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CHINA GOES BACK TO MONARCHY

CHINAMAN TO WEAR CROWN INSTEAD OF A SILK HAT

President Yuan Shi Kai Agrees to Become Emperor of Country, Changing Republic to Monarchy Within a Year.

WILL BRING TROUBLE WITH JAPAN

Very Probable That There will be Another War Zone in Europe if China Persists in Announced Program.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PEKIN, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president, today agreed to become emperor of China. He announced his acceptance to the council of state. His coronation will be postponed for perhaps a year and in the meantime he will continue as president of the republic, with virtual imperial powers. With the announcement that Yuan Shi Kai had accepted the change, came the gravest fears tonight to trouble with Japan. It is feared that while the powers which might check Japan's ambitions are engaged as they now are, the Japanese will begin an aggressive campaign to dominate China.

The fact that the mikado's government protested a month ago the suggestion that China be changed from republic to monarchy, is looked upon as an indication that she will interfere. Many statesmen believe Japan will know at that time an empire was inevitable and made its protest with the idea of having an excuse for a subsequent interference with Chinese affairs. The new emperor has taken cognizance of this situation in announcing he will not be crowned for a year. In announcing his acceptance, it is thought he has created the impression in the minds of most Chinese that he has taken on regal authority. But the actual grounds for Japan's interference, if it plans to interfere, will not materialize as a matter of form for a year. In that time, the great European war may end or may be so near a finish that Japan might fear even if she conquered China, all that she gained would be taken away.

Whether the ruse will be successful, no one can say. It is feared Japan will find another means to bring about differences between herself and the new empire. But all this was discussed before Yuan Shi Kai was chosen and the Chinese have decided to take their chances. Yuan's first refusal of the crown, it should be understood, was only a formality in keeping with Chinese custom. Reports here tonight suggest that both England and the United States have been besought by Dr. Wellington Koo, new Chinese minister to the United States, to say what they will do in case Japan should interfere. For several months, it is said, on good authority, Koo has been sounding out these two powers. That the state council should decide on the move indicates to many that he has received assurances these two powers will not tolerate Japanese interference. Yuan accepted the throne today after the state council had asked him by 1,993 votes out of 2,043. A month ago the general election indicated the country favored such election.

Japan Will Protest. TOKYO, Dec. 11.—Japan is expected to make immediate representations to the Chinese government if Pekin reports that Yuan Shi Kai, president of

the Chinese government has accepted the crown as emperor, are borne out in formal communications to the foreign office. Officials have no confirmation, but it is realized here that a sudden change at Pekin, coming at a time when China-Japanese affairs are in a delicate shape, may turn the attention of the world to a new international crisis in the far east.

It is feared here that revolutionary outbursts will occur throughout the Chinese republic when the reports filter through to the masses. The recent trouble at Shanghai, when rebels attacked the arsenal and seized a Chinese cruiser, was generally considered a protest against reports that the government was drifting toward a monarchy.

Japan, it is understood, sent a friendly note of warning to Yuan Shi Kai several months ago when it was first rumored that he planned to assume the throne. In this note the Japanese government is said to have had the support of all the allied powers. Their diplomatic representatives conveyed to the Chinese statesmen the declaration that their governments would regard as unfriendly any change in the form of government that might cause revolutions and endanger lives and property of foreigners.

Leaders Are Disappointed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—New York's Chinatown tonight received the news that China was to again become a monarchy without demonstration. Chinese leaders expressed disappointment. Mon Poon Jung, associate editor of the Chinese Republic News, predicted the change might lead to dissension and possibly to an uprising. When Yuan became president in February, 1912, the event was marked by great celebrations by Chinese here.

Yuan is recognized as the strong man of China. He is fifty-seven years old and during his regime has completely dominated the government. His efforts to unite the 400,000,000 Chinese under the republic has attracted world-wide attention. He first attracted attention through his reorganization of the army following the revolution in the Boxer uprising. With the accession of the child emperor, Pu Yi, to the throne, Yuan was dismissed from power because of his control over the army. Later when the anti-Manchu rebellion broke out in 1911, he was prevailed upon to return and assumed supreme command of the Chinese forces. He became the first premier and the abdication of the boy emperor was forced and the republic can form of government established at Nan King by the northern rebels. Sun Yat Sen, provisional president of the southern rebels, was then forced

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BALKANS

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] LONDON, Dec. 11.—Lord Derby's recruiting campaign came to an end at midnight tonight. But at that hour recruiting clerks throughout the united kingdom were still faced by long lines of men eager to enlist in Lord Kitchener's armies and knowing unless they enrolled voluntarily they ultimately would be forced into service by conscription. So great was the rush in the closing hours, that it appeared likely that the recruiting officers would continue at their tasks until after daybreak Sunday. The government came to the rescue of the overworked clerks with the announcements that men who make application before tomorrow night will be permitted to enlist under the Derby plan if they appear again before Wednesday night.

STEADY RETREAT.

[By William G. Shepherd, United Press Staff Correspondent.] SALONIKA, Dec. 10.—(Delayed.)—The steady retreat of the Anglo-French forces toward the Greek frontier has created a situation that hourly becomes more grave. The Greek military authorities, it is reliably reported tonight, have informed General Sarraïl that they will not interfere if Bulgarian troops follow the allied forces into Greece and attack their rear guard. A battle on Greek soil may bring a crisis in the diplomatic negotiations between Greece and the belligerent powers. A Greek military representative conferred with General Sarraïl at his headquarters this afternoon. It is understood that he came direct from King Constantine with the monarch's final decision not to risk his army in an attempt to hold back the Bulgarians should they swarm over the border. General Sarraïl's forces have been retiring all day under heavy pressure by four Bulgarian infantry divisions and one cavalry corps. No Austro-Germans have been found among the Anglo-French prisoners and no information thus far substantiates rumors that a large Teutonic force is massing to attack the allies.

After retreating from Krivolak, the French fell back twenty miles along the Nish railway. Dispatches received here tonight said they were making a stand twenty-five miles north from the Greek frontier. Sarraïl's retreat is considered most brilliant. He has saved all of his stores. His losses have been ridiculous.

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AUSTRIA

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] VIENNA, Dec. 11. (Via Berlin wireless.)—By dashing charges, Austrian troops have recaptured advanced posts near Montevias from numerically superior Italian forces, it was officially announced tonight.

"Feeble Italian attacks in the Bolomite Alps against the Sief Saddle, in the Goritz district and against Monte San Michele have been repulsed," it was officially stated. "Artillery duels in the Judicaria region, extended west of the Chiessa valley.

"On the Russian front, our troops repulsed enemy reconnoitering detachments near Czartorysk."

REAR GUARD ENGAGEMENTS.

VIENNA, (via Berlin wireless) Dec. 11.—Only rear guard engagements between Austrian troops and retreating Montenegrins were reported in the war office account today of Balkan operations. The Austrians took about 400 prisoners.

ENGLAND

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Through the darkened streets, crowds streamed toward the Scotland yard recruiting office tonight. Parties of girls and young men approached the recruiting station after an evening at the theatre. They separated, the youths forming in the lines moving toward the recruiting offices. A drizzling rain fell at intervals throughout the evening. Despite the weather, the open spaces around the recruiting stations were filled with wives and mothers, watching the streams of youths and middle aged men, taking their first step toward the trenches. There were no tearful scenes, however. On the contrary, women worked with the recruiting sergeants in urging male spectators to "get in line."

Officials declared tonight that it was impossible to make any accurate estimates of the number of men enrolled in the Derby recruiting campaign. Provincial cities reported great crowds standing in line at midnight as in London.

A SHOT AT FORD.

EDINBURGH, Scotland, Dec. 11.—Lord Rosebery directed "fresh shots" at Henry Ford's peace cruise in an address here today. He also poked fun at Rev. Charles F. Aked, of San Francisco, one of the Ford voyagers, who was born in England and held the pastorate of a Liverpool church, before going to New York as Rockefeller's pastor.

"There is coming this way a vessel fraught with peace," said Lord Rosebery. "It is propelled, apparently, by a gentleman named Ford, who makes—I think—preambulators."

"He is coming to pour oil on the troubled waters, at the inspiration of Dr. Aked. We know something of Dr. Aked, whose voice, more potent

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RUSSIA

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PETROGRAD, Dec. 11.—Two Turkish gunboats were sunk in a Black sea engagement with Russian torpedo boats yesterday, it was officially announced tonight. The sea fight occurred east of the Bosphorus. The torpedo boats afterward sank a Turkish sailing ship.

Repulse of Austrian attacks along the Stripa river west of Tarnopol was reported in tonight's war office statement. On the Caucasus front the Slavs continue to pursue the retreating enemy forces.

FRANCE

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PARIS, Dec. 11.—Confirmation came from authoritative sources tonight of reports that the allies are evacuating Serbia. At the same time it was announced Anglo-French forces have no intention of abandoning the Balkan campaign. On the contrary, it was stated, several additional army corps will be transported to Salonika for an offensive movement the allies are expected to begin early next spring, if not this winter.

It was rumored General Joffre himself may visit Salonika within a short time to inspect the situation and confer with General Sarrail. Information reaching here from reliable sources tonight said King Constantine thus far has failed to make a satisfactory reply to the Anglo-French demands. In announcing the allies' decision as to Balkan affairs, the Paris papers this evening were frankly pessimistic and even went so far as to take sharp steps to end at once the king's "evolution."

The decision against abandonment of the Balkan campaign was reached at today's session of the allied war council. Sir Edward Grey, British foreign minister, Lord Kitchener, Premier Briand and General Gallieni, the French war minister were in lengthy conference after the council adjourned. When their meeting ended, an official statement was given out declaring the allies had reached a complete agreement on urgent problems of the war.

A few hours later the government permitted it to become known that the allies had definitely decided against withdrawal from Salonika. It was stated at the same time that the military situation in the Balkans at present makes it virtually imperative that the expeditionary forces retire from Serbia at this time because they are outnumbered two to one by the combined German and Bulgarian armies.

British troops, it was understood tonight, will make up the largest share of the reinforcements to be sent to Salonika. Whether the decision reached today carries with it a plan for withdrawal of Anglo-French troops from the Dardanelles, could not be said. It is assumed here that General Sarrail's army will continue to retreat, possibly to the protection of the allied war ships at Salonika and

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GERMANY

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] BERLIN, (via wireless to Sayville, L. I.) Dec. 11.—Official dispatches to the war office this afternoon brought no confirmation of reports that the allies had evacuated Serbia, reporting merely no important operations in the Balkans.

The war office laid stress on the desperate fighting now going on around Hill Number 13 in the Champagne region. It was officially denied that the French had recaptured positions in this region recently taken by the Germans.

RIOTING IN BERLIN.

LONDON, Dec. 11.—The Exchange Telegraph's Copenhagen correspondent sent the following dispatch tonight: Details are slowly arriving here regarding Thursday's rioting in Berlin. At least fifty thousand persons participated. The police charged the crowd

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CAUGHT SPY ON THE FLY WITH STOLEN PASSPORT

Captured at Sea by a British Cruiser After Making His Escape from the Secret Service Men.

HE IS WANTED FOR BETHLEHEM FIRE

Mystery of the Crippled Ship Minnesota, Will be Learned Tomorrow When She Reaches Port.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A German agent who was traveling on a false passport and is believed to have been responsible for the recent big fire at the Bethlehem Steel plant, has been captured at sea by a British cruiser, according to reports here tonight.

The suspect is declared to have been taken from the Lamport and Holt liner Vauban by the British warship.

Professor E. C. Green, of the agricultural department, was to have sailed from New York on the Lamport steamer Verdi, but his passports were stolen from him. It is believed the German agent obtained the passports and escaped with secret service men hot on his heels.

The Bethlehem fire caused a loss of nearly \$1,000,000. Immediately following the blaze government agents hurried to Bethlehem where a rigid investigation was made. Hints of a clue came from Philadelphia and they went there only to discover that their man had left. They arrived in New York only a few hours before they alleged Teutonic agent sailed.

Efforts were made to intercept the Vauban, but they failed. It is believed the British embassy may then have been notified, and at all events a British cruiser is understood to have watched for the Vauban and when the liner appeared in the south Atlantic, she was stopped and the fleeing agent removed.

Professor Green was not aware of the loss of his passport until he endeavored to sail on the Verdi. A search revealed that several other documents were also missing. Green notified the state department.

The federal grand jury next week will resume its probe into the general Teutonic conspiracies against shipping and munition plants. Evidence is said to be rounding up rapidly and numerous offers of aid are reaching District Attorney Marshall.

Indignant that the name of labor day should be connected with the plotting of Franz Von Rentlen and David Lamar to bring about strikes in munition plants, various labor leaders are said to have volunteered such information as may be in their hands. The fund furnished for the purpose of promoting strikes is now said to have amounted to possibly as much as \$1,000,000.

Like the "Flying Dutchman" SANTA BARBARA, Calif., Dec. 11.—Like a phantom ship with some horrible skeleton to hide, the crippled liner Minnesota ploughed a painful course up the coast tonight for San Francisco.

Her officers, out of commission for days—either from a spy's work or imperfections—made a feeble effort to help two panting tugs. Her speed as she passed here this afternoon, hugging tight to the three mile safety zone, had increased to nearly eight knots. All week it had been four. Wireless calls bombarded her. As

heretofore, no answer came. Every thing pointed to the presence aboard of one or more men in iron—probably anti-air agents who sought to prevent her 16,000 tons of food from reaching England.

What had befallen Captain Gerlich though, was the deepest mystery. He was reported not in command. Meantime, San Francisco authorities planned to board the big steamer ship when she heads into the Golden Gate, probably Monday. They think spies wrecked the boilers; and some of their evidence pointed to the possibility that the disabling of the Minnesota was part of alleged wholesale coast bomb plots for which two men and a woman are under arrest in San Francisco.

A federal agent who early today sought to reach the ship as she crawled past San Pedro, failed to overtake her because he miscalculated the time of her passing. He spoke to her by wireless. Nothing came in reply but her position.

To be Indicted Monday. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Baron George Wilhelm Von Brincken and C. C. Crowley, agents of the German consulate, will be indicted Monday by the federal grand jury as alleged bomb plotters, federal officials said tonight.

Whether Franz Bopp, German consul general here, would fall into the government net, too, was a matter of speculation. Bopp charges that "somebody" had tampered with his mail to put him in disfavor with local officials. A "frame-up" to detect them was their hint in answering his claims.

Freedom of the Seas. WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—The state department tonight served notice of its intention to call France to account for the stopping of three American steamers and the forcible removal of German and Austrian passengers and members of their crews by boarding parties from the French cruiser Descartes.

The American government, is expected to file, either through the French embassy or through American Ambassador Sharp at Paris, a sharp demand for an explanation of the incident. The state department's action will be based on the principal of international law maintained by this government, that there is no justification for the removal of an enemy subject from a neutral vessel on the high seas bound for a neutral port.

Braun Makes Statement. NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Marcus Braun, named as having acted as a messenger for Austrian Consul General Van Nuber, tonight made public a copy of a letter written Secretary Lansing explaining his connection with a package which was entrusted

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CALL HAS BEEN ISSUED FOR DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

Will Meet in St. Louis on June 14 to Name Wilson and Build Platform.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—Democratic Chairman William F. McCombs this afternoon issued the official call for the democratic convention at St. Louis June 14, "to nominate candidates for the presidency and vice presidency of the United States, to declare a party platform and to take such other action as may be deemed necessary."

nates to the convention shall be elected, by the voters at a primary election in each state, is emphasized in the call. Where there is no state presidential primary law, the democratic party is instructed to hold one. In making the announcement as to primaries, McCombs quoted from the presidential primary plan in the last democratic national platform, which in part says: "The movement toward more popular government should be prompted through legislation in each state which will permit the expression of the preference of the electors for national candidates at presidential primaries. "We direct that the national committee incorporate in the call for the next nominating convention a re-

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Jennie Hawkes Will Not Hang, But Spend Ten Years in Prison

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] MLEOD, Alberta, Dec. 11.—The unwritten law has saved a woman from the gallows. Women throughout the Canadian northwest are rejoicing tonight with Mrs. Jennie Hawkes who was to have swung from the scaffold on December 29. She was to have paid with her life for taking that of Mrs. Rosell Stoley, who stole her husband's love and made her life one of torment.

Today the dominion authorities at Ottawa commuted her sentence to ten years imprisonment after forty thousand women had petitioned for clemency. Justice was tempered with mercy when it became known that the condemned woman's husband had abused her with words and blows; that both he and his illicit mate taunted her with their misdeeds and threatened to send her to an insane asylum. To the women who saved her from the hangman's noose, Mrs. Hawkes tonight sent the following message: "God is in His heaven. I know He would answer our prayers."

When the chaplain who told Mrs. Hawkes of her reprieve, came from the cell, he said that was all she could say. Of her crime, she remembers nothing. For months before she shot and killed the Stoley woman she lived in a mental and physical torment that robbed her of her reason. She had been forced to live day after day under the same roof with

the man to whom she had been faithful for thirty years and the woman who had turned him from her. The murdered woman was young and good looking. She had married a man much older than herself who cared little what she did. The lonely life of the country above Wetaskawin threw her much in the company of Hawkes, whose farm adjoined that of her husband and it was but a few months after she met him that she was living with him openly, flaunting her shame in the eyes of the lawful wife. Tonight these two men are together in the little shack where the crime was committed. After Mrs. Hawkes was committed, they went back to their claims, apparently little concerned over her fate. Monday Mrs. Hawkes will be taken from her cell where she has been sitting patiently reading her Bible since last September, to the dominion prison at Edmonton. She is fifty-five years old. If she lives through ten years of confinement, she says she wants to go to her daughter down in the United States.

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TOO MUCH POLITICS IS EXCUSE OF TAX COLLECTOR

Arrested While Enroute to Alaska After Spending Money Freely.

[United Press Leased Wire Service.] PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 11.—Instable demands of a political organization for funds was blamed tonight by Clinton E. Sittler, for alleged speculations that resulted in his arrest here today. Sittler, according to the police, confessed to abstracting \$15,000 in his care as tax collector of Tamaqua Borough, Pennsylvania. After blazing a luxurious trail across the continent, Sittler arrived in Portland from San Francisco today, accompanied by a valet and several

trunks of clothes. He was arrested as he stepped from the train. "The politicians who put me in office expected contributions to their campaign funds," Sittler said, "and I found it hard to meet their demands. That's the way it started."

Given Away by Woman. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 11.—Arrest of Clinton Sittler at Portland today resulted from a woman's tip. The woman, who described herself as Sittler's nurse, and who is said to be a prominent local florist's wife, told Burns detectives that Sittler offered her \$5,000 to go to Alaska with him. Sittler purchased an automobile and spent money in cafes with abandon. He was frequently seen with beautiful women, including his "nurse."

Only 11 More Shopping Days Until Christmas.