

SAYS TOKYO SEEKS HARMONY IN CHINA

Japanese Envoy Here Supplements Statement Denying Aid Was Given Either Side.

Yuan Shi Kai has many enemies in China, and if he ascends the throne at this time they may use it as a pretext to start a revolution.

This was given by an official of the Japanese embassy today as a reason for Japan's interest in the reported change in the form of China's government at this time, coincident with the issuance of a written statement in which the Japanese foreign office officially denies aiding either side in the Chinese situation.

Referring to Japan's participation in advice recently given Yuan Shi Kai to postpone any change in China's government, the statement says:

Denies Arms Shipments.

"The advice was dictated by the simplest and purest of motives, that is, to avoid particularly at this time any untoward development in China, East which might add one more disturbing element to the already complicated world situation. Nothing more nor less."

"The Japanese embassy has received from Tokyo a cable dispatch which authorizes it to state that from no quarter in Japan have arms been supplied or assistance in any form been given to the revolutionary elements in China, nor has any investigation been attempted. This allegation that Japan is being used as a base of activities by Sun Yat-Sen and that the Japanese are actively co-operating with him are equally unfounded and untrue, to the best knowledge of the Japanese government, which is taking every measure of precaution against such attempts."

"The reports such as that the Japanese consul general at Shanghai called to Tokyo on December 1, saying that the monarchical movement would succeed if something were not done quickly, or that the Japanese warships are being rushed to Shanghai can only be characterized as wild and hardly merited refutation."

Revolt Easily Fomented.

"You notice that only a postmortem of any change was asked by Japan," said the official. "Japan feels that China's government is China's own business, but wants any disturbance there now avoided on account of the European situation. There has long been a big revolutionary party in China. The so-called revolution that resulted in the overthrow of the Manchurian dynasty started merely as a brawl among a group of discharged soldiers, and from a military standpoint the whole thing was a farce."

"The recent mutiny of the crew on a cruiser in the Shanghai harbor shows on how small a thing a national movement may turn in China. That could not have happened in the dominion of any other world power without a better further done about it. That will be all there is to it."

'Bring Our Daddy Job,' Trio Write to Santa

Christmas Appeals Pouring Into Times Office Would Tax Efforts of an Aladdin—Girls Want Dolls, While Boys Favor Skates.

Have you ever thought about all the things the kiddies would want if some Aladdin were to come forth from a Bagdad tomb and stalk through the streets of Washington rubbing his lamp for every little wish you brought to him a desire unfulfilled?

If you have—and in the absence of a ready truly Aladdin—turn to the Santa Claus letters which are still pouring into The Times office: for after all the patron-saint of Christmas is a kind elderly brother from the frozen North to the Bagdad youth of Schazzerade's story. And why? Because both Aladdin and Santa in the unspoiled credulity of childhood, have the marvelous power of granting anything that one might wish.

And so the Santa Claus letters are a pretty good indication as to just what the little boy and girl now-a-days dream about and wishes for and hope will be found in his stocking, or near by it, on Christmas morning.

And Notions Passing Strange.

And all the time the queerest little quirks and twists of kiddie-character are constantly cropping up from the widely scrawled pages of the Santa Claus letters. You might think that a train of cars or a pair of skates would please any little shaver; and that a doll and baby carriage and a set of toy dishes would be all that a "little mother's" heart could desire. But, as in most cases where children are concerned, you would be badly fooled.

Would you for instance dream that there was ever a little boy alive—a normal little boy who loves toys and games and candy and oranges and nuts would ask Santa Claus just to bring his Daddy a job?

To the letter is signed his name and that of his two little sisters. Here it is:

"We are three little children, but don't believe Santa Claus will come to see us. Papa hasn't any work. We would like it if you would give our daddy a job. Daddy is very good. This is the best present we want."

Sis Meets Usual Scorn.

The proverbial scorn with which the man child is reputed to look upon his curly-haired baby sister is all too apparent in another of the letters.

"Will you try and bring me a pair of ball-bearing skates," this little shaver wrote, "and an air rifle and a 1,000-shot B. B. gun, and anything you can spare for my little sister."

This letter was one of three, all of which came from the same neighborhood and were apparently written by "buddies," every one of whom asks Santa for a pair of ball-bearing skates.

There is another little chap who wouldn't put Santa Claus to any trouble for all the whole wide world in fact, he apparently wishes to relieve him of the necessity of keeping toys

which the Christmas saint may not have any particular use for, because he has written:

"If you have any guns you don't want, you can send one along."

Some Not So Modest.

And here is a childhood idea of what will be necessary to fill her modest needs. Her letter, which reads like a catalogue of a toy department, says:

"Please give me a doll and a carriage, a set of dishes, and a table, and a store, and a game of checkers, and a pair of ball-bearing skates, a goosey-goosey sander, a dog, an angora cat, cows, sheep, lambs, horses, lion, goat, elephant, bull, bear, monkey, coach dog, a pair of shoes, and a coat, hat, and dress. That is all."

But to get back to the Christmas desires of Young Washington, for which Old Man Washington will have to pay before the Christmas tree candles are lighted—the consensus of opinion among the little girls of the city as to the most desirable present this year seems to be infant dolls. Not less than a score of little Mothers have asked for bique babies in the Santa Claus letters. Of course, muffs and real kid gloves, like grown-up sisters, has, are prime favorites in the running.

Ball-bearing skates, just at this season of the year when the wind is sharp and biting—and especially since Johnny Jones around the corner has a pair which have long been the envy of all the neighborhood, are asked for by most of the day.

But locomotives which run under their own power, and, to use the kiddie corruption, "the fire engine of which can be made to squirt a tiny stream of water that will probably not be the very best thing for mother's parlor wall paper, are much sought.

MARINE DRAFTSMEN WANT LARGER WAGES

Washington Navy Branch Told They Have Remained Stationary Since 1903.

Complaint that wages of marine draftsmen in the Government service have remained stationary since 1903, while in the dependent trades there has been a substantial increase, was made at a meeting of the Washington Navy Branch of the American Society of Marine Draftsmen at Eighth and F streets northeast, last night.

The economic conditions of the draftsmen were discussed and tentative plans made to secure increased compensation. President G. W. Nusbau, of the local organization, presided.

ARTIST'S TOUCH SEEN IN "REFUGEE" DOLLS

Madame Paderewski Places on Exhibit Most Unique Collection Ever Shown Here.

Showing in every detail of face and feature the unmistakable touch of an artist's hand, Madame Paderewski's Polish refugee dolls, the most unique collection of its kind ever offered for sale in Washington, are on display at the Shoreham, all having been made by refugee artists now in Paris.

The wife of the famous pianist and composer, herself, presides over the tables where "Jan" and "Halka," "Gretchen," of Fussen; "Jedrick," of Zolkofane; "Anielka," of Lawicz, and the winsome "Lidia and Brulegrom" of Cracow are making their initial bow to the Washington public. She is being assisted by Mrs. Anna M. Laidlaw Phillips.

But of all the little immigrants, the most popular is the tiny red-haired "Zazka," the favorite of Paderewski, and whose tiny black eyes peer at him from above her pink silk blouses as he sits at his piano. Around each doll's neck is a little bronze medallion bearing the inscription: "Health and happiness to your heart and home one of my little doll waifs of Poland have fed a starving mother or child in that saddest of all lands—Poland."

The dolls are eloquent of war-stricken Europe. They are designed by refugee artists of Poland, stuffed by soldiers who have lost their sight on battlefields, and the costumes are made by wives and daughters of the artists and veterans. More than 500 families are engaged in making these dolls, and the business has grown to such proportions that it is relieving the French people of much of the burden of caring for refugees whose native land is now occupied by

This Man Gains Sixteen Pounds

"I have taken two bottles of Dreo and have gained sixteen pounds in about three weeks' time," said Henry Sims, of Jonesboro, Ark. "I have suffered years of indigestion, constipation and stomach troubles. Felt like I was full of gas all the time; would get dizzy and losing flesh gradually." I tried many kinds of medicines without relief. Reading of the benefits others were getting from Dreo, decided to try it, and I want everyone to know what it has done for me. My constipation is gone, eat anything I want without producing indigestion or gas, and I weigh sixteen pounds more than when I began taking it. I sleep well and am much stronger and full of energy now."

Dreo is a vegetable preparation from Roots and Herbs, and will positively relieve constipation, kidney and liver troubles, rheumatism and catarrh. There is nothing better for a cold that seems to "hang on." Dreo is sold in Washington at all the O'Donnell Drug Stores, Mail and phone orders filled promptly.—Adv't.

an enemy. Being made entirely by hand and from no fixed pattern, no two of the dolls are exactly alike.

The dolls will be sold in the lobby of the National Theater at the conclusion of the concert this afternoon, and will again be on sale at the Shoreham tomorrow.

Young Girl Hangs Self After Trying to Elope

HARRISONBURG, Va., Dec. 17.—Disappointed in love and broken in health, Miss Lottie Kincaley, nineteen years old, daughter of Harrison Kincaley, of Pleasant Valley, committed suicide at the home of C. A. Rulemas, near Ottobine. The young woman tore off the hem of her skirt, made a noose, which she tied around her neck, and fastened the end over a door. She then kicked the chair upon which she was standing to one side. An hour later her body was found dangling by the door.

About a month ago the young woman left with Frank Clem, of Mt. Jackson, for Hagerstown, where they expected to be married. Clem's father, however, telegraphed to the Hagerstown police to stop the couple and prevent the wedding. The elopers were intercepted and sent back home.

The girl recently gave up a position in Harrisonburg on account of her health.

Paintings Shown at Raleigh Charity Bazaar

An exhibition of several large paintings is a feature of the annual charity bazaar of the ladies of the Metropolitan Memorial M. E. Church at the Raleigh. There are gayly decorated booths at which are displayed fancy articles, candy, cake, flowers, and dolls. A noon luncheon for business men was served and tea during the afternoon.

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Idlehour Slippers—a dainty and comfortable house slipper with pom-poms, six assorted colors. 49c	Bandier Slippers With turned leather soles and heels. In black and tan, six assorted colors. \$1.00 value. 98c	Men's Roman—the ideal holiday gift. In black and tan. Well worth \$1.50. \$1.19	Dr. Stewart's Women's velvet lined Juliette, slip and plain toes, with and without rubber heels; soft easy shoe for women. \$1.69

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