

Alexandria Gazette

CHINA EMERGES FROM TRANSITION

Awakening of Celestial Empire to Be As Revolutionary as Move Which Overthrew Manchus.

HUNG KWAI IS OPTIMISTIC

Yuan Acceptable to United States—New President Said to Be Diplomat and Capable Leader.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—"Now that the Chinese republic is firmly established, with a regularly elected President and assembly, the nations of the world will witness an awakening fully as revolutionary as was the move which overthrew the centuries old Manchu dynasty, and placed Yuan Shi Kai in power."

This was the statement made to the United Press today by Yung Kwai, charge d'affaires at the Chinese legation, who was very optimistic regarding the future of the Celestial Kingdom and the influence for good which the establishment of a republic will have.

"The new president," continued the charge, "is a man known the world over as a diplomat, a leader and a statesman. He has passed successfully through two of the greatest uprisings China has ever experienced—the Boxer troubles and the present revolution—and he is so placed that his knowledge of China and Chinese conditions will enable him to govern the country fairly and impartially. It is practically impossible, when one is so far away, to say just what may occur in China, but the outlook now is very bright and I hope and think that the republic, under President Yuan, will pass into an era of prosperity unparalleled in the past. She will take her place among the great nations of the world—the place to which she is entitled by her immense spread of territory and her 400,000,000 of people, and the nations of the west will be treated to peaceful, commercial revolution alongside of which the 'awakening' of the past will be as the movements of one still asleep."

It was also pointed out at the Chinese legation that the placing of the capital at Nankin was only a temporary measure, at best, as the numerous northern provinces are as yet unheard from, and upon the arrival of their delegates to the National Assembly, the change of capital may be voted down. For the present, however, executive business will be transacted from Nankin.

While it was admitted that Dr. Sun Yat Sen, elected the first provisional president of China, may be placed in Yuan Shi Kai's cabinet, it was stated that this was only provisional, because the President will choose his own advisers. Dr. Sun's ability and popularity will, it is thought, entitle him to consideration in this regard.

While State Department officials declined to be quoted on the subject, it was stated that Yuan Shi Kai's election is entirely agreeable to the United States, which does not desire to mix in Oriental politics but would like to see in power a man capable of governing and preserving order. This the Department thinks President Yuan is, and it is probable that the formal recognition of the new republic by this country will be made upon the inauguration of the new President. This country, with Germany, was the first to guarantee the integrity of the Flowery Kingdom.

Yung Kwai, one of the most progressive of the Chinese diplomats, has been stationed in Washington for a number of years, having served as first secretary of the legation under minister Wu Ting Fang. While he would never give expression to his feelings during the late revolt in China, it was always understood in official circles here that he was an ardent supporter of the republican faction and, for that reason, it is thought likely that he will retain his position under the new regime.

Mr. Kwai is one of the few Chinese diplomats who have married outside of their own race. Mrs. Kwai was an American girl and a graduate of Vassar.

DEATH NOTICE

Died—At her home in Washington, D. C., February 15, 1912, Ellen Carroll, daughter of the late Daingerfield, of Alexandria, Virginia.

DEATH OF MRS. PRYOR.

Well Known Virginia Lady Passes Away in New York.

New York, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Sarah A. Pryor, wife of former Justice Roger A. Pryor, formerly of Virginia, died at the Pryor home in this city yesterday. Mrs. Pryor's maiden name was Sara A. Rice. She was born in 1830, a daughter of the old South, and a descendant of Nathaniel Bacon. Roger A. Pryor, a dashing student of the University of Virginia, at Charlottesville, was Mrs. Pryor's often told her friends, her first and only sweetheart.

She was eighteen and he twenty when they married. Through the storms of the war between the States, Mrs. Pryor followed her husband's fortunes and found him a ruined man at the end of the struggle. They came to New York; Gen. Pryor won success as a lawyer, and was elevated to the bench. When he retired and his income was reduced, Mrs. Pryor at the age of sixty-three, began writing articles for newspapers and magazines, and, like her distinguished husband, her efforts were crowned with success. It was in Washington in 1857, when her husband was a Congressman from Virginia, that Mrs. Pryor made her first brilliant social success. Her home was the meeting place of society, and she won the reputation of being one of the most clever and beautiful women in Washington.

Mrs. Pryor had been very prominent in New York society, and for years she had been a leader at the Greenbrier White Sulphur Springs, in West Virginia. It was at that watering place she arranged the famous Mary Washington memorial ball, at which she appeared as Martha Washington and opened the ball with Gen. Fitzhugh Lee.

She was vice president general of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a member of the Colonial Daughters of Virginia, and the vice president of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities.

LIGHT SNOWFALL.

Alexandria and vicinity narrowly missed a heavy snowstorm last night. Only one edge of the storm as it swept in a northeasterly direction up the coast last night touched this section of the country. The snow came in flurries.

The storm was centered late last night off Cape Hatteras. It was moving rapidly in a northeasterly direction. Today has been fair, with moderate temperature. From the present outlook the weather will remain pleasant for several days. There is no cold wave in sight. There are no atmospheric disturbances which threaten to precipitate unusual weather in this city.

PREPARING FOR TAG DAG.

Plans for Tag Day, February 22nd, are being rapidly executed. The committee has arranged for the printing of the tags and their distribution to the school children. The only thing needed to assure the complete success of the day is the support of every person in Alexandria. This the committee feels certain will be given. No parade is to be given this year. The George Washington Birthday Association, believing that playgrounds are more necessary and will bring a greater and more lasting benefit than a parade. There will be a meeting of the ladies' committee tonight at 7:30 at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, and it is hoped that every one interested in the children of Alexandria will be present.

Officer Arrested.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Orders were issued from the War Department today to Colonel Steever, commanding the American troops at El Paso, to place Lieut. Ben Weid, who led a body of the Eighteenth Infantry across the line yesterday under arrest, pending court martial.

This action was taken by the War Department until the Department of State received a dispatch from Consul Edwards, at Juarez, saying that the whole population of Juarez were making demonstrations of protest against this "invasion."

It is true that the State Department does not regard the incident as one of seriousness, but it was a violation of American neutrality and the fact that the Mexicans have taken exception to it, has made it necessary for the army to act.

No apology will be sent to Mexico City, but Colonel Steever will be relied upon by the Administration in Washington to make any amends or offer any assurances that the Mexicans may suggest.

J. M. PETTY

725 King street has a fine assortment of fancy dressed turkeys from Fredericksburg, Va., and the price is low.

CHILDREN LEAVE CONVENT, ORDERLY

Institution Threatened With Destruction—Little Ones March to the Street.

SOME DROP FROM WINDOW

Fire Starts in Adjoining Furniture Plant—Little Blind Girl Would Not Leave Without Her Fox Terrier.

New York, Feb. 16.—Fully dressed and in readiness for any emergency, four hundred children stood calmly in line for more than an hour just before daylight today in the convent of the Sisters of Mercy in Brooklyn. White and black robed sisters walked slowly along the line reassuring their charges, while a few doors away firemen fought a desperate battle with a threatening fire. The firemen won out and the children were marched back to bed.

The fire was in the office furniture and fixture plant of E. Hamburger & Co., and it and a house alongside were completely destroyed. Four firemen were caught in a back draught and rendered unconscious, but were rescued by comrades. Five brothers and sisters, orphaned, who live in the house that was destroyed, escaped in their night clothing by dropping from a rear window to a shed and then to the street. They were cared for in the convent.

A pathetic figure of the fire was a nine-year-old Carrie Mathews, who is blind. She positively refused to leave her room until Bess, her fox terrier and two puppies which arrived yesterday, had been carried to places of safety.

STEAMER ON WOLF TRAP

Passenger Steamship Reported on Dangerous Reef in Chesapeake Bay.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Revenue Cutter Service today is sweeping Chesapeake Bay with wireless messages today trying to locate the Nordh Scher liner Maio, believed to have many passengers aboard and to have suffered disaster. Rumors have reached headquarters that the Maio has run on the reef at Wolf's trap, a dangerous shoal far out in lower Chesapeake Bay. The Revenue Cutter Apache started blindly out in search, and it being directed by wireless messages as news comes to headquarters here.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Appraisals for aid "which must come quickly if lives are to be saved" were received at the Revenue Cutter Service here today regarding three oyster boats now in a dangerous position in Tangier Sound, Chesapeake Bay. The vessels carry crews totalling fifteen. Two were said to be caught in a heavy drifting ice pack, and the third crushed between floes.

Revolution in Mexico.

El Paso, Tex., Feb. 16.—The officials of Juarez continue to be aggrieved over the accidental invasion of Mexican territory yesterday by 19 soldiers of the Eighteenth U. S. Infantry, although El Pasoans thought nothing of the incident. Nevertheless because of the strained relations, adjutant General Henry Hutchins of the Texas National Guard today ordered the local company of militia to do patrol duty here. Communication between El Paso and Juarez has not been resumed.

All foreigners are fleeing from Parral, as Francisco Villa, with 600 rebels, is expected to attack the city today. Gen. Soto, with 500 federal troops, there is considerable disorder in the city, the refugees declaring that foreigners have been repeatedly robbed and insulted by federal soldiers.

Lyerly, Ga.—Thousands of robins have been made drunk by eating China berries. They lie around to sleep off the effects and then return hurriedly to the China berry tree.

Westfield, N. J.—Blown through a great hole in the roof of her house by a "black hand bomb," Mrs. Wm. Bronson fell thirty feet away and was only slightly hurt.

New York.—Choice of a year's ride on the water wagon or six months in the jail is given by Magistrate Appleton to all drunks brought before him in Yorkville court.

Boston, Mass.—85 per cent of 35,000 of Boston public school pupils are physically defective according to a report of William G. Gallivan, chief school physician.

ISSUE LOCAL DIRECTORY.

Southern Bell Telephone Co. will Retain Alexandria's Subscribers

Some months ago the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Company discontinued the issuance of a telephone directory for Alexandria alone. The list of the local subscribers was contained in the directory which was called the Telephone Directory of Washington and vicinity and all of the Alexandria patrons of the company were furnished this book. It was quite a bulky affair and many of the subscribers protested that they had some difficulty in finding the Alexandria list. Others thought that Alexandria would lose its identity by being inserted in the Washington book.

City Councilman Charles B. Marshall took the matter up with J. W. Crews, general commercial superintendent of the company at Richmond, with the result that Mr. Crews came to Alexandria yesterday and had a conference with Mr. Marshall. After being acquainted with the objections he stated that the local directory would be published and in addition the Washington directory would be furnished to firms who needed it in order to secure long distance connections.

BOY SCOUTS.

Tonight at the Young People's Building the "American Girl Tab-leaux" will be presented for the benefit of the Boy Scouts of America. Troop No. 1 of this city under the direction of Harry N. Rudd, the officers of the Second Pre-bbyterian Church have leased the building formerly occupied as a laundry on the north corner of St. Asaph and Prince streets until they improve the property in the spring; when the boys will have quarters in the new building. The rules of the Boy's Scouts are to teach youths to be reverent to parents and teachers and to God, helping them to become good and useful citizens.

The scenery for the plantation scene which will be shown tonight, was designed and painted by Mr. J. Marshall Dobie of this city who will sing several old time plantation melodies during the evening.

THE LATE REV. ROBT. WHINNA.

As was stated in a telegraphic dispatch in yesterday's Gazette Rev. Robert Whinna, pastor emeritus of the Centenary Methodist Episcopal Church, died yesterday at the home of his son, Dr. Elmer G. Whinna, in Philadelphia. Death was due to a complication of diseases. He was 73 years old. Mr. Whinna began his theological studies when only 15 years old and was ordained four years later. At that time he served his first charge.

Shortly after the civil war his father died and Mr. Whinna went to Philadelphia. After remaining there for several years he went to Baltimore and took charge of a church there. On February 16, 1904, Mr. Whinna married Miss Georgiana Evans, a school teacher of Havre de Grace, Md., and shortly afterward returned to Philadelphia as pastor of the Salem Methodist Protestant Church.

DEATHS OF RIVER CAPTAINS.

Captain James T. Barker, a well-known steambot man, died in Elmira, N. Y., recently. The deceased was about seventy years of age. Over forty years ago he was mate on the steamer Express, which ran on the route between Alexandria and Baltimore. He was captain of that steamer when she encountered a storm and sank in Chesapeake Bay in October, 1878. Captain Barker later commanded the steamer Lady of the Lake, of the Norfolk line. For many years he had been in the employ of the companies operating the river steamers, he having had charge of the steamer Queen Anne of the Colonial Beach line. He leaves a widow and several children.

Capt. Columbus J. Bonnevillie, died at his home in Hampton Tuesday. Capt. Bonnevillie about thirty years ago was captain of the old Norfolk steamer Lady of the Lake.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

The funeral of the late Charles Williams, colored, former sexton of St. Paul's Church, took place from the residence on Prince street this afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. Alexander Truett.

The United States steamer Leonidas, which brought relics of the ill-fated battleship Maine from Havana to Washington, passed down the river this morning. She was piloted by Captain Barclay, of Baltimore. The thick ice did not seem to retard her progress to any extent.

Boston.—After working three years Rep. "Pop" Gifford of Westfield got a bill passed making it a penitentiary offense to rob chicken roosts or steal eggs.

FIVE MURDERERS ARE EXECUTED

Motion for Writ of Superseaders Denied on Night Preceding Day Set for Hanging.

ELEVENTH HOUR PRECEEDINGS

Counsel for Jennings, Colored, One of the Condemned Men, Fails to Secure Writ of Habeas Corpus

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—The State Supreme Court denied the motion for a writ of superseaders in the case of four Chicago murderers condemned to die today. Chief Justice Carter, in announcing decision of the entire court, held that the point raised by the plaintiffs that the arraignment was not proper, was without merit. The motion for a superseaders and a stay of execution was denied.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Dying as they had lived, unconcerned, almost without emotion and with their natures barely touched by the efforts of the religious men who labored with them for the murderers of Fred W. Guelzow, Jr., paid the death penalty in the county court house here today. The men executed were Ewald Shilbawski, 24; Frank Shilbawski, 21; Phillip Somering, 34; Thomas Schultz, 18.

The men had made no ante-mortem statements. All had confessed the crime and when all hope of respite had been abandoned, all announced themselves as ready to mount the scaffold. Not one hesitated. Ewald Shilbawski, who with his brother was hanged first, being assisted in mounting the scaffold by a prison official.

Thomas Jennings, negro, the fifth victim of the Executioner in the county jail here today, was hanged at 12:15 for the murder of Clarence H. Hiller. He had expected to the last moment that Judge Landis would order a respite for him.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The most ghastly sight ever witnessed at a legal execution in Illinois marked the putting to death on the same scaffold today in the Cook county jail of five murderers. Four were hanged for the same crime, the brutal slaying of a market gardener, who was beaten to death when he refused to pay tribute to a quartet who held him up on the road, while the fifth, a negro, had killed the father of a girl he had assaulted.

The weights to balance the drop in the case of one of the murderers, Ewald Shilbawski, were not properly adjusted, and in order to bring about speedy death, one of the official witnesses, a physician, threw his arms about the body and dragged his whole weight on it until death put an end to the man's misery.

An hour after the execution of Guelzow's murderers, the negro, Jennings, followed the same path from the death cell. He was weak, but showed no sign of a breakdown. The priests accompanied his and carried a crucifix which he kissed before the cap was pulled down. Then for the third time the trap was dropped and the five lives had been snuffed out; the law had been vindicated.

A crowd of 2,000 people surrounded the jail while the execution took place. The police with difficulty managed the crowds and kept the entrances to the jail open. Only four anarchists were hanged following the Haymarket riots, and today's execution breaks the record.

Narrow Escape of Train.

New York, Feb. 16.—The breaking of the flange of a car wheel in the middle of a Reading press from Philadelphia today endangered the lives of three hundred passengers, including Judge William M. Moore and a party of millionaire financiers who were in a private car on the train en route to this city. The train ran an eighth of a mile before the engineer could stop it after the flange broke and the car slewed around.

Reception to Roosevelt.

New York, Feb. 16.—One of the most remarkable receptions ever given a private citizen was tendered Col. Roosevelt in the Metropolitan Opera House yesterday afternoon, although the facts concerning it didn't become generally known until today.

The audience at the performance was somewhat astonished to find that what is known as the "royal bob," which is always reserved for distinguished visitors, had been draped in the national colors.

MUSICAL AND DANCE.

Elaborate Function Given last Night by Representative and Mrs. Charles C. Carlin.

Representative and Mrs. Charles Creighton Carlin entertained last night at the Elks Home, at one of the largest and most beautifully arranged functions that has ever taken place in Alexandria. Mr. and Mrs. Carlin received their guests at the entrance to the auditorium. Mrs. Carlin wore a beautiful gown of white satin veiled in black lace and wore red Jacqueminot roses. The auditorium was most artistically decorated, palms and ferns being banked in the many windows of the hall, and on the stage. Southern Dixie was festooned around the window frames and from the chandeliers. Preceding the musical programme a section of the Marine Band played several pieces and afterwards they played for the dancing. The programme consisted of several beautifully rendered and well chosen pieces on the piano by Miss Alice E. Burbage, and a number of most attractive songs by Miss Roberta Glenville, who has an exquisite soprano voice, and two numbers by Mr. Fritz Mueller on the violinello which were extremely well rendered. After the musical numbers the guests repaired to the Rathskeller of the building which presented a beautiful scene with masses of red carnation, and with candles and red shades. The walls were hung in American flags. At eleven o'clock the dancing commenced in the auditorium and continued until half past twelve.

Representative and Mrs. Carlin have as their house guests Mrs. Le Roy Baxley, of Markham, Fauquier county, Va.; Miss Josephine Broders and Miss Elizabeth Hutton, of Warrenton, and Miss Jane Bell, of Cleveland Park, Washington. Other out-of-town guests were Senator Thomas S. Martin, Senator Claude A. Swanson, Representative and Mrs. Henry Clayton, Representative H. Garland Dupre, Representative and Mrs. Charles J. Luthicum, Representative and Mrs. William C. Adamson, Representative and Mrs. David E. Finley, and Miss Finley, Representative and Mrs. William A. Jones and Miss Anna Feymour Jones, Representative and Mrs. John Davis, Representative and Mrs. Rainey, Commissioner and Mrs. Cuno H. Rudolph, Mr. and Mrs. R. Fuller, Dr. and Mrs. Louis S. Greene, Dr. and Mrs. Quick, Dr. Charles Hammett, Mr. Frederick Siddons, Miss Elizabeth Siddons, Mr. and Mrs. John Meyers, Mrs. James Moore Love, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Bowie, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Fairfax Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. Buss T. Elliott, Miss Chandler, Miss Thompsons, Dr. Ray, Mr. Gwathmey, Miss Emily Elliott, Mr. Madison Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Merkle, Mr. and Mrs. Rucker Miss Rucker and Miss Nancy Gordon Jones, of Washington; Miss Berenice Berens, of Philadelphia; Miss Margaret Black, of Woodbine, Md.; Miss Martha Fulton, and Miss Rebecca Iddings, of Ellicott City, Md.; Miss Gertrude Brooks, of Maryland; Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Carter, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde C. Lamond, of Alexandria county, Miss Stella Carusi of Washington, Miss Marion Parker, of Washington, Miss Helen Shepherd of Hartford, Connecticut and Mr. Eugene Carusi, of Washington.

TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Cambridge, Mass.—Nine-tenths of women are "scatter brained and don't know how to think" according to Mary Thompson Chaplin, noted society leader.

New Orleans, La.—Because his partner, John B. True, Jr., insisted on serving four o'clock teas to their employees, C. C. Titcomb went to court to have the partnership dissolved.

New York.—Because public school graduates still believe it "takes nine tailors to make a man" the National Tailors' Association was told it is hard to get educated apprentices.

Way Cross, Ga.—Because he wanted to attend a "five o'clock tea" and the regular train was late, C. M. Fleischman, a New York merchant, hired a special at a cost of \$200.

New York.—Mas Glass paid \$300 in the Federal court here because he sent a horse that died of glanders to Kearny, N. J., to be made into sausage.

Miami, Fla.—Charles C. Wilmer, an aviator, is selling aerial excursions at auction, the proceeds being devoted to charity.

Pt. Smith, Ark.—He used language that would have made the devil blush, Mrs. Rosa Gramech told the court which heard her application for divorce from Sam Gramlech.

BOATS CRUISE UNDER THE ICE

Submarines Make a Run of Twenty Miles Under Ice-Encrusted Chesapeake.

SUCCESSFUL DEMONSTRATION

Little Boats Experience No Difficulty in Manuevering Beneath the Frigid Waters.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 16.—Unhurt by their 20-mile cruise beneath ice-encrusted Chesapeake Bay, the fleet of submarines attached to the South Atlantic squadron today performed their customary evolutions in Hampton Roads. The cruise under the ice, it was stated, proved the ability of the little craft to find their way by means of chart and compass without the use of their periscopes.

DEATH OF JUDGE LANNING.

Trenton, N. J., Feb. 16.—United States Circuit Court Judge William M. Lanning, one of the most prominent members of the judiciary, of New Jersey, died early today at his residence, 24 Model avenue. He was reported convalescent a week ago but suffered a relapse shortly after the report of his improvement.

The cause of Judge Lanning's death is traceable to overwork, he having been a sufferer for the past six weeks. His heart action was very weak and death came from failure of that organ to respond to treatment. He was surrounded by all the members of his family when the end came. He was 63 years old.

Judge Lanning has been mentioned somewhat frequently of late as one of the judges who will sit in the case of the United States against the United States Steel corporation. He was born in New Jersey, Jan. 1, 1849. He was admitted to the New Jersey bar in 1880 and practiced law at Trenton until 1887. From 1902 to 1904 he served as a member of the House of Representatives and in 1904 he became a United States District judge for New Jersey. In 1909 he was made United States Circuit judge. He was prominent in religious corporations. He was the author of "Help for Township Officers in New Jersey" and helped to compile the general statutes of New Jersey. In 1908 he received the honorary degree of LL. D. from Washington and Jefferson College and from Princeton University in 1910. He was married Aug. 2, 1881 to Miss Jennie Hemenway at Harmon, St. Lawrence county, New York. Two sons came of the union—Kenneth Hemenway Lanning and Robert Salisbury Lanning.

NEWS OF THE DAY

Unidentified men lynched two negroes, a woman and a man—George Sanders and Mary Jackson—hanging them to the same tree, just across the Panola county, Texas, line, early Tuesday morning. The negroes had lived at the same house with Tennie Sneed, the young negro who shot and killed Paul Strang, a white man, on January 29.

A mob early yesterday lynched an unidentified negro, accused of having attacked a 16-year-old white girl near Memphis. It is said the negro confessed in part. A rope was tied about his neck, he was dragged to a bridge across a branch of the Wolf river, hanged from the bridge, and then the mob used his body for a pistol target.

Four persons were killed and eight injured yesterday at Bingham, Utah, a mining camp, when an engine, hauling three cars loaded with ore, was derailed on a steep grade of the Copper Belt Railroad and rolled 250 feet down the mountainside, crashing through the roofs of two of the principal buildings of the town.

That a man can live with a silver spoon 8 inches long in his stomach was proved in the dissecting laboratory at the University of Pittsburgh yesterday when such a spoon was taken from a body where death was caused by pneumonia. Dr. E. S. Edgerton, an instructor, said the spoon had probably been in the stomach for years. It was fast in such a way as not to interfere with the passage of food.

SPECIAL FOR SATURDAY

Coffee Cake, Orange Cake, Silver Cakes, Cream Sponges. All kinds of Pastries, Charlotte Russe will be delivered fresh Sunday morning, also Ice Cream.

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