PIERCE—At Gananoque, Ont., on Dec. 30th, Miss Roberta Laura Down, to Charles M. Pierce, Brockville.

FITCHETT—CHAMBERS—At Napanee, Dec. 30th, William James Fitchett, North Frederickburg, to Miss Lillian May Chambers, South Frederickburg.

McMORINE—FACE BOLOGNA STRICKLAND—Quietly, at Salskaton, Sask., Dec. 29th, 1908, by Rev. E. B. Smith, Rev. Arthur George de Carlo McMORINE, Strassburg, Sask., son of Mr. Ven. Archbishop McMORINE, St. James, Toronto, Kingston, Ont., and Mary Face Bologna Strickland, daughter of Felix and Mary Face Bologna Strickland, Hampshire, Eng.

DIED.

YOUNG—At Richmond, on Dec. 24th, 1908, James Young, aged eighty years.

FOSTER—At Napanee, on Friday, Dec. 26th, Frederick Foster, aged twenty years.

SHEA—At Rockwood Hospital, on Friday, Dec. 26th, 1908, George Shea, aged thirty-four years.

MURPHY—In Kingston, on Jan. 4th, 1909, Johanna, widow of the late James Murphy.

FOWLER—In Kingston, at 68 Barrie St., on Jan. 4th, 1909, Mrs. Esther Fowler, widow of the late Daniel Fowler, aged ninety-one years.

Funeral private, Wednesday afternoon, at 2.30 o'clock, to St. Mary's Cathedral.

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