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Government Officials Insist on Maintaining Throne and Others Fear Treachery

PEKING, Dec. 23.—Apparently the fighting has ceased, at least temporarily, in China. No reports have been received recently of activities between the imperialists and the revolutionists, but minor engagements have occurred with robber bands, which continue to increase.

Officials here expect that the armistice will be renewed after December 31. In government circles there seems to be little doubt that the conference at Shanghai will prove a failure.

It is believed here that Tang Shao Yi, Premier Yuan's representative, has not communicated the premier's reply to the republican leaders at Shanghai because it is not satisfactory. Yuan Shi Kai has declared that under no circumstances will he accept a republic. YUAN OPPOSES REPUBLIC

That Yuan also will refuse to accept the proffered presidency of the proposed republic is considered certain even by those who believe he is a self-seeker. They say that if a republic is forced upon him Yuan Shi Kai will relinquish the premiership and, recognizing the difficulties of the first president's position, he will await the country's call to save it from disaster.

It is thought that the Japanese government fears the development of socialism in Japan should a successful republic be established in China.

SUPPORT FOR MONARCHY Hence the Japanese legation is supporting the British plan in advocacy of a monarchy. The British fear possible disorders in Mongolia, Tibet and Turkestan, with ambitious Russian officers within and along the borders.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai continues to exchange frequent telegrams with Tang Shao Yi, his representative at Shanghai. It is understood that Yuan Shi Kai desires to have all the differences settled in advance of the formal sittings of the peace conference so that the sole business of the delegates will be to sanction the settlement already reached.

OFFICIALS CLING TO THRONE Government officials here insist that the throne will be retained, but there is a difference of opinion as to what form the monarchy will take.

Yuan Shi Kai has been endeavoring to propagate the view that foreign interference will be detrimental to both parties, evidently hoping that his action will bear results during the negotiations at Shanghai.

Negotiations between the group of international bankers and the imperial Chinese government have been suspended for the present. The ministers of the four interested nations—the United States, Great Britain, Germany and France—politicians, have considered whether they would co-operate in the loan. The Russian charge d'affaires showed no inclination to do so and the representatives of the other powers feared that a boycott of foreign merchandise would result.

FEAR OF LAWLESSNESS While all agreed that the money needed for the military operations, certain of the ministers argued that there was only one recognized government, which soon would be given ground for the fear that occurred earlier lawlessness would result, including a grave possibility of the imperial army being disintegrated into plundering bands.

Several American missionaries stationed in the province of Hunan have applied to a communication from the American legation here that they see no reason for their retirement from their posts, all the towns being peaceful.

The American legation is not taking drastic steps as the British consuls, who are arresting British missionaries who refuse to leave the interior when ordered.

Imperialists Retake Town NANKING, China, Dec. 23.—The present temper of the revolutionary troops here gives ground for the fear that the armistice now existing may be broken and that a serious encounter may occur in the territory to the north of Peking.

NOBEL PRIZE WINNER AND WIFE COMING TO AMERICA

Maurice Maeterlinck, noted Belgian author, whose wife will sing in Boston opera house.

exchange dispatches with Peking and in receiving cables. He has not yet received Premier Yuan Shi Kai's final answer.

He says that the armistice is almost certain. Within the last few days the economic situation in the interior of the country has greatly improved.

Telegrams and letters from all points show that while lawlessness continues in the outlying country districts, the local government officials have succeeded in making a decided improvement in the general condition.

Bandits Rob Convoy of \$850,000 HARBIN, Manchuria, Dec. 23.—A band of Chinese brigands today attacked an inter-city convoy which was on the way to Kirin with a large amount of bullion. The robbers carried off \$850,000.

The number of brigands in the province has increased rapidly since the beginning of the political disturbances and the consequent unsettled condition in all parts of the country.

Many soldiers have deserted from the army and have joined the ranks of the brigands and live openly by plundering. Murders occur frequently along the high roads and the brigands even attack settlements of considerable size.

They loot the stores and do not hesitate to murder the inhabitants if they offer any resistance.

Praise for U. S. Navy Men WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—"I could write volumes about how fine our boys were—gentlemen, every one of them—so far above the average in intelligence," is what one of the American missionaries, caught in the jaws of the great struggle in China, wrote to the American board of foreign missions at Boston.

Secretary John L. Barton of that board transmitted the missionaries' report to the navy department. It tells particularly how Ensign Karl F. Smith and Assistant Surgeon James S. Omeleva, attached to the United States ship Pompey, rendered splendid service at the battle of Foochow, not only in protecting the missionaries and their property, but in caring for the Chinese wounded in the mission hospitals.

Acting Secretary Winthrop has caused this communication to be entered upon the records of the officers named, and has sent them letters of commendation.

Secretary Knox conferred today regarding Chinese affairs with Masano and the other representatives of the other powers, pending the arrival of the newly appointed ambassador. It is understood the conclusion was reached that there was as yet no reason to abandon hope in Shanghai would be able to reach an agreement.

In regard to the rumors of intervention by England and Japan, or one of these countries, it is intimated at the state department that even if they should appear to be taking the initiative in an offer of mediation they would be acting in behalf of all of the six powers interested with their approval.

In other words, nothing has developed to impair the binding force of the understanding in which the Chinese powers entered several weeks ago in dealing with the Chinese situation.

The very lack of funds on both sides, it is thought, may tend to hasten peace negotiations, and therefore it seems probable that the six powers will adhere to their determination to refuse further loans, even though considerable assistance is involved.

State department officials would not reveal the source of their information, but declared today that official reports contain the statements that two companies of Japanese infantry and one machine gun detachment will arrive at Hankow about December 31. These troops, according to the services, will be used to protect the Japanese consulate at Hankow.

Monarchical Stand Denied LONDON, Dec. 23.—Considerable curiosity has been aroused in diplomatic circles here regarding the reasons for the proposal of Great Britain and Japan to undertake a dual mediation in China after the powers, including the United States, had decided to present an identical note to the conference now meeting at Shanghai.

There was a tendency to believe that the Japanese government had made the proposal and that Japan was anxious to intervene. It turns out that the proposition really came from the British government, acting in the belief that the British consul at Hankow, who had induced the combatants to agree to an armistice, was the larger question.

It is understood that the state department at Washington is making inquiries both in Japan and Great Britain in regard to the proposed British-Japanese mediation.

The reiterated report that the British-Japanese mediation contemplated the maintenance of the monarchy is officially denied. It was said at the foreign office that the efforts of the British government in conjunction with the other powers, were directed to assisting China to secure an efficient form of government based on popular approval.

FOREIGN NEWS BY CABLE

GERMAN MERCHANTS' PROTEST Causes Relaxation of Rigor for Travelers

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—The minister of commerce has informed the senior merchants' guild that Russia is relaxing her rigorous treatment of the German Jews. It is stated that the result of the guild's protest against the treatment accorded Jewish commercial travelers in Russia.

The German government has issued a decree that German Jews traveling on business be allowed to reside in any quarter of the city. Until recently Russia has answered Germany that she could not accept any more favorable treatment to German Jews than to Russian Jews.

Encouraged by this concession and the fact that the Russian government expects to forward a petition to the American, German, French and British governments asking that they make united protest at St. Petersburg and request the same relaxation of Jewish travelers as is accorded Christians.

SCHOONER WRECKED, BUT CREW REACHES PORT KINGSTON, Jamaica, Dec. 23.—The British steamer Anzures arrived here today with the crew of the British schooner Virginia, which was dismasted on the voyage from Cadiz to Newfoundland. The crew was rescued and the schooner abandoned.

There may be people who are beneath flattery, but did you ever see any one who was above it?

Carler, George, 2, Bran, Daniel, 2, Carr, John J., 37, Schellberg, Peter, 77, Crest, Joseph, 44, Stern, Amelia, 62, Dyer, James, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100.

BRIDHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

North, marriage and death notices sent by mail will not be inserted. The notices to be inserted at either of the publication offices and be indorsed with name and address of persons authorizing to have the same published. Notices restricted simply to the announcement of the event.

Notable Deaths MISS SALLIE TOD—Youngstown, O., Dec. 23. Wife of George Tod, died at her home here today of pneumonia. Miss Tod was born at Rio do Janeiro, Brazil, and was the daughter of a native of Brazil, under President Buchanan. On the death of Governor Tod she inherited a large fortune, the greatest million-dollar fortune in religious and charitable work.

DR. BRETT GOODE—Mobile, Ala., Dec. 23.—Dr. Brett Goode, president of the American Railway Surgeons' association, 55 years old, is dead here. He was dean of the medical department of the University of Louisiana.

MARTHA S. BAKER, ARTIST—Chicago, Dec. 23.—Martha S. Baker, artist, died at the residence of her parents, Mrs. J. H. Baker, 219 Madison street, in a rooming house, at 10:30 a. m. She was 62 years old.

MARRIAGE LICENSES SAN FRANCISCO The following marriage licenses were issued Saturday, December 23, 1911:

BEDIENT—JOHNSON—Melvin L. Bedient, 26, Viailta, and Ethel L. Johnson, 20, 1327 Miuna street.

BLICKLE—ARENDSE—Christian G. Blickle, 44, and Marie Arendse, 27, both of 1201 No. 44 street.

BROWN—KANE—William C. Brown, 27, and Marie Kane, 27, both of 1201 No. 44 street.

COMBS—WARREN—Granville O. Combs, 25, 1477 Broadway, and Elsie M. Warren, 18, 572 Grove street.

FREY—MILLER—William F. Frey, 28, 274 Valparaiso street, and Alice M. Miller, 24, 274 Valparaiso street.

LEWIS—MCCANN—Thomas G. Lewis, 21, 820 Van Ness avenue, and Donald McCann, 21, 820 Van Ness avenue.

MULLER—REMAN—Ludwig Muller, 40, and Minnie Reman, 35, both of 1043 Sanchez street.

PERL—BRAYDA—Antonio Perl, 25, Francis Brayda, 25, both of 202 Hiale street.

ROEMER—WIDMANN—Philip Roemer, 29, 1850 Folsom street, and Julie E. Widmann, 31, 436 Stanyan street.

SCOTT—JORDAN—Saxon B. Scott, 24, 2 Belmont avenue, and Cora M. Jordan, 24, 605 Eureka street.

SHERMAN—TERRY—Harry Sherman, 43, 615 Ellis street, and Laura M. Terry, 41, San Francisco street.

SNIDER—MAGUIRE—Edward E. Snider, 24, Oakland, and Mathilda Maguire, 27, 35 Valencia street.

SOTELLO—BOYNE—Charlie Sotello, 25, Valencia street, and Anna Boyne, 21, 2122 Folsom street.

OAKLAND The following marriage licenses were issued Saturday, December 23, 1911:

BROWN—GILBERT—Frank S. Brown, 21, Centerville, and Josephine Gilbert, 20, Alvarado street.

DAY—ADAMS—Joseph P. Day, 25, Oakland, and Marjorie H. McDonald, 25, San Francisco.

REBELS LOOTED BY BAND OF RURALES

Party Awaiting Shipment of Arms From New Orleans Put to Flight

MERIDA, Yucatan, Mex., Dec. 23.—Twenty-five rurales routed 300 rebels yesterday near Dzilan, who were believed to be awaiting a shipment of arms from New Orleans. Dzilan is on the coast of Yucatan, 100 miles west of Progreso.

Zapatistas Loot Train MEXICO CITY, Dec. 23.—Zapatistas held up and looted a freight train at Tres Marias, Morelos, 65 miles south of here today.

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