

GREAT POWERS AIDING CHINA

To Settle Her Affairs. Opinion Prevails that Manchus Must Go

SHANGHAI, Dec. 19.—(By wire)—The promise of peace in China today is coupled with the announcement that six of the great powers, Britain, Japan, United States, Russia, France and Germany, are engaged in a co-operative effort to assist Wu Ting Fang Shao Yi in the negotiations. There was rejoicing today when it was learned that the powers were preparing to formally offer assistance for the speedy conclusion of an understanding. The action of the powers is taken in the most friendly manner. The pourparlers between Wu Ting Fang and Tang Shao Yi opened with surprising smoothness and there was a complete absence of any strain which might have seriously impeded the diplomatic progress of the conference. It is unmistakably evident, however, that the continuation of Manchu rule, even as concerns the imperial throne in Peking, is considered unlikely by either side.

THE ITALIANS ADVANCING ON THE INTERIOR

LONDON, December 18.—The continued advance of the Italian troops towards the interior of Tripoli, and away from the environs of the coast towns without meeting serious resistance, seems to prove the correctness of recent information that the Turkish troops and their Arab allies have withdrawn to the hills. They are practically, it is expected, without ammunition. Their only chance of renewing the supply has been shattered by Viscount Kitchener's action in sealing Egypt and Tripoli. This action was taken by Viscount Kitchener in order to keep Egypt entirely neutral. The Italian forces now concentrated in the former Turkish province of Tripoli number 80,000, and military experts are of the opinion that so soon as their means of transportation have been perfected there will be apparently nothing to prevent the effective occupation of the annexed territory by the expeditionary forces.

The Italians are said to be assisting another Albanian revolution with the object of occupying Turkey's attention at home and preventing her giving any assistance even by round about means to her forces in Tripoli.

TRIPOLI, December 18.—The oasis of San Seur, which is about twelve miles to the west of the town of Tripoli, and is composed of a number of villages was occupied today by an Italian column composed of troops of all arms. No resistance was offered. The occupation of the oasis is regarded as important by the Italian military authorities, as it is believed some of the attacks which have been made on Italian outposts were organized there.

CAIRO, Egypt, December 18.—The Egyptian government is taking possession of the Sollum district of Barca, which forms the eastern division of Tripoli. The Sollum district borders of Egypt and was ceded by Turkey to the Egyptian government, which will retain possession pending the end of the war, when the definite status of the territory will be determined.

STEAMER ON FIRE

PERAMBUCO, Dec 18.—The British steamer Birchfield, from Busua Ayra has arrived here with cross bunkers on fire.

AT ACT AS MEDIATORS

LONDON, Dec 18.—The Peking correspondent of the Times says it has been decided that the British and Japanese Consuls General at Shanghai shall act as mediators in the forthcoming negotiations.

IMPRISONMENT FOR FRAUDS

LONDON, December 18.—W. G. Smith has been sentenced to three years imprisonment for extensive frauds practiced on Canadian emigrants, whereby whole parties were induced to emigrate on promise of employment, etc., and then left stranded.

RECORD VOTE BEING POLLED FOR SATURDAY

The voting in the Guardian's Mammoth Piano and Organ Voting Contest was especially heavy yesterday. Thousands of ballots, and special ballots and new entries were received. Today will be another big day. This week promises to be a record one. There is plenty of time to start the contest and win. The chances are especially good in certain districts. Watch Saturday's Guardian for new vote standing up to Friday morning at 8 o'clock.

NOTICE

All votes polled up to 8 o'clock Friday morning, Dec 22nd will be counted in new count published in Saturday's issue. Watch for it?

UNITED STATES RUSSIAN TREATY

London Paper Suggests Cause of Abrogation

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(By wire)—The Teheran correspondent of the Times, commenting on the National Council's refusal to yield, says the situation is extremely grave. Some change in Persian sovereignty seems inevitable. The Times in an editorial defends the Foreign Office from the attacks of those opposing the Anglo-Russian agreement with respect to Persia. The Times contends that the only alternative to the British policy of upholding the agreement is the employment of force and adds: "Persian independence is not worth the bones of a single British soldier."

LAWRENCE TO TURN OVER NEW LEAF

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 18.—Tomorrow the people of Lawrence will elect officials to take office under the new charter, which will come into effect on January 1. The adoption of the new charter, which provides for a modified commission form of government, is expected to result in untold benefits to the city and the people. Under the old plan the affairs of the municipality had been going steadily from bad to worse. The situation reached its climax some months ago when the mayor, the chief of the fire department and several other officials were sent to jail for conspiracy to defraud the city. The Citizens' Charter Association was formed to wrest control from the hands of the alleged "grafting" politicians and to aid in the redemption of the financial credit of the municipality, which had been all but destroyed under the old regime. At the November election the new charter was adopted by an overwhelming vote. At tomorrow's election a non-partisan mayor, a school board of four and four aldermen at large will be chosen. The mayor will be chairman of the school board and also director of the department of finance and public affairs. Each of the four aldermen will head one of the other departments of the municipal government. The initiative and referendum are features of the new charter. Another provision requires that all city supplies costing \$25 or over must be purchased from the lowest competitive bidder.

MEETING AT HUNTER RIVER

A very large and enthusiastic political meeting was held in the Hall at Hunter River last night. The meeting was called by the government candidates in the second district of Queen's and the opposition candidates, who were invited, were present. Mr. Crue presided and called first on Mr. Buntain. He was followed by G. W. McPhee, Premier Matheson, Peter McCourt, L. L. Jenkins and John McMillan in the order named. The meeting was orderly and good attention was paid to the speakers who dealt with public and party questions of the day in a spirited manner.

THE WESTERN GRAIN GROWERS STAND BY THEIR DEMANDS

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—One year ago today the western grain growers' association sent their big free trade delegation to Ottawa. The anniversary was marked by the receipt by Premier Borden of letters for the grain growers' officers stating that they will stand by the demands made them.

ANLOAD OF EVIDENCE AGAINST RICHESON

BOSTON, Dec. 16.—A capsule filled with white powder and a souvenir post card written by Miss Avila Linnell, are to figure prominently among the exhibits to be offered by the prosecution at the trial of the Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, for murder, which will begin on January 15, with Judge A. Sanderson presiding. The capsule was found in Richeson's desk at his room in the home of Frank H. and Mrs. Carter, 147 Magazine Street, Cambridge, and the post card, together with a volume of other correspondence was among the property of the accused preacher "which the police seized upon when they ransacked his lodgings. They carried off books, manuscripts, and other personal effects sufficient to load a van which, with a guard, was driven to the McGarr, as Captains Armstrong and Court House in Pemberton Square. The confiscated property is now being held by the prosecution as evidence.

UNIONIST DEPUTY STRIKES FELLOW MEMBER

CONSTANTINOPLE, December 18.—The Parliamentary situation is becoming critical. The members of both parties are at high tension over the proposed modification of article 35 of the constitution, and this led to a personal encounter between a unionist deputy and a member of the opposition on the floor of the house. The former attempted to strike the opposition deputy with a chair, but was prevented from doing so by the intervention of several members. A tumultuous scene ensued and the president was compelled to suspend the meeting. The unionist majority then held a meeting and decided to provoke a dissolution of the chamber at all costs.

OLD MANSION BURNED

MILLIS, Mass., Dec 18.—A fire believed to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the old Dremson Mansion in this town early today, causing a loss that will exceed \$25,000.

COMMUNICATION THROUGH PROVINCE AND WITH MAINLAND

The Northumberland left this port at 7.30 a. m., yesterday with passengers, freight and mail, docking at Pictou at 10.55 a. m. She left on return at 2.00 p. m., with passengers freight, express and N. B. mail, arriving here at 5.30 p. m. She leaves this morning at 7.30 for Pictou. Yesterday the eastern express was 10 minutes late, the southern accommodation was 35 minutes late, the western accommodation was on time, the Summerside accommodation was 10 minutes late, the eastern accommodation was 5 minutes late and the western express 1 hour late. The Guardian should have stated yesterday that the Empress on Monday at the usual hour crossed from Summerside to Pt. du Chene and returned in the evening. The Empress made the usual round trip from Summerside to Pt du Chene yesterday. Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

LABOR STRIKE WORRIES DUNDEE

Troops Called Out to Quell Serious Disorders

DUNDEE, Dec. 19.—(By wire)—The dockers and carters of this port who are on strike have begun to cause great disturbances in the vicinity of the quays. Rioting became so serious today that the Lord Provost sent a requisition for troops. The rioters threw wagons and goods into the water and demolished property. The police made several charges but were powerless. A large number of strikers and policemen were seriously injured. A detachment of 300 soldiers has been ordered to the City.

THE SALE OF CLYDESDALES

The sale of imported Clydesdale fillies at the Revere Hotel stables yesterday was attended by a very large number. B. Carter auctioned the animals and the following were the fillies sold and their purchasers. Brita—Wallace McKinnon, Fredericton. Patricia Dewar—Layton, McCabe, Alexandria. Daisy More—Andrew Doucette, Rustico. Nancy Pride—Archibald McPherson, Orwell. Jess McIntyre—A. E. Simpson, Bristol. Bess Martin—John J. McInnis, Earncliffe. Kilmory Maid—Hector Darrach, Clyde River. Lady Catherine—Alex Stewart, Brazeley Point Road. Lily Howden—Geo. Stewart, Southport. Minnie Brown—W. Laughton, Mt. Albion. Durris Gein—S. C. Knight, Georgetown. Jean Harper—C. C. Carver, Mt. Albion. Daisy Crawford—Alfred Stewart, Southport. Mamie of Crouse—Parnenas Hughes, Covehead. Dairymaid—P. A. Farquharson, Mt. Stewart. Timely Bass—John E. Yeo, Northam. Shapely Nell—Easton Bros, Charlottetown. Trim—George Doherty, Cherry Valley. Rose Speirs—Wm. A. Lea, Victoria. Dainty Bell—W. M. Vickerson, North River. Bessie Falconer—John D. Doiron, Mayfield. Dora—Alex Kennedy, Southport. Princess Albion—John Stewart, Southport. Daisy Cocker—Boyd Livingston, Clyde River. Mark Samella—W. W. Crosby, Cornwall.

THE GAEKWAR OF BARODA, HAS MADE AN APOLOGY

DELHI, December 18.—A despatch from William Maxwell, special correspondent of The Daily Mail, says the Gaekwar, of Baroda, has publicly apologized for his demeanor at the coronation turban, at which, after a single bow, he turned his back on the king and queen with a smile, of which the intention was unmistakable. The Gaekwar, whose talk is not always consistent with his position as feudatory, now excuses his behavior on the grounds of nervousness. Steps were instantly taken to bring him to a knowledge of his true position.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S CONDITION IS CRITICAL

LONDON, December 18.—Sir Charles Tupper continues to hold his own, but there is no disguising his critical condition. While the doctors are most anxious about it, the strain upon his heart, his immediate hope is to escape pneumonia. Lady Hibbet and the Misses Tupper, as well as Mrs. Cameron and Miss Mary Tupper are with Sir Charles and Lady Tupper at Bexley.

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WEATHER FORECAST &c.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Northerly winds, fine and cold. The temperature at three o'clock this morning by the Rexall Store Tested thermometer was twenty four degrees above zero. The lowest temperature recorded yesterday was 24 degrees above zero and the highest was 26 above. The lowest recorded the previous night was 23 above. At nine a. m. it was 24 degrees above and at nine p. m. it was 26 degrees above. The length of today will be eight hours and forty-nine minutes. The tide will be high this morning at 11.18 and tomorrow afternoon at 12.04; it will be high tonight at 10.09 and tomorrow night at 10.46. The sun sets this afternoon at 4.22 and tomorrow afternoon at 4.22; it rises tomorrow morning at 7.34 and Friday morning at 7.34. There will be a new moon this morning at 11.28.

SCHOOLMASTER WAS RESTORED

Boston Mayor's Act Overruled by the School Board

BOSTON, Dec. 19.—(By wire)—The school committee has overridden Mayor Fittz Gerald's veto of the appointment of Horace Brittain, a New Brunswicker, as school principal in Hyde Park. Chairman Ellis declared the Mayor's opposition was due to the fact that Brittain was a provincialist, and on religious grounds.

HALIFAX HAD SERIOUS FIRE

HALIFAX, Dec. 19.—(By wire)—A fire in the Carrite Patterson Tarpaper Works today destroyed the boiler house. The damage is about \$6,000, covered by insurance.

HATTIE LEBLANCE TO WED FELIX LINDEN

SYDNEY, Dec. 18.—An interesting event at Arichat next month will be the marriage of Hattie LeBlance, who last year was a prominent figure in the sensational murder trial in Boston, to Felix Linden, of Louisiana, Richmond County, now employed with the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company at Sydney Mines. Mr. Linden, during the Glover trial, was living in Boston, and being a native of Miss LeBlance's home county, was naturally interested in the case, and was a constant spectator at the trial. He became acquainted with Miss LeBlance during the first weeks of the trial, and upon her acquittal returned to Arichat with her and her father, returning later to Boston, where he was employed with a large electric firm. Mr. Linden, who was a guest at the Grand Hotel yesterday left today for Arichat. The marriage is announced to take place about January 8th.

INHALED GASOLINE GAS AND EXPIRED

DIGBY, December 18.—Goude, Southern, seventeen years old, of Westport, son of the late Arthur Southern, was asphyxiated aboard his motor boat while returning home from fishing. After making a good haul of fish Southern went forward to eat his lunch, leaving the other man, named Gower at the helm. A canvas hood covered the boat from bow to aft of the gasoline engine with the helmsman on the outside. Upon nearing the shore Gower went forward to call Southern, but found him dead. It is supposed young Southern, after lurching laid down for a sleep and inhaled the gas. Deceased was a promising young man and the main support of his widowed mother and little twin brothers.

ONE MAN WHO LIKES EAST BEST

TRURO, December 18.—A somewhat curious exchange of property has just taken place near here. Not long since an English gentleman who was on a ranch near Medicine Hat, visited Brookfield, eight miles from Truro. In conversation one day with Benjamin Merchant, of that place, he expressed himself as tired of the west and a desire to settle in the east. "I have a good farm I will trade for your ranch," said Mr. Benjamin, with the result that the Englishman said he was willing to make the exchange, prodding M. R. Benjamin over Mr. Benjamin instead sent his son, with the result that an even swap has been made.

PERSIA ACTING VERY UNWISELY

FRANCIS JOSEPH SERIOUSLY ILL

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—(By wire)—The condition of the Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria Hungary is causing the most extreme anxiety. He has been unable to go out for a week. LONDON, Dec. 18.—Reports have been received here, that the health of Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria, is again causing great uneasiness. He is said to be suffering from a severe cold and rheumatism.

FOUND NOT GUILTY

NEW YORK, December 15.—"Not guilty" was the verdict returned late today, freeing Lillian Graham and Ethel Conrad of criminal charges on which they had been held since last June for the shooting of the millionaire sportsman and hotel proprietor W. E. D. Stokes. The jury arrived at its verdict after slightly less than an hour's deliberations—53 minutes to be exact. The "shooting show girls" were tried on all indictments of three counts, the first being attempt to murder Stokes. Of consideration of this most serious charge, however, the jurors were relieved by Justice Marcus, who astounded the defense by the eleventh hour announcement that the district attorney would withdraw the first count. The court restricted the jury to the second and third counts, which charged respectively assault in the first degree with intent to kill, assault in the second degree with intent to do bodily harm. While the jury was out the two defendants were held prisoners in one of the ante-chambers of the court room. The period of waiting was obviously a severe ordeal for both of them. When summoned to hear the verdict Miss Graham appeared to be assisted into the court room. She was trembling in every limb. The more spirited Miss Conrad came unassisted, but she seemed highly nervous. She had been overheard to say, while waiting for the verdict: "I can't stand it until he gets through with me." A movement later, when the girls were facing the jury, and the foreman announced that they were "not guilty," Miss Conrad cried "Thank God," and she went into violent hysterics. She sank to the counsel table, jumped up again, and shrieked at the top of her voice, "I tore her hair and threw her arms about wildly. It was a surprise to the spectators, for Miss Conrad had kept much the better nerve of the two defendants throughout the trial. On the other hand, Miss Graham, who continually wept during the trial and who only sobbed the more when she heard the verdict, recovered her composure when she saw her companion affected, and acted as the comforter to her younger friend.

It was at first thought that Miss Conrad had misunderstood the verdict, and her companion tried to assure her that they were free. "Oh, I know," she said, "Tell mother we are free. Tell her we are coming home." These were practically Miss Conrad's only coherent words during her hysterics, which continued fully ten minutes before her companion, as well as her brother and her counsel, succeeded in quieting her. She recovered as suddenly as she was attacked, and, with Miss Graham on her arm, issued from the court room to be greeted with cheers by a large crowd gathered outside. Many persons stepped forward to pat the girls on the back and shake their hands.

MINERS STRIKE IN BRITAIN PROBABLE

LONDON, Dec 18.—The situation in the coal trade here causes much anxiety, and the hopes of a peaceful settlement of the differences between the owners and the miners which recently have been entertained, are said to be premature. The great point at issue in all the mining areas is that minimum wage, and the serious view now taken is the less not to meet the men in conference today as was originally planned.

INFLUENCE OF CHRISTMAS ON LITERATURE

The Christmas joy came to the poor, to those whose home is a fielding! What arrows and shafts that rendle do these rich lords and ladies let fly at the peasant and the servant! The witticisms scald like acid drops. But now the Christmas spirit prevails. In Dickens' "Christmas Carol," it is the pinched beggar, with his watery eyes and thin blue lips, who has a place. Dickens pleads for Oliver Twist, and all forsaken poor boys. In "Uncle Tom's Cabin" a slave has become the hero, and now a writer is popular in proportion as he pleads for the poor and the weak. Today no book could be sold that speaks contemptuously of the common people. Sympathy has become an essential of the novel. Literature is filled with Christ's place in the novel. If the poor man spirit as a conservatory in the winter did enter, he entered for the purpose of being filled with genial warmth.—New-Of ridicule. What an object of con-ell D. Hillis.

London Times Defends the British Foreign Office

LONDON, Dec. 19.—(By wire)—Morning papers make no comment on the abrogation of the Russo-American treaty. The Morning Leader expresses the opinion that indignation over the Shuster affair had much to do with the immense majority in favor of the resolution and that Russia will be wise not to ignore such expression of feeling of her treatment of American Jews and Persian reformers.

THE JEWISH INTERESTS ARE PREVAILING

ST. PETERSBURG, December 18.—The American ambassador, Curtis Guild, junior, acting under instructions from the President of the United States, today notified the Russian foreign minister, M. Sazonov, that the treaty of 1832 between the United States and Russia would be abrogated in accordance with provision made by Article XII on January 1st, 1913.

It is pointed out in official circles that Russia has no cause to be disappointed with this turn of affairs, President Taft's action in view of the previously contemplated procedure, being likely to increase his popularity here. The notification, it is added, was given with full light and factually made no mention of motives underlying the abrogation of the treaty which leaves full latitude for conducting new negotiations with the controversial factor eliminated. This feature of the situation has attracted attention and seems to be fully appreciated. The Russian government finds not the slightest grounds for objection to the abrogation in such shape as it actually assumed in Ambassador Guild's note, which was dated Dec. 17. In a note dated December 18th the Russian foreign minister acknowledges receipt of the notification, and says that Russia's notice thereof.

The Novo Vremya tomorrow will say—"President Taft has judiciously chosen the best way out to put an end to the scandalous Jewish agitation which is dangerous to both countries. At the same time the incident bears witness that the Jewish bankers have become the real lords of America." After dwelling on the sacrifice by the United States of the real and growing trade interests, which the Novo Vremya says will be felt "when the tariff war schedule is applied and British and German manufacturers' goods drive out American goods," the paper continues—"Commerce will be sacrificed without gain to national honor. The menace of a great nation shall not be uttered trivially, as the house of representatives did out of caprice. Russia has not yielded before a threat, and the situation leaves the agitators shorn of their most valuable weapon. The supreme shot has been fired; no other shot is left. The fate of future negotiations will show the agitators that unless Mikuloff becomes prime minister of Russia the concessions which they demand cannot be obtained, especially with reference to Jews of Russian origin."

THE GRAIN CROPS OF UNITED STATES

	Bushels.
Corn	2,512,488,000
Spring wheat	190,682,000
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Fall wheat	621,338,000
Oats	922,238,000
Barley	160,240,000
Rye	33,119,000
Buckwheat	17,549,000

WASHINGTON, December 18.—The final estimates of the department of agriculture on the production of the principal farm crops of the United States for 1911 were as follows:

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