

GEN. LI EXPLAINS HIS SUBMISSION TO YUAN

China's Vice-President Resigned as Viceroy to Help the Administration.

CENTRALIZATION THE AIM Defence Against Machinations of Japan One of Chief Objects of Republic.

Special Correspondence to THE SUN. WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—When a newspaper correspondent requested President Yuan Shih-kai for a note of introduction to the Vice-President of the republic, Gen. Li Yuan-hung, the second strongest man in China today and the man who will succeed Yuan as head of the nation when the latter tires of the job, it brought quite a stroke of good fortune.

Li Prefers Wu-chang. It was not clear that this strong man of central China would be grateful to any messenger bringing such request, for he is loyal to his bustling Wu-chang and is not at all partial to the capital city as a place of residence. Yet a better patriot does not live in the old Middle Kingdom, and there was no doubt of Li Yuan-hung's decision if for a moment he became convinced that the best interests of the country would be served by the removal of his residence.

But whatever the Vice-President might think, the heads of the government at Peking had long considered the advisability of asking him to make his home in the north, at least for a certain period of the next two years. This sentiment took form during the elections in October, when Li Yuan-hung was second in the race for the higher office, receiving 129 votes to Yuan Shih-kai's 463, and then being unanimously chosen for the next place. This wealthy and ambitious man of Wu-chang was pleased at the Parliament choice, for he himself was one of the strongest supporters of Yuan Shih-kai.

Behind the request of the President and the Ministers is seen the first impulse to move for the centralization of authority and power in this ancient land. It is realized by the big men of the country that China has dissipated her potential strength through hundreds of viceroys. The importance of the eighteen viceroys, the sixteen military Governors, four Captains-General and wealthy mandarins has ever been a serious matter at Peking. The "provincial rights" doctrine will receive its death blow during the administration of President Yuan Shih-kai, and this doctrine was one of the strongest arguments of Yuan Shih-kai.

Was Charged With Cruelty. It has been stated that Li Yuan-hung is a man of cruel disposition, and it has been charged that the most recent rebellion he ordered prisoners executed by the wholesale. It is not possible upon a study of his face and manner to believe the first statement, for his countenance, while rugged and active, is very kindly in expression at close quarters, and his voice is the kind that you look for in a man who has been long and inclined to utter words of pity than carry commands of death. His features are well cut and his frame more Western than oriental. As to the charge that he caused to be executed needless numbers of the rebels, the records indicate that something like 350 rebels were shot by his orders, but the number of prisoners taken by his troops was more than 12,000.

China's Position in Past. For more than a century China has been considered only as the forerunner of the so-called stronger powers. They are stronger not because they have more potential strength but because they are organized in such a manner that their strength may be brought to bear where most needed.

CONFESSES HE SHOT GIRL. Rubber Hurriedly Moved to Prevent Threatened Lynching. WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Frank Cappelto confessed to-day to holding up and shooting Miss Mary Ludwig while she was on her way to her home on Croton Point.

GUNNER ROACH WINS BACK WIFE. Couple in Court to Fight Over Child Make Up. James T. Roach, chief gunner on the battleship Delaware, who got her ten days ago from the Mediterranean cruise to find that his seven-year-old daughter Virginia, who had been living with his sister, Mrs. W. F. Hamberger in Brooklyn, had been kidnapped by his wife, Alice Roach, whom he is suing for a divorce in Rhode Island on the ground of abandonment, went to Supreme Court Justice Ford's chambers yesterday prepared to put up a legal fight for the child.

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Fred Smith, alias Joseph Koehler, whose marrying habits caused him to accumulate nine wives and finally to be sent to State's prison for bigamy, was taken before Magistrate Fieschi in the Yorkville police court, charged with abandonment of wife No. 10.

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