

CHINESE SOLONS IN FROCK COATS OPEN PARLIAMENT

First Session of World's Youngest Republic Is Launched With Rejoicing

DISTRUST OF YUAN IS GROWING DAILY

President, Demanding Dictatorial Power, Suspected of Being a Manchu

PEKING, China, April 8.—The first parliament of the world's youngest republic was inaugurated today amid general rejoicings not only in the Chinese capital, but throughout the country.

The scene of the gathering of the joint inaugural session of the members of the Senate and the House of representatives was a remarkable one. Five hundred representatives, out of a total of 596 and 177 senators out of 274, all of them earnest looking men of mature years and nearly all dressed in European fashion with frock coats, silently awaited the hour of opening.

As the clock struck 11, several bands played the national anthem, while the assemblage rose to its feet. The senior members of the House of representatives then made a few congratulatory remarks to the notable gathering and formally declared both houses open.

Scenes of enthusiastic jubilation followed before an adjournment was taken until April 12.

FOREIGNERS LOOK ON

The proceedings were brief and simple. They were watched with interest by a large number of foreigners, who had packed the galleries. Yuan Shi Kai's message to parliament, which was not read publicly since his presidency is still provisional, consisted of hearty congratulations and the expression of hope that the republic would last ten thousand years.

There is considerable hostility to Yuan Shi Kai. Some members of parliament distrust him because he long supported the Manchu dynasty. Others fear he is planning to make himself a dictator or even proclaim himself emperor. His recent removal to a residence in the palace within the Forbidden City has strengthened the latter suspicion.

YUAN DEMANDS WIDE POWER

There is a definite conflict between the provisional president and the parliament for power. Yuan Shi Kai realizing that while the constitution confederation, the financial difficulties of China and the bitter political controversies the government can not be conducted unless it is highly centralized—in other words, unless he himself possesses virtually dictatorial power. If some crisis does not alter intentions, the parliamentary representatives will draft a constitution before electing a permanent president. In the meantime they will permit Yuan Shi Kai to continue in the office of the provisional president.

China's Recognition Delayed

WASHINGTON, April 8.—The United States will delay recognition of China until the constitutional assembly which met today in Peking attains a complete organization. This decision became known after President Wilson had discussed the question with his cabinet today. On account of the adjournment of the assembly until April 12, the formal step which the United States intended to take today will be delayed. Only a few countries will act with the United States, most of the others who

Williams Girl Missing Mother and Sister Gone

Ethel Williams, who has strangely disappeared, with the third Joslen trial about to begin.



had been requested to join in the movement having practically decided to await the elections.

Chinatown Celebrates

Chinatown was decorated in full array yesterday because of the first session of the Chinese parliament, which began in Peking. Flags, banners and placards were conspicuous on the main streets and alleyways. Tong King Chong, a San Francisco merchant, is the local representative at the session.

MAY DAY COMMITTEE OUTLINES ITS PLANS

Program at Stadium May 1 Will Include Championship Outdoor Track Meet. The May day committee appointed by Mayor Rolph announced yesterday the program of the May day play festival to be held at the park stadium May 1. A championship outdoor track meet will be held under the auspices of the department of education.

This will be conducted by the Public Schools Athletic league and will include the fifth annual outdoor meet of the boys' branch and the first annual meet of the girls' branch. There will also be a Maypole and folkdances, a concert by the Municipal band and a parade. Games for the boys will start at 10 o'clock in the morning, the girls' games in the afternoon, the parade at 1 o'clock and the dancing at 1:30 o'clock.

CONSPIRACY IN CASE SUSPECTED

Three Witnesses Believed to Have Taken Flight; Inquiry Under Way

Ethel Williams, the candy girl who was chief witness at two trials against Dr. Otto C. Joslen, charged with betrayal, has disappeared under peculiar circumstances. With her mother and sister, Hazel, also important witnesses, while the third trial of Doctor Joslen is set to begin Monday. Superior Judge Lawlor and the district attorney's office are mystified, and an investigation has commenced, which promises to shed light upon many strange coincidences connected with the flight of the three.

Detective William Coleman, subpoena served attached to the district attorney's office, reported to Judge Lawlor that the three had sold their furniture and departed for Los Angeles. Miss Ethel Williams and her sister, Hazel, took the boat for Los Angeles a week ago last Monday. The mother followed two days later. The disappearance followed a series of telephone messages with an unidentified man with whom Mrs. Williams freely discussed the proposed flight. It is believed that the three witnesses have left Los Angeles and are either on the way to Omaha or across the Mexican border.

The first indications of the preparation for flight came about a month ago when Mrs. Williams sold the furniture in her lodging house at 621 Ellis street to a sister in law. With her two daughters she moved to the Atherton apartment, 545 O'Farrell street. It was here, according to Mrs. Harper, the proprietor, that Mrs. Williams talked over the phone with some man with whom she discussed her plans.

On Saturday, March 23, the two girls departed without notice from the candy store in Market street, where they were employed and did not return. The following Monday they left for Los Angeles. Ethel Williams told a friend she was going away and said she would write later.

The Saturday before she left Ethel Williams displayed a costly new hat, refusing to explain where she got it or who paid for it. Mrs. Williams left last Wednesday, saying she would return to the apartments in two weeks. During the latter part of last week a postcard and a letter, both dated "Los Angeles, April 2" were received by a friend in the candy store from Ethel Williams. The letter contained a request to write care of the general delivery in Los Angeles, but said that they intended "leaving Los Angeles very soon."

The relatives of Mrs. Williams in the Ellis street apartments say that Mrs. Williams was ill and went south with her two daughters to recuperate. At the O'Farrell street apartments a friend of Mrs. Williams says she was given to understand that Mrs. Williams' husband was ill in Omaha where the Williams have a ranch, and that the three are on their way there. Doctor Joslen said yesterday that he knew nothing of the disappearance of the three witnesses.

MORE WALLACE SHORTAGES FOUND

Works Board Head Says Embezzlement Will Pass Original \$1,506.50

Before leaving the city hall for the grand jury inquiry yesterday President Judell of the board of works said that not until last Saturday was the discovery made that James G. Wallace, the former head time keeper of the public works department, had embezzled more than the original \$1,506.50. Bookkeeper Leonard Levy, in checking back on the payroll, found that Wallace had also doubled the \$150 monthly salary due in December to A. D. Phares, a city surveyor.

This discovery convinced the authorities that Wallace, in making his confession, had not told all and consequently they placed the matter in the hands of the district attorney. In appropriating Phares' salary Wallace collected the latter's December money twice, turning \$150 over to Phares and keeping the other himself.

After several hours of deliberation the grand jury instructed the board of works committee to continue its investigation into the procedure followed by the board of works in issuing paychecks.

Levy and Auditor Thomas Boyle testified concerning the system of paying the board of public works employes. Action against Wallace has been postponed until the board of works committee makes a final report in its investigations.

LEGAL FIGHT ON OPERA HOUSE SITE

New Angle Develops in Case Now On in Superior Court of City

A new angle to the fight of the Downtown Realty company and the heirs of the late James K. Prior over the property at the southwest corner of Mason and Eddy streets, the site of the Tivoli opera house before 1906, developed yesterday in the superior court with the filing of a suit for rent by the heirs against the company. The heirs ask judgment for \$80,000 alleged to be rent unpaid, the rescinding of their lease to the company and costs of the suit. The plaintiffs are Josephine E. Metzner, Mary Prior, James K. Prior Jr., Leland and Lester F. Prior and Mattilda Andrews. Associated with the Downtown Realty company as defendants are nine subtenants. The company filed suit last December against the heirs, asking for a court judgment to compel them to accept the rental tendered, declaring that a dispute had arisen over ground rentals; that the company was erecting a big hotel and theater, and that it would suffer damage should the heirs be allowed to rescind the lease.

EX-MAYOR IN ACCIDENT

A buggy occupied by P. H. McCarthy, former mayor of the city, was run into by a work car of the municipal electric department yesterday and the hub of the vehicle torn off. The accident occurred at Market street and Van Ness avenue. The former head of the municipality was jostled a bit, but was not thrown from his seat. He escaped injury.

NORTH LUMBERMEN MEET

Sacramento Valley Club Aims Trade Matters and Legislative Bills (Special Dispatch to The Call) SACRAMENTO, April 8.—Sixty lumbermen from all parts of northern California, members of the Sacramento Valley Lumbermen's club, gathered in Sacramento tonight to discuss matters concerning the lumber interests, including legislative bills. H. S. Williamson of Lincoln conducted the meeting as president and E. T. Robble of Auburn was secretary. Among the speakers were A. L. Porter of Seattle, secretary of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association; Fred H. Gilman of Seattle and W. H. Miller of Spokane. A banquet was held at the Hotel Sacramento.

Some Sensible Advice On Womanly Beauty

(From Martyn's Drug Journal) Healthy hair adds much to womanly beauty. It is such an easy matter to have a glorious mass of lovely hair that the dull, "stringy" kind is inexcusable. A canthrox shampoo (which can be mixed at home and costs very little at any drugstore) removes every particle of dust, dandruff and excess oil, and, after rinsing, the hair dries quickly. It makes the head feel good and leaves the hair soft, fluffy and easy to do up. Keep the skin clear, velvety and attractive and remove tan and freckles by daily applying a lotion easily prepared at home by stirring two teaspoonsful of glycerine into one-half pint which hazel (or hot water) then adding four ounces spermaceti, which costs little at any drugstore. This lotion, which is used instead of face powder, seems part of the skin, which it tones to a beautiful, natural color while overcoming the oily, shiny appearance of the face, so often due to perspiration.

COLUMBIA PARK BOYS' BENEFIT AFFAIR TONIGHT

Athletic and Musical Program Planned for Dreamland Rink

On the eve of their world tour, the Columbia Park boys will be given a benefit tonight at Dreamland rink. The splendid record that has been made by the boys under Major Sidney S. Peixoto has attracted widespread attention. Mayor Rolph will preside at this entertainment. A selected team from the club will depart tomorrow and after traversing the eastern cities will take a trip across the Atlantic. The expenses of this educational excursion will be met by the Panama-Pacific Exposition company, a moving picture concern, and added funds will come to defray the expenses from the receipts of the shows and entertainments given by the boys on the road.

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Delegates for Section Between San Francisco and San Luis Obispo Attend

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TUNNEL BIDS TO BE OPENED

Bids will be opened by the board of works this afternoon for the construction of the Stockton street tunnel, the estimated cost of which, exclusive of damages to be paid property owners, is \$440,000. The bore will be 700 feet in length and must be completed within six months from the day construction begins.

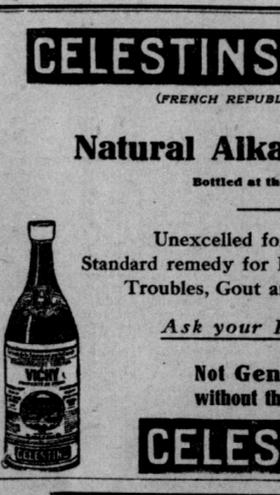
A Prize Winner Tells How He Won in Former Contest

"I've Got the Secret of Success," He Says; "Wish I Were Trying Now"

The Booklovers' Contest Editor has received the following letter: "Being a former resident of San Francisco and a subscriber for many years to The Call, I am still taking it, though my firm has stationed me far outside the limits of the present contest that I see you are conducting. "If you look back over the files of The Call, you will find my name among the prize winners of the first contest. Wish I were back where I could compete in this contest, for I surely would like a chance at those \$8,750 of awards, especially the \$1,800 auto. And I know that I have the secret of success in the contest; that's why it grouches me so to be out of it! "As I am out of it, however, I am going to tell you just what I think the secret of success is. You may publish my letter if you think it may interest contestants, but I ask that you do not use my name. "When I entered the first contest, in which I found myself a winner, I did not think one way or the other about any policy of submitting many or few answers. I just dug into the catalog and scouted out all the titles I thought might fit the pictures. So, when the contest was about three-quarters through, I found that I had several titles to practically each picture. There was no picture, in fact, to which I had not discovered at least two possible titles. "So I started out blindly to prune down my answers until I had secured one ideal answer. I only started to attempt that. It did not take me long to discover that such a course was impracticable, foolish, and altogether lacking in wisdom. For it occurred to me one evening that I was trying to be four or five men at once, and, in addition, trying to forecast the future. "Who am I, said I to myself, 'to be saying that this is the correct title, or that is the correct title? I do not know, and I have no way of reading the minds of the men who made up these pictures. Their points of view and my point of view MUST differ, for no two men think alike. "And so I handed in ALL the titles I thought MIGHT fit the pictures. I went to the limit of answers allowed on many pictures, and with some pictures I had so many possible titles that I wished I could have overstepped the limit. "Of course, it took care and thought to get so many possible titles to each picture. But I kept at it, dug out all there were to dig, and so found myself well up among the prize winners. Contestants should appreciate the fact that the prizes will be awarded solely on the number of CORRECT answers each one hands in. Keep that in mind, contestants, and may the best man or woman win. "I'm only a spectator of the game this time." ANSWERS TO QUERIES

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