

EMPRESS AN IS DEAD

REAL CHINESE RULER FOLLOWS EMPRESS TO GRAVE.

Praying of Monarch Marked by Observance of 5,000 Years Ago, No One Being Permitted to Approach Within a Rod of Beds.

Tsun Hai An, the dowager empress of China, the autocratic head of the government which she has directed without successful interference since 1861, and without protest since 1881, died at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon. The announcement of the death of the dowager empress was official and followed closely upon the announcement that Kuang Hsu, the emperor, had died Sunday at 5 o'clock in the afternoon, but it is believed that the dowager empress died a considerable time before that set down in the official statements. An official edict issued at 7 o'clock Sunday afternoon placed on the throne Prince Pu Yi, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, the regent of the empire, in accordance with a promise given by the dowager empress soon after the marriage of Prince Chun in 1903. An edict issued on Friday made Pu Yi heir apparent.

The funeral ignitions were notified Sunday morning by the foreign board of the death of the emperor and the succession of Prince Pu Yi. Troops have been in readiness for several days to quell any disturbances that might arise on the death of Kuang Hsu and the possibility of uprisings was made greater because of the fact that the death of the dowager empress was known to be close at hand.

Prince Chun, the regent, has ordered the viceroys and governors to take precautions for the continuation of the administration of the provinces as heretofore, and he has ordered a hundred days of mourning. The court will go into mourning for three years.

GOMEZ VICTORY DECISIVE.

Vote in the Cuban Electoral College Will Be Unanimous.

Practically complete returns of the election in Cuba show that the liberal victory was even more decisive than supposed. Official returns from 1,859 of a total of 1,498 polling places show that Gen. Jose Miguel Gomez received 183,123 votes, against 118,323 for Gen. Mario Menocal, the conservative candidate. The liberals carried every province in the island. Havana province went liberal by 25,000, and the city by 15,000. The liberal majority in the other provinces were approximately as follows: Oriente, 15,500; Santa Clara, 11,000; Camaguey, 1,200; Pinar del Rio, 7,500; Matanzas, 4,000. The victory of Gen. Gomez is generally interpreted as a verdict of the unincorporated population of the party of the revolution of 1902. The liberals constitute the entire new senate with the exception of two or three members whose terms expire in 1916. The returns with regard to the house of representatives are incomplete, but the liberals will control the house in the proportion of two to one.

GRAB MILLS HERE ASSAILANT.

Shouts Negro Who Tries to Seize Her in Store.

Miss Corinne McCowen, 20 years old, a clerk in a confectionery store in the southern part of Kansas City, Mo., Saturday afternoon shot Newell Powell, a negro, inflicting wounds which caused his death half an hour later. Miss McCowen was alone in the store at 494 Westport avenue, when the negro entered and asked for a cigar. When she placed the cigars in front of him he tried to seize her. She caught up a revolver and fired four shots at the negro at close range, two of them taking effect. It was the negro's fourth visit to the store within a few hours. After his third visit Miss McCowen secured a revolver and kept it within reach.

Ex-Congressman Hayden Dead.

Edward D. Hayden, vice president and secretary of the Boston and Albany railroad and a member of the Forty-ninth and Fiftieth congresses, died of apoplexy in his pajamas at the Waverly, Mass., Unitarian church Sunday. He was born in Cambridge Dec. 27, 1832.

St. Louis City Live Stock Market.

Saturday's quotations on the St. Louis City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$5.76.

Wheat Drops.

While skating on the artificial lake at the Great Northern Power company at Duluth, Minn., Frank McLeod and Ralph Spry, both aged 12, were drowned.

British Ship Wrecked.

The British ship, Falls of Halladale, from New York, Aug. 4, for Melbourne and Sydney, went ashore in Curdies Bay, Victoria, and probably will be a total wreck.

Overboard from Ship.

Seven men, the crew of the schooner Marie E. Cummings, from Boston to Leno, Ind., were rescued by the life boat in a storm which was the worst during the season when the vessel went down. The vessel is said to be in the hands of the insurance company.

Fire in Pennsylvania Colliery.

Fire broke out Friday at the Cameron colliery at Shamokin, Pa., owned by the Pennsylvania Coal company and employing 1,450 men and boys, and was fiercely raging Friday night. A large number of fire fighters, including miners, inspectors and high officials are battling with the flames.

Big Fire in Winnipeg.

Friday afternoon the big oil warehouse of the Winnipeg Man. Oil company on the outskirts of the city burst into flames and burned fiercely.

HENEY SHOT IN COURT.

Famous Prison Prosecutor is Seriously Wounded.

Francis J. Heney, a leading figure in the prosecution of municipal corruption in San Francisco, was shot and seriously wounded Friday by Morris Haas, a Jewish saloonkeeper, who had been accepted as a juror in a previous trial and afterwards removed, it having been shown by the prosecution that he was an ex-convict, a fact not brought out in his examination as a juror. The shooting occurred in Superior Judge Lawler's court room during a recess in the trial of Abraham Ruef, on trial for the third time for bribery.

At 6 o'clock Mr. Heney was conscious. He said: "I will live to prosecute him."

The physicians in attendance on Mr. Heney expressed the opinion that he would live. It has been ascertained that the bullet which had entered the right cheek lodged near the left ear and had not entered his brain, as was at first feared. The attorneys for the prosecution and defense had returned to the room from a short conference with Judge Lawler in his chambers. Mr. Heney had resumed his customary seat and was conversing with Chief Clerk McCabe, of the district attorney's office, when Haas came forward. He approached Heney and placing a revolver against his right cheek fired. After Mr. Heney had been removed from the court room Judge Lawler called court to order and had Mr. Ruef placed in custody.

WRECKED BY BLACK HAND.

Bomb Placed on Doorstep of Home in the Italian Quarters.

The boarding house of Ignazio Spiria in the Italian quarters of Philadelphia, was wrecked by a bomb placed on the front doorstep supposed by Black Hand agents.

Gegoria Delando and his family of seven occupied front rooms on the first floor of the house and Delando and three children were severely hurt. The front of the house was practically blown in.

A few days ago Giuseppe Rocco, who lives near the Spiria house, was warned in a Black Hand letter to place \$1,000 at a point indicated in the northern part of the city. An aunt, Ann Filippi, had just come to his home from Italy, supposedly bringing a good sum of money. When the threatening letter was received she left and went to the boarding house which was dynamited.

FOUND IN AN ASYLUM.

Former Weather Chief Hopeless Mental Wreck.

Prof. Mark W. Harrington, former chief of the United States weather bureau, who mysteriously dropped out of sight nearly ten years ago, has been found in a hopeless mental wreck in a New Jersey asylum for the insane at Morris Plains. He has been an inmate of the asylum since more than a year ago, when he was found wandering aimlessly about the streets of Trenton, N. J. Not until Thursday was his identity established. Then his wife visited the asylum and identified the man as her missing husband.

KILLED BY AN ASSASSIN.

Walter Amon, Wealthy New Jersey Banker, is Shot Down.

In view of hundreds of persons in the Pennsylvania depot Friday, Walter Amon, a wealthy dairy dealer, banker and club man of Jersey City, N. J., was shot three times by Andrew McGrath, and died on the way to the hospital. McGrath stated he had been in the olomarkin business for many years and had trouble with Amon. Recently his business has been unprofitable.

Small pox in State Capitol.

The discovery that a recent visitor to the state capitol at Montpelier, Vt., is afflicted with smallpox led many state officials and members of the legislature to seek physicians for the purpose of undergoing vaccination.

Four Children Cremated.

The home of J. H. Wampler, dairyman, residing at East Alliance, O., was destroyed by fire early Friday and four children cremated. Wampler was badly burned.

Oklahoma's Coldest November.

The territory of Oklahoma is experiencing the coldest November weather in its history. The thermometer registered 17 above zero Friday.

Barnum's Brother-in-Law Dead.

Benjamin Fish, 75 years old, brother-in-law of the late P. T. Barnum, is dead of heart disease.

Jackson Smith, of Missouri, Dead.

Jackson Smith, aged 71, for sixteen years judge of the Missouri courts of appeals, died at Kansas City Friday.

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Former Mayor Gustav Tafei died Thursday night from a complication of diseases. He was elected mayor of Cincinnati on the fusion ticket in 1887 and served two years.

Two Trainmen are Killed.

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Four hundred men were working in the pit at the time of the disaster. About seventy of the men have been brought to the surface. Of these a majority were more or less injured, and one since has died.

The explosion, which was unusually violent, destroyed one of the shafts which had to be partly repaired before the rescue work was begun. In addition the flames and smoke proved almost insurmountable obstacles in the early efforts of the rescuing parties. A special corps composed of the men who rendered such valuable aid in the terrible mine disaster at Courrières, France, in March, 1906, arrived upon the scene shortly before noon, but were unable to enter the mine being forced to wait the result of the efforts of the firemen to keep the flames in check.

Meantime heartrending scenes took place at the mine when the dead and wounded were brought to the surface, and there were similar scenes in the town when the injured were transported through the streets to the hospital.

At 1 o'clock the fire had made great headway and later in the afternoon, after a consultation of the engineers, it was decided that any further attempts to rescue the entombed men would be in vain owing to the impossibility of entering the galleries. At the same time an order was issued to flood the mine.

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An average yield of 26.2 bushels of corn per acre and an indicated total production of 2,642,878,000 bushels of corn are preliminary estimates announced in the report of the Department of Agriculture, summarizing corn and live other crops. The yield of corn per acre in 1907 was 25.9 as finally estimated, and averaged 25.9 for ten years, while the production is estimated at 2,592,320,000 bushels finally estimated in 1907. Quality of corn is 89.9 per cent, compared with 82.8 in 1907 and 84.3 ten years' average. About 2.7 per cent, or 71,124,000 bushels, is estimated to have been in farmers' hands on Nov. 1, against 4.5 per cent, or 130,995,000 bushels, a year ago, and a ten-year average of 4.5 per cent.

The preliminary figures for important corn states, giving in bushels, the yield per acre and total production respectively are as follows: Illinois, 31.6 and 294,800,000; Iowa, 31.7 and 287,456,000; Missouri, 27 and 203,634,000; Nebraska, 27 and 205,767,000; Indiana, 30.3 and 137,825,000; Kansas, 25.71 and 201,482,000; Texas, 25.71 and 201,482,000; Ohio, 38.5 and 230,000,000; Oklahoma, 24.8 and 122,200,000; Kentucky, 25.2 and 84,823,000; Tennessee, 24.8 and 74,747,000; Georgia, 12.5 and 56,438,000; Michigan, 31.8 and 60,420,000; South Dakota, 29.7 and 57,677,000; Wisconsin, 33.7 and 49,674,000; Virginia, 26 and 48,828,000; Pennsylvania, 39.5 and 55,814,000; Alabama, 14.7 and 44,835,000; North Carolina, 18 and 50,166,000; Minnesota, 29 and 48,835,000; Arkansas, 20.2 and 32,540,000. All others 21.8 and 222,451,000.

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Floating of North Dakota Marks an Epoch for the Navy.