

ABDICATION EDICT IN CHINA  
TO BE ISSUED TUESDAY

Premier Yuan is Now Ready to Flee the Country--Manchu Princes are Furious over the Proposal--Chinese Empire to be Known as Chung Hwa Kuo---Peace Agreement to be Signed at the Hague The Country is now on the Verge of Bankruptcy

London, Jan. 22—The Daily Telegraph's Peking correspondent says he is officially informed that the Peking government will be obliged openly to declare China's bankruptcy at the Chinese New Year February 1.

He understands further that Wu Ting Fang minister of Justice in the Republican government has telegraphed, demanding the immediate resumption of hostilities in consequence of accusation of trickery levelled at the republicans.

London, Jan. 22—It is expected that the abdication edict will be issued on Tuesday, says the Peking correspondent of the Daily Mail, who adds that the new Chinese empire will be known as Chung Hwa Kuo, meaning Middle Flower Nation. The National Conference to agree on preliminaries will be held at Tien Tsin and Yuan Shi Kai will be present. Later the peace agreement will be signed at the Hague in the presence of representatives of all the foreign powers. The Daily Mail's Tokyo correspondent sees indications of a movement initiated by Prince Yamagata, president of the privy council and ex-chief of general staff toward action to conserve Japanese interests in Manchuria.

Peking, Jan. 21—A special train has been held in readiness since Friday to take Yuan Shi Kai to Tien Tsin. It was evidently the premier's plan to transfer the provisional capital to that city, where the danger from the Manchus was slight.

Apparently Yuan Shi Kai intended to escape from Peking as soon as the edict of abdication was signed, but the reactionary princes gained the upper hand temporarily and prevented the issuance of the edict. In the meantime the republican ultimatum arrived and resulted in a considerable change of programme. This ultimatum demanded the abdication of the throne and the surrender of the sovereign powers and set forth the refusal of the Republicans to permit Yuan Shi Kai to participate in the provisional government until the republic had been recognized by the foreign powers and the country had been restored to peace.

Yuan Shi Kai may need a special train, because it is expected that he may refuse to carry on the government at Peking without abdication, after which he and his troops will be

The Duke and Duchess  
Arrived in New York

Their Royal Highnesses will be the Guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Reid for a Few Days--Train Arrived Ahead of Time and Vice Regal Party were able to Dodge Reporters and Patriotic Canadians--First Visit of Royalty to the United States in Ten Years--Nothing Official or Semi-Official about the Visit

(Canadian Press.)

New York, Jan. 22—The Duke of Connaught, governor-general of Canada, the Duchess of Connaught and their daughter, Princess Patricia, and their suite reached here from Ottawa this morning for a social visit of four days in New York City. The vice-regal party are the guests of Ambassador and Mrs. Whitelaw Reid. The visit of the governor-general and his party marks the first call of royalty to the United States since the visit nearly ten years ago of Prince Henry of Prussia. The Duke of Connaught and Ambassador Reid have let it become known that the visit is a purely personal one, and there is nothing official or semi-official about it. The journey of the regal party was made on two special cars, the Cornwall and the York, and was made without incident. The governor-general and his party were cordially welcomed at the Grand Central Station by Ambassador and Mrs. Reid, after which the party motored to the home of Mr. Reid, on Madison Avenue.

A party of patriotic Canadians and a number of newspaper correspondents failed to meet the vice-regal party on their arrival, as the train bearing the royal visitors was run into the station ten minutes earlier than the time for the scheduled arrival, thereby permitting the party, through careful plans, to escape the interviewers. Princess Patricia was the first to alight from the train and, escorted on either side by Colonel Lowther, military secretary to the Duke, and another gentleman of the party, with a lady in waiting, they hurried away to an auto on Forty Second Street, and were whirled away to the Reid home. A minute or two later the Duchess of Connaught, with a member of her party and two railroad officials, stepped from the train and went to an auto in front of the station.

In the meantime, the Duke of Connaught stepped from the other side of the private car and, escorted by Ambassador Reid, walked unobserved to an obscure entrance, leading to Madison Avenue, where they took an automobile for the ambassador's home. Hundreds of commuters on incoming trains passed the vice-regal party in the station, but did not know them.

Colonel Lowther said that the visit of His Royal Highness was without political significance, and was simply social in character and that the governor-general had no idea what will be done in the way of entertainment. The colonel remarked that the Duke

CANADIAN PACIFIC WOULD  
CRUSH OUT COMPETITION

The Borden Government Said to be Playing the Game for the Big Railway Corporation--Government may Cripple Rival Transcontinental Lines by a Reduction of Rates in Western Canada--Activity of C. P. R. in Recent Election not without a Meaning

New York, Jan. 21—The proposed inquiry into Western Canadian freight rates is commencing to attract attention here. The Times today publishes a lengthy article upon the subject. It says that the views recently expressed by some of the new cabinet ministers in Canada have caused some surprise, involving the general belief that the C.P.R. was a strong factor in bringing about the change of government in Canada last September.

Why a government supposedly friendly to the railways should begin its administration with an attack upon its friends has not been easy to understand. The explanation is given by The Times on the authority of a gentleman for many years associated with Canadian railways. It quotes him as follows:

"It is well known that the Canadian Pacific people have for a long time been preparing statistics and tabulating figures in order to decide what reduction they could make in rates without affecting their net revenue. With their property in excellent condition after the expenditure upon it within the last few years of \$150,000,000 or \$160,000,000, and with the large traffic that they have been developing for the last quarter of a century, they know that they can afford to make rates which will mean disaster to competitors who must, of course, meet them."

TO CRUSH COMPETITION?

"With the exception of the government line in the eastern provinces, the Canadian Northern and Grand Trunk Pacific are principally the only other two railways in Canada. The cost of both these railways has been met almost entirely by the sale in the market of bonds with a government guarantee covering principal as well as interest. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company says, of course, that these

SMASHUP ON  
ILLINOIS RY.

Seminole Limited Crashed into Passenger Train with Fearsome Results

Four Passengers Including Well-known Officials were Killed and Twenty Injured

Centralia, Ill., Jan. 22—J. T. Harahan, former president of the Illinois Central Railroad, F. O. Melcher, second vice-president of the Rock Island Railway, and two others were killed at 1 o'clock this morning when the Seminole Limited on the Illinois Central Railroad, running fifty miles an hour, crashed into the rear of passenger train number 25, which was taking water at Kinmundy, thirty miles north of here. In addition to Harahan and Melcher, E. B. Perrio, general solicitor of the Rock Island and Eldridge E. Wright, son of former secretary of war, Luke E. Wright, of Memphis, Tenn., are numbered among the dead. Twenty passengers were more or less seriously injured. The engine of the heavy limited ploughed straight through Mr. Melcher's car, and jammed into a pullman coach directly ahead, before it came to a stop. The terrific impact of collision drove the brake locked train number 25, two hundred feet down the right of way. Both trains were late. Train number 25 was due at Kinmundy at 11:52 o'clock last night, but did not arrive until nearly 1 o'clock this morning. The limited, which does not stop at Kinmundy, was scheduled to pass through at 12:30 o'clock. It was running half an hour late.

BLOODSHED  
IS CERTAIN

Warm Time Promised at Churchill's Meeting re Home Rule

Orangemen and Nationalists have Firearms--Liberals will not Submit to Mob Law

London, Jan. 22—The Daily Telegraph this morning announces authoritatively, that Mr. Winston S. Churchill will go to Belfast to speak for home rule on February 8, no matter what opposition may be offered. The newspapers Belfast correspondent declares that both Orange and Nationalist, have firearms, and that bloodshed is certain. A despatch to the Daily Mail, from Belfast says eight thousand Orange shipyard workers, will march down the streets with their pockets filled as on previous occasions, with bolts and rivets which are more formidable than bullets. The Daily Chronicle's Belfast correspondent says the liberals are determined not to submit to mob law. Huge contingents of armed members of the Hibernian Order, will travel from many parts to Belfast to protect Mr. Churchill and the police from all the neighboring districts will be summoned to the city.

New York, Jan. 22—A London cable to the Sun says:

"All the elements are ready for the most serious trouble in the North of Ireland if Winston Churchill, John Redmond and other prominent leaders carry out their intentions of making speeches in favor of home rule, at the meeting scheduled to be held in Belfast on February 8."

All through Ulster the excitement has been on the increase ever since the meeting has been announced and it has been intensified by the declaration of the Unionist council that the meeting shall not take place. The prohibition has been backed up by the Ulster unionist clubs in hiring special trains to bring their members to Belfast on the day of the meeting. Mr. Churchill, who is known to be stubborn and pugnacious is credited with the intention of sticking to his promise of making a speech in the Orange stronghold and it is expected that he will give then and there the outlines of the government home rule measure.

The Unionists of Ulster are emphatic in their determination that he shall not speak. The wildest rumors are afloat which taken in connection with reports that the Ulster men are drilling for the purpose of resisting home rule by force of arms, are the cause of grave apprehension. The factional feeling is so bitter that the government is keeping troops in their barracks as a precautionary measure.

While the British unionist newspapers with few exceptions deplore the threats of the Ulster men, some of them are encouraging the unionist council to stick to its determination to prevent the meeting being held.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S PARISH

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| Balance of \$1300 on Hand December 31 Added to St. Dunstan's School Fund  |            |
| Rev. F. L. Carney, rector of St. Dunstan's yesterday announced to the congregation the tenth annual statement of receipts and disbursements of the parish covering the year 1911. The statement showed a substantial balance on hand December 31, 1911. |            |
| The statement follows:  |            |
| RECEIPTS  |            |
| From Special Sources  | \$270.19   |
| From Ordinary Sources   | 4,695.64   |
| From Rental of Church Properties  | 133.50     |
| Total receipt for 1911  | \$5,099.33 |
| Balance on hand Jan. 1, 1911  | 100.43     |
|   | \$5,199.76 |
| DISBURSEMENTS   |            |
| Sp. Exp.  | \$578.96   |
| Ordinary  | 2,551.62   |
| Sanctuary Purposes  | 333.12     |
| Sundry expenses   | 445.57     |
| Total Disbursements for 1911  | \$3,909.27 |
| Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1911   | 1,290.49   |
|   | \$5,199.76 |

U.N.B. "HAMMERFEST"  
NEXT FRIDAY NIGHT

Forestry Students Will Hold Annual Dinner at Lately Constructed Camp

The Forestry Association will hold its annual dinner in the newly constructed log-cabin near Corbett's Brook, on the evening of Friday, January 16th. Prof. R. B. Miller will preside and after the dinner reports will be given by the students employed with the Dominion Forestry Department last summer. G. H. Prime, '12, will speak on forestry in British Columbia; G. A. FitzRandolph, '12, on forestry in Northern Alberta; K. R. Machum, '13, on forestry in Southern Alberta, and H. B. Murray, '13, on forestry in Saskatchewan.

The following are the officers of the Association:

R. F. Campbell, director of forests, honorary president.

Prof. R. B. Miller, president.

G. H. Prime, '12, 1st vice-president.

K. R. Machum, '13, 2nd vice-president.

G. P. Melrose, '14, secretary-treasurer.

The balance on hand December 31, 1911 has been added to the fund for St. Dunstan's School.

WHOLE FAMILY  
VICTIMS OF  
FOUL MURDER

Mutilated Bodies Found in Their Home--A Negro Supposed to Have Committed the Crime--Second in a Week

Lake Charles La., Jan. 22—Badly mutilated the bodies of Joseph Broussard, his wife and three children aged 8, 6, and 3, negroes were found in their home here making the second wholesale negro murder in this State within a week and the sixth in the year. The bloodstained ax was found beneath the bed upon which the bodies lay. No clue to the murderer has been found except this inscription, written on the front door of the Broussard home: "When he maketh the inquisition for blood he forgetteth not the cry of the humble human slave."

JOHNSON MAY BOX  
FLYNN AND PALSER

New Haven Conn. Jan. 22—Local sporting promoters have been asking the police here for "tentative sanction" for a boxing bout in which Jack Johnson, the champion will meet Jim Flynn, and Al Palser on the same afternoon, each bout to be 15 rounds. It is proposed to hold the sessions at a nearby summer resort on July 4. The promoters say they have offered Johnson as his share a guarantee of \$50,000.

MAY HAVE WINE CELLAR  
UNDER MOUNT ROYAL

Montreal, Q., Jan. 22—A wine cellar under the head of Mount Royal is the latest scheme for Montreal. The Canadian Northern this morning received a letter from a local wine house, asking them to build a big wine cellar in connection with their tunnel through the mountain. The cellar is to be leased to the company.

When choosing apples take those that weigh heaviest. They will be the best fruit.

HAGUE TRIBUNAL  
MAY CONSIDER  
THE QUESTION

Italian Government Makes Proposal to France in Regard to the Recent Seizure of French Mail Steamers

Paris, Jan. 22—The Italian government has proposed to the French government the submission to the Hague tribunal of all the questions relative to the recent seizure of the French steamers Carthage and Manouba.

The French mail steamer Carthage was arrested on the high seas on January 16, by Italian warships on her voyage from Marseilles to Tunis, the Italian authorities considering that the two aeroplanes on board were contraband of war.

The French steamer Manouba was also seized by Italian warships on her way from Marseilles to Tunis, the reasons given by the Italians being that among the 29 Turkish nurses of the red crescent were some disguised Turkish officers. Both vessels were taken to Cagliari in Sardinia.

ONTARIO TORIES  
ARE WORRYING  
GOVERNMENT

(Special to The Mail.)

Ottawa, Jan. 20—The government is worried over the attitude of their Ontario supporters who are pressing for legislation this session to set aside the ne temere decree, while the Nationalists, backed up by Mr. Bourassa, are determined that the matter will not be interfered with.

The government has decided not to disallow the legislation of the Alberta government with respect to the bonds of the Alberta & Great Waterways Railway.

ANOTHER BIG DEAL IN  
ALBERTA OIL SHALES

(Special to The Mail.)

St. John, Jan. 22—It is reported today that a big deal will shortly be consummated in London relating to oil shales in the County of Alberta. It is said to be apart from the deal in which Calhoun and Lodge are interested.

Word was received here today of the death at Baltimore of Rev. Father Lucking. Father Maloney will leave this evening to attend the funeral.

The steamer Montrose arrived here this morning from Bermuda. She had on board 300 British soldiers and their families, who are returning to England.

Gem Theatre. Bodine & Welch in their comedy creation, Hoy! Hoy!

SIR CHARLES IMPROVED