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THE AFFAIRS OF CHINA.

Strong Anti-Foreign Feeling Which May Result in Serious Conditions.

FORMER CHINESE AMBASSADOR AT WASHINGTON DISCUSSES THE SITUATION.

London, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The young students who are too rash. They need training and experience. "Financial reforms should be carried out in the first place, but without foreign advice and capital it would be impossible to do so under present conditions. I was working out a scheme which had to be abandoned because it was necessary to call in foreign advice. New coinage is a stop gap."

Pekin, Feb. 23.—Wu Tien Fung, former Chinese Minister to the United States, when interviewed for the first time today, on the existing situation in China, spoke in support of the boycott.

Wu Tien Fung is now living quietly in Peking, devoting his entire time to codifying the laws of China, one of the numerous reforms under way. Speaking of present conditions, Tien Fung, said: "China is at a critical stage. Her statesmen and people feel that China needs reform, but there are great differences of opinion regarding the means."

There are several classes of reformers. There are those who speak foreign languages, who have been abroad, and who have had experience on both sides of the question. They favor sensible, useful reforms, but not too radical, so as to make China first able to stand upon her feet. The number of these sensible reformers is few. I am one of them."

The ruling classes also know that something should be done, but they are at their wits' end to know what to do. The third class is composed of young students who are too rash. They need training and experience. "Financial reforms should be carried out in the first place, but without foreign advice and capital it would be impossible to do so under present conditions. I was working out a scheme which had to be abandoned because it was necessary to call in foreign advice. New coinage is a stop gap."

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"One thing upon which the majority of the Chinese are agreed is that China has been deprived of many rights by concessions and territorial grants, and by the way her people have been treated by foreigners in China and foreign countries. Many Chinese who have gone abroad to America, Australia and the Philippines, write home complaining of arbitrary discriminations made against Chinese, which dare not be attempted against other foreigners. Therefore everyone is angry and hence the boycott against American goods, and a strong feeling against unjust exclusion laws. It has spread over all China, and is solely in retaliation against unjust discrimination, and is not anti-foreign."

"The Chinese people and officials are on good terms with all foreigners and have no hostile feelings toward them. Chinese merchants have best feeling towards foreign merchants. The majority of the people in the interior are indifferent and all foreigners travelling in the interior, write that they are well treated, with no signs of hostility against them."

AFTER MANY YEARS.

Detectives Believe They Have Located Murderer of a Wealthy California Mine Owner.

San Francisco, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The Call says today that local detectives believe they have located the murderer of John Stinson, a wealthy mining man who disappeared from this city in 1898.

At that time the body of an unknown man was found floating in Stow Lake, and was buried as a pauper.

A few months ago, it was discovered that the body found in the Lake was that of Stinson, and also that his deposit box with a local trust company was empty, although it was known to have contained a large sum of money and other valuables at the time of the owner's disappearance.

Since then detectives have been working out the mystery in connection with Stinson's death, and news has been received that Mrs. Frank W. Sawyer of Boston, a niece of Stinson has arrived at her mother's, Mrs. Sarah Connor, Portland, Maine, with the news that detectives hired by her investigate the death of her uncle, have located \$75,000 worth of the bonds belonging to Stinson in San Francisco, and are now closely watching the man who has them in his possession.

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ST. JOHN CRIMINAL CASES.

One Young Burglar Sent to Dorchester and Another to the Reformatory—Adultery and Embezzlement Cases.

St. John, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—John J. Myers and William McArthur, two boys who were some time ago arrested for breaking and entering the store of F. E. Williams & Co., and stealing therefrom, were this morning brought before Judge Forbes in the county court and tried under the speedy trials act.

Myers was sentenced to three years in the Dorchester penitentiary with hard labor, and McArthur to four years in the reformatory.

Silas Hays, charged with committing adultery with Mrs. Iva Burke, elected to be tried by the jury at the

regular sitting of the county court which opens on Tuesday next.

The case against Voile Morrill, charged with stealing \$260 from J. W. and W. F. Myers, was resumed in the police court this morning.

The evidence of Clarence Nixon was to the effect that a check for \$660 had been presented at the Bank of B. N. A., \$400 of which was placed to the credit of Myers, and the balance of \$260 was appropriated by defendant.

The case was adjourned to two o'clock this afternoon, when the evidence of W. F. Myers will be taken.

FATAL EXPLOSION.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Thirty persons were hurt and three of them will die by an explosion today of a 200 pound charge of dynamite, which was struck by a steam shovel at the Carnegie Steel Company's plant at Duquesne. Sharp, flinty pieces of slag and pieces of splintered timber from the shattered shovel were hurled among a hundred Hungarian laborers.

What St. Paul's Ladies' Aid Society have in store for the public the 1st of March will herald a new departure in entertainments, and the old Kirk will be the scene of action. One naturally associates Scotland with the old Kirk, but this time the Land of the Shamrock will be to the fore. The attractions will be first a high tea, edibles of every nationality, and second, a distinctly Irish concert, and to put the entertainment within the reach of all, only 40 cents is asked for admission. Ladies Ais Hospitality is proverbial. Be sure and test it next Thursday evening.—d.

THE INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson Says it is Better to Maintain Present System That Pass Road Over to Commission.

HE ASKS THAT CRITICISM BE SUSPENDED UNTIL REFORM AND ECONOMY IS TRIED.

Ottawa, Feb. 23.—Hon. H. R. Emmerson, Minister of Railways, denies that politics prevails in appointments to the Intercolonial railway, and delivers a crushing answer to the Toronto Globe's latest attack on the I. C. R.

"In almost every branch of the service," he said, "we are bound by rules and regulations of the several Brotherhoods. With respect to appointments, pay and promotion, we can scarcely move a step, except in accordance with these agreements, which have been especially effective during the last eight or ten years, and are all the time becoming more general in their application."

"The principle of promotion is the one that governs. If there are any exceptions from the rules, to which I have referred, they are the clerical staffs and the laborers. But even in the former case, promotion has come to be the ruling principle. To those who urge that the Intercolonial should be handed over to a commission, I say what is to become of responsible government. Are we to cast to one side the precious privilege which we fought so hard to obtain. But even if we were to have administration by a commission, and I maintain that it is better to maintain the system as it is at present,

the government would still continue to experience the effects of popular dissatisfaction, and would still have to submit to criticism."

The Minister of Railways has inaugurated economies, which are already bearing fruit in increased earnings and reduced expenditures. He is about to institute other changes which he believes will tend to still further improve the Intercolonial's financial position. "Is it unfair to ask," he said, "that in the meantime criticism by the Press based on the old condition of things should be suspended. I think not. Let the policy of economy, and of reform, which has scarcely been more than launched, be given a fair trial. If that is done I feel convinced we shall be able to put the Intercolonial on a paying basis, and at the end of two years convert a deficit into a surplus."

Mr. Emmerson's attention was drawn to the Grand Trunk's application for permission to build lines from Moncton to St. John, and from Moncton to Halifax, and he was asked whether this would be sanctioned by the Government. "We shall take such action as will be in the best interest of the Intercolonial," he replied.

HOOCH EXECUTED.

Man Who Married Many Wives and Murdered Some of Them Jovial to the End.

Chicago, Feb. 23.—Hoch, who was executed at the State Prison here last night, apparently in a jovial mood.

He turned to guard James Cummings, who was in the room with him and wished him "good morning."

Cummings immediately summoned jailer O'Neill, who came to the room and said:

"Good morning, Johann, how are you this morning?"

"I feel fine," said Hoch, "I had a good night, and was not disturbed, I'm feeling fine."

Hoch then gave his order for breakfast, and while awaiting its arrival was given several papers to read.

"Look here, O'Neill," he called out, "see what one of the papers says about me."

He then read O'Neill the article which said he had given up all hope and was in a state of collapse.

"That thing says that I have lost hope," remarked Hoch. "But I have not. I will keep my nerve to the last."

Hoch admitted having been married thirteen times, but always protested his innocence of having caused the death of any of his wives. The courts, however, found him guilty.

A BRAVE WOMAN.

Mr. C. H. Lugin wants Government to Recognize Heroic Conduct of Mrs. Patterson.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Public attention has been drawn to another heroine of the Valencia wreck.

First Officer Ferris of Princess May, who was on board the Salver, testified before the Canadian court inquiry, and paid a glowing tribute to the zeal and undaunted fortitude of Mrs. Patterson, telegraph operator at Cape Beale.

Mrs. Patterson, although in delicate condition, stayed at her post for nearly seventy consecutive hours. Mr. C. H. Lugin, special counsel for the Canadian government, asked the commissioners to take special note of the woman's bravery, so it might be suitably recognized.

He added that Mrs. Patterson's labors were not confined to the telegraph office, but that she rendered distinguished service in succoring famished survivors.

LADY'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Truro, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Mrs. James Kent, widow, died last night. She had been in her usual health and was around the house all day. She was a sister of the late James Birrell of the old and well known firm of Birrell & Birrell. She leaves no family.

SPECIAL MEETING.

The city council is holding a special meeting this afternoon to consider a bill to enable the city to grant assistance to new industries.

COMMITTED SUICIDE.

Italian Prince Shot Himself on the Eve of His Wedding.

Naples, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—Prince Pignatelli Strongoli, aged 19 years, son of a lady in waiting to Queen Helena, committed suicide yesterday by shooting himself. He was to have been married in a few hours to a daughter of the Duke of Gagliano.

He left a letter to his father, saying he killed himself because he was sceptical about life, and another letter to his fiancée saying she would have been unhappy with him.

The affair has caused a great sensation, both families being among the most aristocratic in Naples.

DEATH AT BEAVER DAM.

The death took place at Beaver Dam yesterday afternoon of Mrs. Emily Rider, wife of Mr. Herman Rider of that place, after an illness extending over six months.

The deceased lady, who was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones of Beaver Dam, was 31 years of age, and is survived by her husband and one little daughter, also by her parents, one brother and one sister. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon. The remains will leave the late home of the deceased at twelve o'clock and proceed to Rusagornish, where interment will be made and the funeral service will be held at two o'clock by Rev. Mr. Boyer. R. B. Adams will conduct the undertaking arrangements.

HORSEMEN IN SESSION.

The annual meeting of the Maritime Trotting Association is being held in the Mayor's office at the city hall this afternoon. Among those in attendance are President Colter, Fredericton; Ora P. King, M. P. P., Sussex; R. Murray, M. P. P., Chatham; J. T. Prescott, Sussex; D. I. Welsh, Moncton. Horsemen generally throughout the province complain of the excessive charges made by transportation companies on horses carried to and from race meetings, and the matter will be threshed out by the association.

THE STOCK MARKET.

Montreal, Feb. 23.—(Special.)—The stock market quotations today are as follows:

Dominion Iron and Steel, 30½, 30½.
Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd., 81, 81.
Nova Scotia Steel, pfd., 65½.
Canadian Pacific Railroad ex div., three per cent., 170, 171.
Twin City, 110½, 110½.
Montreal Power, 92½, 93½.
Rich and Ontario Navigation.
Illinois Traction, pfd., 190, 190.
Toledo Railway Light, 34½, 34½.

A SCOTT ACT WAR.

Rev. J. J. Colter, who was lately appointed Scott Act inspector by the county council, has gone on the war path in earnest. He has lately had two liquor dealers from Woodstock, who were doing the town and Parish of Kingsclear, pulled up, and as a result of his efforts nine informations have been laid with Police Magistrate Marsh. The cases will come up for trial on Monday or Tuesday and it is quite likely that all will be contested.