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IN A TIGHT FIX

Imperialist Forces Outnumbered and Retreat Cut Off.

RETAIN THE DYNASTY

YUAN SKI KAI FAVORS A LIMITED MONARCHY.

The Premier is Full of Hopefulness and Courage—He Thinks Popular Forces Old Regime.

London, Nov. 23.—The Peking correspondent of the Times sends a long interview with Yuan Shi Kai, who appears to be in excellent health, full of hopefulness and courage. The premier advocates the retention of the dynasty as a limited monarchy, on the ground that the revolutionists would be unable to agree among themselves, and if the republican party prevail and the dynasty be removed, there will be internal warring, leading to anarchy.



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in which foreign interests and lives would be endangered. This would lead to foreign intervention, and the partition of China. Yuan, therefore, favors the retention of the reigning family deprived of the power to resist the past misgovernment. He considers that such an emblem of monarchy would be a bond to ensure the integrity of the empire. He believes that sevenths of the entire population favor the old regime. Only three-tenths belonged to the advanced party. If the latter succeed in this revolution another revolution will follow to replace the dynasty amid such chaos, that all interests would suffer and for several decades there would be no peace in the empire.

In Tight Fix at Nankin.

London, Nov. 23.—A news despatch from Tsin-tsin says that the situation at Nankin is desperate. The imperialist forces under General Chang are outnumbered, surrounded, and short of food. Their retreat has been cut off.

Massacre Continued.

Peking, Nov. 23.—Swedish missionaries who arrived at Lien-tsin on Monday night confirm the reports of the massacre at Sian-tai. The victims they say were Mrs. McKenna, a school mistress, five foreign children, a German in the Chinese mail service, and many Chinese girls who attended Mrs. Beckman's school.

AN INCIDENT IN HOLLAND.

Amsterdam, Nov. 23.—While the prince consort and several courtiers were hunting, yesterday, near Lee-Loo, their path was suddenly barred by a crowd of laborers carrying spears. They were obliged to return their spears. They were followed by blows and shouts from the mob. The incident is not explained.

YOKED WIFE WITH MULES.

The cruel husband gets thirty days in jail.

Liberty, Mo., Nov. 23.—Lafayette Choate yesterday pleaded guilty to a charge of having harnessed his wife with a team of mules and compelled her to help harrow a field. He was sentenced to thirty days' imprisonment. Choate had been in jail four months awaiting trial. His wife is suing for divorce.

Week-end sale 50c chocolates for 25c.

Mahood's drug store. Dwyer for men's silk and wool neck wraps.

DAILY MEMORANDA.

Manhood suffrage registration opens Friday 10 a.m. Christmas Carol. Spelman Street Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

BORDEN'S MAJORITY IS NOT THREE-FIFTHS.

And Rev. Ben. H. Spence Wants to Know Why Cabinet Does Not Resign.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—Secretary Benjamin H. Spence, of the Dominion Alliance, informed that Globe, yesterday, that he was anxious to know whether the Borden government will resign, as a result of the announcement of the popular vote in the recent elections, which leaves the premier no less than 265,000 votes short of a three-fifths majority.

"Surely," Mr. Spence said, "the overturning of the whole government of a country should be as important as that of a few saloons in a country village."

DIVIDEND IN YORK LOAN.

Will be Made in Time for Christmas.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—Shareholders in the York County Loan may count on having Christmas presents with their second dividend cheques. The first dividend was for 25c on the dollar, and was paid on Nov. 1st 1909. The second cheque for a similar amount, it is now stated, will be mailed to the shareholders the first week in December. There will be a third and final dividend, but the amount of this is not yet known.

DOCTOR AND NURSE ARE UNDER ARREST

Under Suspicion in Connection With Death of Father and Three Sons.

London, Ont., Nov. 23.—A special from Ubbi, Huron county, says that Dr. Robert McGregor and Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, a nurse, both of London, Ont., were arrested yesterday and taken to jail at Bad Axe, Mich. It is charged they did not tell all they knew in their testimony at the inquest regarding the deaths of John Wesley Sparling and his three sons. Suspicion of arsenic poisoning has been raised in connection with the four deaths. Sparling died in 1908 in a hospital at London, Ont., Peter, the eldest son, died in July, 1910, and Albert, the second son, died last May. Cyril died in August. After the latter's death Albert's body was exhumed.

The coroner's jury yesterday rendered a verdict of "death by arsenic poisoning" in the case of Albert Sparling. Dr. McGregor and Mrs. Margaret Gibbs, of London, Ont., were taken from their rooms after they had retired for the night, and hurried to Bad Axe in an automobile.

NURSE'S HEROIC DEATH.

Killed While Vainly Trying to Save Builder's Wife.

London, Eng., Nov. 23.—A pathetic double railway fatality, in which a nurse lost her life while, it is believed, she was trying to rescue her patient, occurred yesterday on a level crossing between Braintree and Rayne stations. Two women, who had been seen sitting on a stile adjoining the line, got on the metals as a train came and were knocked down and killed.

A QUEBEC PETITION TO BLOW OPEN SAFE

Judge Rules Against Dynamite But Holds the Company in Contempt.

Quebec, Nov. 23.—A petition for permission to blow open a safe is the rather unusual request just made here to Judge Dorion, of the superior court. The safe is that of the Compagnie Immobilière, Champlain, of this city, and the petitioner is Napoleon Renaud, who has made a demand of assignment upon the company.

Blowing Elsie Sigel's Murder.

Cleveland, O., Nov. 23.—The arrest of Leon Ling, sought for since the murder of Elsie Sigel in New York two years ago, may follow the action of the Cleveland police who have telegraphed the authorities of a Texas city asking them to locate Ling. Information on which the police acted reached them as the result of a long lead.

New York Church Costs Million.

New York, Nov. 23.—The corner stone of the new St. Thomas Protestant Episcopal church, which is to rise at Fifth Avenue and Fifty-Third Street, on the site of the church, burned four years ago, was laid by Bishop Greer. The new building will cost more than \$1,000,000, and will be one of the finest in America.

Shot in Self-Defence.

New York, Nov. 23.—The chorus girls, Ethel Coated and Lillian Graham, who shot William F. D. Stokes, the millionaire horseman and hotelman, were brought to trial yesterday in the supreme court. The girls claim they shot in self-defence.

LATEST TIDINGS

Despatches From Near and Distant Places

THE WORLD'S EPISODES

GIVEN IN THE BRIEFEST POSSIBLE FORM.

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

It is reported that a revolution has begun in Paraguay. Nine men were killed in the forests of New York, state during the deer hunting season, which closed last week.

The Aroostook, Maine, log cut this winter will show a decrease of about twenty per cent.

The first Russian troops despatched to Persia have arrived at the Port of Caspi on the Caspian Sea.

Heavy rains have caused great damage to the tobacco crop in Havana and Finar Del Rio provinces. Tennessee authorities believe that a meal made from impure corn is directly responsible for the outbreak of pellagra.

Eleven miners were killed and another badly injured by the fall, today, of a rock in a potash mine at Nordhausen, Prussian Saxony.

C. J. Meles has purchased the Ellis knitting company property, Hamilton, with fifty-eight feet frontage, for \$90,000. It may be used as an hotel site.

The trade and commerce department has received the resignation of W. T. P. Preston, commissioner to Holland. He says his retirement is due to ill health.

At Reading, Penn., becoming suddenly insane Charles H. Melcher, a machinist, killed his ten-year-old son and then ended his own life by cutting his throat.

Miss Laidie Quirk, a New York school teacher, twenty-two years old, died to commit suicide because she shot the police, all her friends were getting married and she was the only one left.

At Pittsfield, Mass., a bullet fired by a non-union Italian bricklayer during a quarrel with union men, caused the death of George Couch, a stationery engineer, who had no part in the trouble.

On the advice of the cabinet, the judge of contempt has decided to suspend in the sentence of death passed on James Aik, a Hungarian, who murdered his wife and her parents near Saskatoon.

The British admiralty is inviting volunteers for the Australian navy. Officers and men being required. Princess Patricia will accompany to Canada by Major Malcolm Murray, R.H.C.'s controller.

MGR. BRUCE'S DENIAL.

His Trip to Ottawa Had Nothing to Do With Manitoba.

Montreal, Nov. 23.—Archbishop Bruchési has denied a report telegraphed from Ottawa to the effect that he had been to the capital to see Mr. Rolin with the object of securing from him a promise to sign to the Canadian appropriation the project of the Manitoba government of religious school matters for the territory which may shortly be an added to Manitoba. His grace stated that he had not gone to Ottawa, to discuss politics but merely to see his niece, who was ill.

Inhuman Parents.

Chicago, Nov. 23.—A mother and father have been sentenced to six months' imprisonment by Judge Goodnow, after they admitted in a dispassionate manner that they had approved of their young daughter's living as the common law wife of Walter Peterson, a boarder. Peterson was held to a grand jury.

Burned \$1,000 Bill.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 23.—Sigmund Hartig lit a cigarette with a \$1,000 bill on Monday. He intended to burn only the end of a bit of yellow paper, another chap came along and took the bill to light his cigarette and before Hartig could recover it, he was in flames. A small corner of the bill and a few ashes were recovered and will be sent to Washington to be redeemed.

Lord Kitchener Honored.

Paris, Nov. 23.—It is a fact not generally known that Lord Kitchener once fought as a private in the French army, and such those who are to receive the new French war medal of 1870 in the famous British soldier who at present is the diplomatic agent at Cairo. Forty-two years ago he left a little school in Brittany and entered the French ranks.

Appointment Cancelled.

London, Nov. 23.—Much talk has been aroused in society circles by the official announcement in the London Gazette that the appointments of the Rev. F. P. Farrar, son of the late Rev. Farrar, as domestic chaplain to King George and Queen Mary Alexandra is cancelled. It is also reported that Rev. Mr. Farrar has resigned the living of Sandringham.

CONFERENCE OF PREMIERS.

Sir James Whitney to Arrange With Sir Lomer Gouin.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—The holding of an inter-provincial conference of provincial premiers at Ottawa will likely be promoted by Sir James Whitney after the elections are over. He will confer, it is expected, with Sir Lomer Gouin, premier of Quebec, regarding arrangements for the meeting, which will be held next spring. With the Borden government in power at Ottawa, and five of the nine provincial premiers conservatives, the conference may have a far-reaching effect.

The creation of the representation of the maritime provinces in the house of commons, arrangements regarding provincial subsidies, and the apportionment of sums to the provinces for agriculture and roads are some of the matters which will likely be come before the premiers.

AUSTRALIA TRADE PLAN.

Reciprocity Treaty With the United States.

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 23.—Neil Neilson, a member of the Australian parliament, empowered by his government to negotiate the primary of a reciprocity treaty with the United States, arrived yesterday and will proceed at once to Washington.

Other missions will engage Mr. Neilson while in this country. One of them is to study the irrigation in the western states.

"Australia feels the need of stimulation of trade with the United States," said Mr. Neilson. "We have wool and hardwoods and other things that this country needs, and which will furnish a basis of ocean reciprocal traffic."

SIXTY-YEAR MYSTERY IS FINALLY SOLVED.

Body of Man Supposed to Have Been Killed by Indiana Regulators Dug Up.

Elwood, Ind., Nov. 23.—Judson Brinker disappeared here in 1853 and relatives and friends believed that he had been murdered by members of a band of regulators who had organized as a result of systematic horse stealing, a regular organized gang existing in this state, Illinois and Kentucky. The stolen animals were taken south, and sold and brinkers was under suspicion as a member of the gang. The mystery of his disappearance is believed to have been solved today when a well-preserved skeleton was found by men digging a cellar. Physicians who examined the skeleton said it was that of a white man about fifty years of age. An old horse patrol dating back to the days of brinkers' disappearance, was found near the skeleton.

DID NOT SAY IT.

Dr. Macdonald Denies Saying Canadians Were Repentant.

Toronto, Nov. 23.—Dr. J. A. Macdonald denies the statement credited to him in the press despatches to the effect that Canadians were repentant for having voted against reciprocity. "I used not more than five words in the quotation, and used no words that expressed any repentance on the part of the people of Canada for acts of the Manitoba government on religious school matters for the territory which may shortly be an added to Manitoba. His grace stated that he had not gone to Ottawa, to discuss politics but merely to see his niece, who was ill.

CHURCH WOULD PERFORM CEREMONY IF ASKED

This is Father Callaghan's Statement to a Reporter When Asked.

Montreal, Nov. 23.—As a result of the Hebert case, what position is Hebert in two he wished. He married, would the church marry him?" This question was put to Father Callaghan last night. Father Callaghan was vice-chancellor of the diocese at the time the ecclesiastical decree was made declaring null and void the marriage of Eugene Hebert and Emma Marie Goulette. The courts have not declared the marriage void, the case having been withdrawn.

WHI Likely Enquire.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—Sir Saurford Fleming has repeated the allegations he made regarding Sir Max Aikkin, and the content merger. He asks not only that this matter be investigated fully in the house, but also that other things pertaining to the general alleged watering of stock by companies be enquired into. There will be more details in a day or so, and it is expected this will be thoroughly discussed at the present parliamentary session.

First Liberal Caucus.

The first liberal caucus of the session was held this morning, with Thomas McNeill in the chair. There was a full attendance and the enthusiasm which marked last night's demonstration in honor of Sir Wilfrid Laurier was repeated as the leader entered the room. Party plans were talked over.

To be Superannuated.

Belleville, Ont., Nov. 23.—William Goodall, collector of customs, has been given two months' leave of absence, then to be placed upon the superannuation list. Arthur McGinnis has been put in charge, with a view to his appointment as collector at the expiration of the leave of absence of the collector.

Mrs. C. R. Stewart, aged sixty-five years, a highly respected resident of Lys, died on Tuesday. All the new sachet powders at Mahood's drug store.

GRITS CHERRY

In the House of Commons on Monday.

MONK WAS THE LEADER

WHILE BORDEN CONFERRED WITH BOURASSA.

And the Minister of Public Works Had to Fight for Time—Dr. Clark Gave Some Hard Thrusts.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—Wednesday was an illuminative day in the House of Commons. The opening of the sitting found Hon. Mr. Monk, minister of public works, instead of Hon. Mr. Borden, who was closeted for an hour in his office with Henri Bourassa. The close of the sitting at six o'clock, found Mr. Monk talking against time, embarrassed by a pertinent question from two from Sir Wilfrid Laurier, as to the record of the late government with respect to the naval question, criticizing Sir Wilfrid because of alleged failure to champion the rights of the French and Catholic minority, saying no word as yet in explanation of his anomalous position in the cabinet as the former opponent of the imperialistic naval policy for which his leader had so enthusiastically stood. It found the opposition jubilant and cheering, after a rarely brilliant and convincing exposure of an impracticable and mockery imperialism, in which selfishness and not sentiment predominated, and of a naval policy which started with an agitation for the speedy conclusion of a Canadian navy, and was now winding up with a timorous and injudicious policy of delay.

It was a day of almost continuous cheering and of very palpable discomfiture for the members of the government benches. On the conservative side there was the maiden attempt of the youthful Mr. Foster, who defeated Sir Frederick Borden, and Mr. Monk's half-hour of flounder at the close. On the liberal side in Mr. Mackenzie (Cape Breton) the house heard a voice from the sea-board crying for immediate naval defence, and demanding an announcement of policy.

Then came Dr. Clark in one of the finest deliverances parliament has heard in many days. The test of a nation's prosperity, he said, is not in its foreign commerce, but in the issue of reciprocity. In the province from which he came—the arrangement had been considered on its merits, but he charged that in the east Premier Borden had gone through the province of Quebec, "sipping the budding wine of France," as compared by such a connoisseur as my friend, Mr. Monk, and seasoning his beverage with a dash of Orange Juice when he reached Ontario.

Amid roars of laughter Dr. Clark picked the conservative leader being escorted to the premier's seat "flanked on the one side by the unselfish party, Clifford, Wilson, and on the other by the ardent imperialist, Henri Bourassa, with Armand Lavergne following in the rear waving the tricolor of old France. "No wonder," said he, "that their campaigners had asked: 'Under which flag?'"

Continuing, Mr. Clark alluded to the mangled comments of the Bishop of London to the effect that the electors had preferred to be poor and Canadian rather than rich and American. The worthy bishop had evidently viewed the conservative-nationalist party as lean, ascetic, without campaign funds, going into battle for principles as sacred as the Sermon on the Mount. The picture will command itself to the manufacturers' association," he observed, amid renewed laughter. The ideals of the manufacturers' association reminded him of the slogan of the licensed victuallers of England: "Our trade is our politics."

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Lover in Jail.

Bearsville, Ont., Nov. 23.—Burns Goodall, of Clinton township, was taken to the county jail, yesterday, to await his trial at the winter assizes on the charge of sending postal cards and threatening letters to Miss Black Goodall, his daughter. It is stated that his rappings during the past month had been of the most peculiar and insanely nature, and many of his friends feel that he has gone out of his head completely, on account of a recent mix-up with a young woman, who is said to have spurned the young farmer's attentions.

HE WILL CONFESS.

This is the View of the Spiritual Adviser.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 23.—Rev. John J. Fix, spiritual adviser of Henry Clay Beattie Jr., who will be electrocuted, tomorrow, for the murder of his young wife, said, this morning, after an interview with the condemned man, he was certain if Beattie was guilty he would confess all before going to the electric chair. The father, brother and other friends are spending the day in the doomed man's cell. He spent a restless night.

EFFECTIVE BOMBARDMENT

Was Made by Italian Warships Off Tripoli.

Tripoli, Nov. 23.—With the aid of a captive balloon, which telephoned the ranges and effect of the fire, Italian warships gave a terrific bombardment to the Turk trenches and forts some six or seven miles inland, yesterday, resulting in the retirement of the Turks and Arabs, leaving several hundred dead on the field.

Aided Canadian Cousins.

St. Stephen, N. B., Nov. 23.—During a fire last night, which wiped out \$50,000 worth of buildings here, the fire department of the neighboring city of Calais, Maine, crossed the international boundary line and assisted materially in checking the flames.

SUPPLY OF POWER IS ALMOST EXHAUSTED

Much Has Been Placed Under Private Control Says the Commissioner.

Ottawa, Nov. 23.—A statement of the conservative commission, issued today, gives warning of the fact that instead of there still being millions of horse power yet to be developed by Canada, from Niagara Falls, there are only one million and a quarter altogether, and the better part of that has already been placed under private control.

SHE DID NOT FLINCH.

The Organizer of the Suffragette Demonstrations.

London, Nov. 23.—Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, who organized and practically led the suffragette demonstrations, was tried and convicted today of assaulting and obstructing the police.

She said that the militant methods taken were repugnant to women, but she only means available to secure the franchise or any recognition whatever. She did not flinch when the magistrate imposed one month imprisonment, without the option of a fine.

DRIVE DOCTOR OUT.

And an Insane Man is Now in Possession.

Thamesville, Ont., Nov. 23.—After driving Dr. Stewart from his home, Thomas Murphy, an insane patient, took possession and with the aid of a vicious dog and a double barreled shotgun held off the besieging police all night. This morning he still holds the fort and the local police have asked Chatham for reinforcements.

To Ask Government.

London, Nov. 23.—Herbert Craig, M.P., will, on Monday, ask the government in the commons, if anything official has been heard from Canada as to whether the Borden ministry intends to carry out its navy scheme for imperial defence.

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WEATHER PROBABILITIES.

Toronto, Ont., Nov. 23rd, 10 a.m.—Snow and rain, with a strong wind, and night, turning locally to rain; high temperature. Friday, fresh to strong west to north-west winds, clearing colder again.

CHRISTMAS GIFT SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR LINEN SECTION

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Jas. Redden & Co. FEES WERE TOO HIGH.

People Living Together Without Any Ceremony. Port Arthur, Nov. 23.—That there are many people living together who are not married because the clergy refuse to forego their profits on the monopoly of marriage, was a statement made at a labor meeting by Barrister A. E. Cole, of this city.

Ald. Frederick Terry, the labor candidate, said he knew of many such cases, and he had taken B. up with the clergy, who told him the question had been handled about from decision house to provincial legislature, and in neither place given serious consideration.

Henry Morrison has disposed of his residence and most shop in Cape Vincent, N.Y., and with his family has removed to Rochester. Mrs. Isabel Allen has purchased the Morrison house.

"Week-end" chocolate sale, Friday and Saturday. Don't miss it this time, 25