

CHANGE CHINA LAWS AT ACTUAL WEIGHTS

TRIALS BY JURY ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS.

Also Proposed to Allow Attorneys for Defense of Criminals—Report of Commission Is Submitted to Emperor and Empress Dowager.

Washington, July 28.—Marked evidence of the reform which is sweeping China can be seen in a recommendation of commissioners named by the government to revise the code governing Chinese legal procedure which was recently submitted to the empress dowager and empress for their consideration, and has just been received at the state department.

Two revolutionary changes in the legal procedure of China are suggested. These are the right of trial by jury and the employment of attorneys for the defense of criminals. Never in the history of China has the practice of law been recognized as a reputable profession. The study of law has been frowned upon from time immemorial and only recently have attorneys been permitted to argue cases in courts, and this permission has been limited to courts in coast cities, where foreigners reside. Heretofore a class of scribes versed in legal phraseology has been authorized to draw up petitions and other legal documents, but these men have not been lawyers in the broader sense.

Follow Japan's Action

Japan's action in bringing its legal procedure into harmony with the European court methods has induced the Chinese commissioners to suggest the abolition of the present antiquated methods of that empire for the methods in vogue among all Western nations.

International complications as a result of the difference between the procedure in China and in other parts of the world are discussed by the commission, which says:

"In China mixed Chinese-foreign cases are daily increasing in number and complexity. Foreigners consider our manner of judgment different from theirs, and there constantly arise a difference of views.

Chinese merchants, too, are not familiar with foreign regulations and constantly suspect bias, and as such suspicious accumulate harmony becomes impossible. Every lawsuit growing out of some ordinary trifling dispute becomes a question for international investigation.

Want Rules Revised

"There have been innumerable cases of this sort in recent years. Unless the rules of court procedure be revised, with changes of all kinds being permitted and their adoption even being urged, although the real body (of the law) may be perfect, its general operation will not be a success and the judicial administration will not be improved.

"Heretofore at the various ports of international trade in China foreign lawyers have already been permitted to practice in the courts. Worst of all, even the yamens, following the custom of employing advisors, have depended upon foreigners for defense in Chinese suits, with the result that much obstruction has been experienced.

"For instance, when a case of international concern has arisen, they have invited such an attorney to conduct the case, although there is certainly no right principle of action requiring a man to assist others to the detriment of his own people. On this account the extra-territorial powers of the consuls grow and extend themselves. How can one bear to think of the evils that must afterward result?"

Changes Suggested

As the changes suggested by the commission, if put into effect would necessitate the employment of hundreds of lawyers throughout the provinces, the commissioners make recommendations for the preparation of Chinese to undertake this legal work. They suggest that henceforth in each of the provincial schools, where men are being trained in the law a definite number of students of good character, "serious-minded and well versed in the law," shall be selected, who, after they have completed their courses, shall be given diplomas and apportioned among the provinces to argue cases before the courts.

A revision of the code accomplished by the commission provides for the division of all cases into two classes, civil and criminal.

Contract for Future Hops

North Yakima, July 26.—S. Huntington & Co., hop buyers, filed hop contracts here Wednesday for 337,000 pounds of the crop of this year and the two following. Two contracts were made last week and were for 11.2 and 12 cents per pound. All but one of the others were dated last February and were for 10 cents. There is a brisk demand for hops in Yakima at present. Those who contracted early now regret their action. Offers of 13 cents are reported. The crop this year will be up to the average.

Oakland Strike Settled

Oakland, Cal., July 26.—The striking freight handlers of the Southern Pacific Company have resumed work, the strike having been settled. The company agrees to grant the men the increase in wages demanded, which is from 22 1/2 cents to 25 cents an hour, effective August 1.

RAILROADS CONCEDE DEMANDS OF LUMBER SHIPPERS.

Where Cars Are Loaded to Visible Capacity Actual Weight Will Govern Freight Charges. Concession Will Likely End Long Controversy.

Seattle, July 25.—The minimum weight controversy which has occupied the attention of lumber and shingle manufacturers of the Northwest and of railroad men for nearly three months, has been settled. The railroads have conceded the particular point for which the lumber interests have all along contended—that when cars are loaded up to their full visible capacity the actual weight of the load, and not the minimum, shall be the basis of the freight charge. This, together with the concessions granted by the railroads at the conference in St. Paul early in June, according to representative lumbermen, constitutes a satisfactory adjustment of the controversy. Lumbermen have estimated that the new schedule, without these provisions, would have meant an annual loss of half a million dollars to them.

The news of the railroads' move came yesterday in the form of a telegram from J. G. Woodworth, traffic manager of the Northern Pacific, to C. F. White, chairman of the special committee of lumber and shingle shippers, who has had this minimum weight matter in charge. The telegram follows:

"Encouraged by much improved loading of cars during past sixty days and evident disposition of lumbermen to co-operate in our effort to stop underloading, we have decided to incorporate full visible capacity rule in tariff effective August 1, subject to final minimum weights as shown in present tariff. Otherwise no change is made in tariff which was published to take effect July 15."

While the matter has yet to come before the lumber men and shingle men in their meetings for definite action, it is Mr. White's opinion and that of other shippers that there is no question that the proposition will be accepted, as it is practically all the shippers were contending for.

STOLYPIN ORDERS STERN REPRESSION

St. Petersburg, July 25.—War to the knife with the revolution, and the knife to the hilt, was the proclamation made yesterday by Premier Stolypin in a telegram addressed to the governors general, governors and prefects throughout Russia and to the viceroy of the Caucasus, who are ordered to strike and spare not in their efforts to preserve order and crush "the enemies of society." Included in this category, as shown by the events of the day, are not only revolutionists and Socialists, but also the educated liberal and landed classes represented in the Constitutional Democratic party, whose clubs everywhere have been closed. The progressive newspapers are not permitted to lift their voices anywhere throughout the entire land. Premier Stolypin's telegram is as follows:

The Stolypin Telegram

"In conformity with instructions from the emperor, with the view to securing full co-operation between the different local authorities, I hereby inform you that the government expects you to exercise vigilant and untiring supervision over your subordinates so that order may be promptly and definitely restored. Disturbances must be suppressed and revolutionary movements must be put down by all legal means.

"The measures you take must be carefully considered. The struggle begun is against the enemies of society, and not society itself. Consequently wholesale repression cannot be approved. Imprudent and illegal acts are likely to give rise to discontent instead of conducting to calm, and cannot be tolerated.

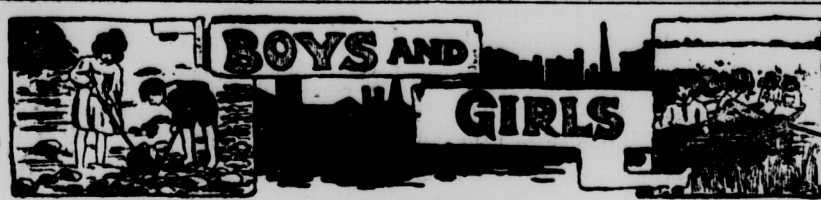
Czar's Intentions Immutability

"The intentions of the emperor are immutable. The government firmly desires to assist in the amendment of the legal procedure and the laws hitherto enforced, which no longer serve their purpose. The old regime will be regenerated, but order must be fully maintained. You must act on your own initiative, as you are invested with responsibility. Firm and vigorous steps taken in these lines will doubtless be upheld by the best part of society."

The manifesto bears a remarkable similarity to the earlier compositions of Minister of the Interior Plehve and Bouligin, and the reactionary press has had slight difficulty in cutting it down, as they already had done with the previous day's imperial manifesto, into an appeal to the "League of Russian Men" and other old school Russians to rise and smite all the progressive classes.

Hoge and Nickell Found Guilty

Portland, July 28.—The jury in the Hoge-Nickell case found a verdict of guilty and recommended the defendants to the mercy of the court. A stay was granted for ten days to allow an application for a new trial. Kincaid and Miller pleaded guilty before the trial commenced, leaving Hoge and Nickell as the defendants in the action just concluded.



The Journey.

"It's so hard to be sick with the mumps, mamma! Tell me a story. A make-believe one that just couldn't happen! That will make me forget." And mamma took Donald on her lap and told him this story:

"Once there was a little boy who was lame, and very, very tired of keeping still.

"It was a summer day, warm and beautiful. Overhead the clouds were so white and fleecy in the blue sky, and they floated so dreamily that the little boy's eyes followed them wistfully.

"I wish I could sail a little way on me!"

"As he looked he thought, 'I will sail on one,' and he seized his little crutch and very slowly climbed a high hill at the back of his house.

"The clouds floated on the very top, he knew, and when he reached it, a little cloud was there waiting for him.

"Up, over, in, he was nestled in the soft, white cloud and ready to sail. 'The air was cooler than on the earth, but he pulled a bit of cloud round him, and it was soft as a lamb's back.

"And he sailed—far, far away! 'Past green fields and over thick forests, over bright rivers and lakes, and his cheeks grew pink and his eyes shone like stars at all he saw.

"And then it began to grow dark.

"Lovely colors were in the sky, which changed to deep, dull blues—and then a tiny moon crept out and a few beautiful stars, and then this little cloud passenger grew sleepy and hungry, too, and said, 'Now it is time for me to go back to my own mother.'

"And it was wonderful all the time, for the cloud dropped lower, lower, until it was again at the top of the hill behind this little boy's house, and he softly slid out and over, and went down the hill to his own mother. There, that is a story that couldn't have happened! Did it make you forget, Donald?" asked mother. But Donald was asleep. Another little passenger was starting toward the land of happy dreams—YOUTH'S COMPANION.

Apparent and Presumptive.

There is a good deal of misapprehension as to the difference in the meaning of the two terms *apparent* and *presumptive*, as used in royal families. The *apparent* must succeed to the throne or the dignity, whatever it may be, if he survive the present holder, while the *presumptive*, although he is the heir at the moment, may have his right to the succession nullified by the birth of another heir. In England, for instance, the Prince of Wales is always the *apparent* to the throne. Should there not be a Prince of Wales; that is, should the reigning monarch not have any sons, the nearest heir in the legitimate succession becomes the *presumptive*, his or her right being always subject to nullification by the birth of a direct heir to the monarch.

Fun and Frolic.



Vacation's here! Vacation's here! The gladdest time of all the year! Off to the woods with line and hook To catch the finches in the brook. Or, with our baskets full, can stick. We're off to have a day's picnic. From some tall tree's limb, spreading out, We tie the swing rope firm about. Then through the air we swiftly fly, I seem our heels will scrape the sky! Then down the valley, wide and deep, To hunt for wild things, slow we creep. We chase the rabbits in the glen That, frightened, wildly scamper when We come upon them unawares.



They're what you'd call the "mad June hares." And sometimes through the soft, deep grass A snake is seen to quickly pass. But we don't bother him, you know, We're glad enough to see him go! Up in the trees the squirrels leap. And from their nests the wee birds peep. The crickets chirp, the locusts sing. Till all about the wild woods ring. With song of bird, with hum of bee, With shouts of kids like you and me. Oh, old vacation's here once more. For boys and girls the broad land o'er.

The Happy Hunting Grounds.

You often hear or see the expression, "happy hunting grounds," and it may be that some do not know how it originated or what it means. It is the name given to the Indian's heaven, which his imagination paints as a prairie well stocked with buffalo and other game, with no one to molest him or make him afraid. From this belief arose the custom of killing the Indian's pony at the burying-ground, so that he may enjoy sport with it forever in the other world, for they also believe that the pony will accompany his dead master. That he may have his weapons ready when he gets there, they bury with him his rifle, his pistol, his bow and his quiver of arrows. Thus equipped, he goes to the "happy hunting grounds," where he will enjoy endless sport.

and every spring I get up something new for my animal clientele. One has to keep up with the times in this as in everything else."

Mightier than the Sword.

The field of honor is no longer a place of tragedy. Even in France, the country which has been peculiarly its home, the practice of dueling is on the decline, and those who are bound to engage in it turn its funny side to the world. Not long ago, a writer in the Popular Magazine says, a Paris journalist, who had by some circumstance offended a politician, received from him a letter.

"Sir," wrote the politician, "one does not send a challenge to a bandit of your species; one simply administers a cuff on the ears. Therefore I hereby cuff both your ears. Be grateful to me for not having recourse to weapons.

"Yours truly,"

"My Dear Sir and Adversary," the journalist answered, "I thank you according to your wish for having sent me cuffs by post instead of slaughtering me with weapons. Cuffed by post, I respond by despatching you by post six bullets in the head. I kill you by letter. Please consider yourself dead from the first line of this epistle.

"With a respectful salutation to your remains, I am, very truly yours,"

Well Acquainted.

The stage drew up along the roadside and the driver accosted a little old man working in the field.

"Do you know who Mrs. Abby B. Brown is and where she lives?"

The old man considered. "Brown—Abby B. Brown?" he repeated. "You don't mean Mrs. Polly Brown, do you?"

"No; Mrs. Abby B. Brown. We've got a letter for her."

"B, you say the middle letter is B, do you? I know a whole lot of Browns that live on the other side of the road, but there ain't any Abby B. among them. You don't mean Abby B. Smith, do you? She lives over—"

"No, it's Abby B. Brown. We'll find her somehow. Thanks."

The stage driver started his horses, but before the corner was reached, a faint "Hello" caused the passengers to turn around. The old man, hat in hand, was pursuing the stage.

"Brown, Mrs. Abby B. Brown, did you say? Why, I know her; she's my wife."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

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