

CONFERENCE OF LEADERS IN CHINA'S WAR

Throne Orders New Premier to Return Immediately to Peking and Asks Rebel Leader to Suspend Hostilities Pending the Conference.

Yuan Shi Kai Has Been Named as The New Premier of China and it is Believed that His Appointment Forecasts Early Peace.

Peking, China, Nov. 2.—The government plans for bringing about peace moved forward rapidly today with the throne and the national assembly working together. The throne ordered Yuan Shi Kai, the new premier, to return immediately to Peking and simultaneously the national assembly in its official capacity telegraphed Gen. Li Yuan Heng, leader of the revolutionaries, requesting him to suspend hostilities pending the result of the endeavor to settle the differences of all parties.

Hankow Burning. The German legation today received a wireless message from the vicinity of Hankow station that the imperial forces are now burning the native city of Hankow and confirming yesterday's report that the imperial troops massacred men, women and children during several days of fighting.

General Yin Tchang, who has been removed from his command at Hankow, to become chief of the general staff, returned to Peking today. It is believed that Yuan Shi Kai arrived at the imperialistic headquarters at Sino Kan too late to stop the massacres which had already begun.

Four Inches of Snow in Texas

Dallas, Tex., Nov. 2.—With four inches of snow reported at Clarendon, Tex., and a heavy fall at Amarillo, where it has been snowing for 12 hours, Texas is in the grip of a "norther" which is rapidly spreading throughout the state. Wichita Falls and other points to the north have reported snow with a generally cloudy atmosphere. Cold rain is falling in some sections.

Heavy Snow Fall. Dallas, Tex., Nov. 2.—A heavy snow fell last night. No snow fell in Vernon last winter. At Gainesville occasional snow flurries fell today with a piercing wind from the north.

Leander Rochelle Gets Heavy Sentence

Durham, Nov. 2.—Leander S. Rochelle, father-in-law of Millionaire Brodie L. Duke, tobacco magnate, was sentenced to six months in the county jail for illicit liquor selling. The supreme court imposed the sentence, refusing to set aside the sentence imposed by Judge Sykes of the local police court, on the occasion of Rochelle's arrest some time ago. Rochelle appealed from that decision.

HEAVY DEMAND FOR TICKETS TO GAME.

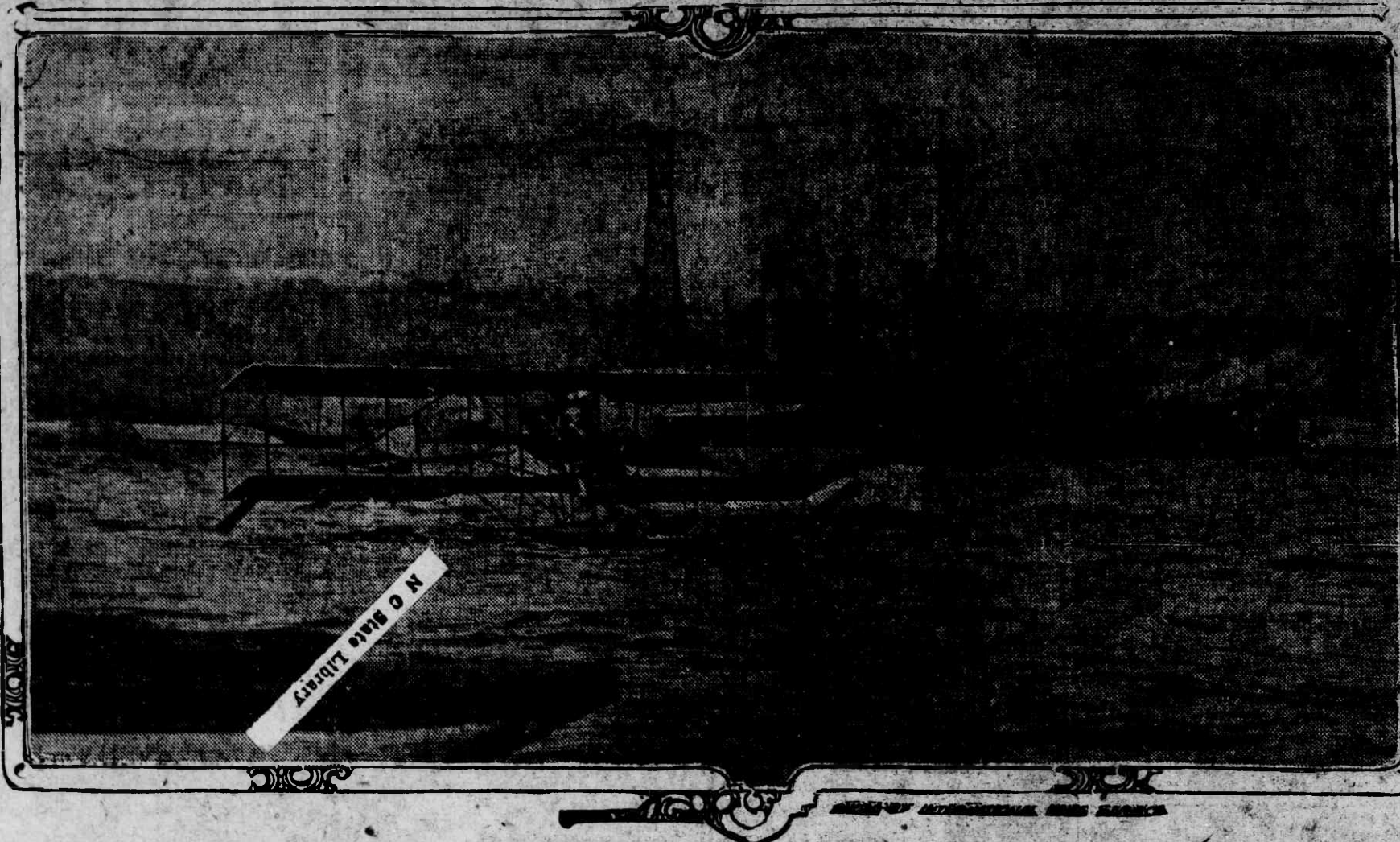
Annapolis, Md., Nov. 2.—No further applications will be received by the navy athletic association for tickets to the army-navy football game at Philadelphia on November 25. The demand for tickets is so great that about half of the naval officers belonging to the navy athletic association, the body which supports athletes at the naval academy, will receive but two tickets apiece. The remainder will receive three each. There will be none for general distribution. The nearness of the Atlantic fleet to the scene of the game is given as the reason for the great demand.

FEARS FOR SAFETY OF SCHOONER MERCHANT.

Pensacola, Fla., Nov. 2.—Fears are entertained here for the safety of the schooner Merchant, which should have reached Gulfport, Miss., from Tampa, Fla., on Oct. 21. The vessel passed St. Andrew's Bay, 50 miles east of Pensacola, Oct. 18, and inquiries show that she has not yet arrived at her destination, or put in at any other gulf port. The vessel was manned by a crew of five men and carried a cargo of naval stores.

POLICEMEN LACOSTE DIED FROM INJURIES.

New Orleans, Nov. 2.—Patrolman Joseph Lacoste, who was fatally wounded yesterday by a negro at the Alcazar ferry landing, died last night at the hospital. Corporal George A. Rousell, who was shot in the neck in a serious condition, Joseph Spence and John L. Crevey, who were beaten over the head with the butt of a revolver by the negro will recover. The negro was shot dead.



Charles Witmer, in his hydro-aeroplane skimming along the surface of the Hudson river, and over the decks of the battleship fleet now mobilized for review by the president and the Secretary of the Navy. Witmer's performance was viewed by thousands of jockies on board the war vessels and spectators along both banks of the Hudson.

RELATIVES THINK WOMAN WAS MURDERED

Wilmington, Nov. 2.—Following charges by his wife's relatives that the death of the wife a week ago was caused by poisoning and not from natural causes as certified to by the attending physician, Edgar Thompson, a prosperous young farmer of Columbus county, is under surveillance of the authorities at Whiteville, pending the verdict of a coroner's jury.

A large number of witnesses today testified to Thompson's alleged relations with a young woman living in the house with the family and to an ante-mortem statement of the deceased that she feared violence and her request that in case of her sudden death the cause be inquired into. The attending physician certified that death was due to an acute nervous disorder. The body has been exhumed and a recess was taken tonight pending an autopsy to be held tomorrow.

Gave Life to Save His Child

Pascagoula, Miss., Nov. 2.—His child adrift in a skiff, S. A. Fullerton, assistant keeper of Round Island light, in attempting to swim the several hundred yards from the light to rescue her, was drowned Tuesday afternoon in Mississippi sound. The news reached here last night. The child was too small to manage the skiff or to realize her danger. Light keeper Nelson, finding that Fullerton had not returned on time, went out to search and rescued the little girl. She told him how her father had drowned. A widow and two children survive Fullerton.

Courts May Be Asked To Decide Whether Maine Election Went Wet or Dry

Augusta, Maine, Nov. 2.—The question whether the proclamation by Governor Plafstedt making known the result of the September election on the repeal of the prohibition clause of the state constitution, may be issued before December 1, the legal time limit for such action, could not be determined from information obtainable at the state house today. The question whether the returns from four towns shall stand as reported or whether they shall be corrected in accordance with evidence that the figures are erroneous is still under consideration and none of the officials would today say whether action would be taken at the next meeting of the governor and council on November 16.

Minister Who Wanted To "Commit Matrimony" Was Arrested But Freed

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2.—The Rev. W. C. Ferrell, a Methodist minister who came here recently from Gaffney, S. C., was arrested and placed in jail here yesterday as a result of his having written to a young woman of this city a letter in which he asked to make her acquaintance with a view to "commit matrimony." When given a hearing in police court the minister admitted au-

Charged With Bartering for Office

Birmingham, Ala., Nov. 2.—A. A. Gambill, deputy county tax commissioner, appeared at the sheriff's office today and gave bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance in court as a result of indictments, charging bartering for an office, which were returned yesterday against Gambill and county tax commissioner P. G. Bowman. Bowman is out of the city but it is stated will make bond on his return.

The grand jury, in its report, stated it had evidence that Gambill and Bowman were representing and controlling some of the largest taxable property with the proposition that they do not assess their property as required by law for the current year, but that it would be to their material interests to allow their assessments to go by default and he would attend to them next spring.

Alleged Corner in Wheat Disclosed

Washington, Nov. 2.—That an alleged corner in wheat, centered in Chicago and extending to Minneapolis, Duluth, Buffalo and Baltimore, by which it is declared 60 per cent of the country's wheat supply is controlled has been under investigation by agents of the department of justice for some time, became known here today.

The names of the people whom the government believes to be behind the corner are withheld. Chicago, Nov. 2.—President George E. Marcy, of the Armour Grain Company, was shown the Washington despatch about an alleged corner in wheat.

"We are, to be sure, engaged in the grain business," he said, "but we are not ashamed or afraid of anything we have done, and are entirely willing that the facts regarding our operations should be made known."

As the matter stands the official returns canvassed by the governor and council give a majority of 26 votes for the repeal of the prohibitory amendment. If the returns alleged to be erroneous are accepted as correct, a majority of 759 against repeal would result.

The possibility that the courts may be asked to pass upon the question of returns has been suggested. Such a step would introduce a third alternative inasmuch as the courts, it is said, could declare the disputed figures void and order them stricken from the tables. Such a step would bring about a majority of 365 against repeal.

FIRST SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE SUFFERS STROKE

Lexington Junction, Mo., Nov. 2.—Norman J. Colman, of St. Louis, first secretary of agriculture of the United States, was taken from a west bound Wabash train here today after having suffered a stroke of apoplexy which it is believed may prove fatal. Mr. Colman is 84 years old.

American Federation of Labor Convention

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 2.—Interest in the American Federation of Labor convention, which will open here November 13 increases as the day of the opening session draws nearer and already delegates representing various unions are beginning to arrive.

The meetings of the executive council of the Federation, headed by Samuel Gompers, and the presence of the British fraternal delegates will be the feature of the convention. The entire membership of the executive council of the international typographical union will be here by next Monday with the arrival of President James M. Lynch, Vice President Miller and Secretary Hayes. President Lynch and his party will transact the business of the typos next week and expect to conclude it before the session of the Federation convention begins.

PLANS FOR NEW STATE BUILDING.

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 2.—Chairman Ashley Horne of the state building commission signed up the agreement today by which the commission awards the contract for the state fire-proof building to John T. Wilson Co., of Richmond for \$188,000. The building is to be completed January 1st, 1913. It will be four stories, double elevator service, and completely fire-proof. Work of excavating, will begin November 15th.

WILL INSTALL THE TAYLOR SYSTEM.

Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—The Taylor system of scientific management probably will be installed in the government arsenals. Secretary of War Stimson today expressed the view that this system will work to the welfare of the government and the workmen. He based his opinion on a report of chief of ordnance, Crozier, on the war department experiences with the system.

BODY OF MISSING HUSBAND FOUND IN RIVER.

Jacksonville, Fla., Nov. 2.—Five minutes after Mrs. A. K. Noyes asked aid of the police in finding her husband, a machinist, missing since Monday, his body was pulled from the St. Johns river early today. It is said Noyes while preparing to ship a consignment of tools became intoxicated and fell overboard, unnoticed by his companions.

THE WEATHER.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Nov. 2.—Forecast: North and South Carolina: Fair tonight and Friday; cold or tonight and on the coast Friday; frost tonight.

Mrs. McRee Soon To Know Her Fate

Opelousa, La., Nov. 2.—Barring the unexpected, Mrs. Zee Runge McRee, on trial here charged with murdering Allan Garland in her home Sept. 21 last, will know her fate before nightfall, possibly earlier.

When court convened this morning will begin his argument, the closing speech for the prosecution, which it is expected, will consume about an hour although his time is not limited. When he finishes Judge Pavy will probably consume thirty minutes in charging the jury.

All argument would have been finished last night but for the illness of juror Smith which caused a sudden halt to the proceedings. The juror's illness developed just as the last attorney for the defense finished his closing argument. Although unfortunate for the juror, the attorneys for the prosecution held it as a good circumstance for the prosecution as it gave Mr. Dubuison the last say to the jurors after a refreshing night's sleep.

Mrs. McRee appeared not in the least depressed as the time draws near for the verdict of the 12 men who have her fate in their hands. She smiled and laughed frequently at the tilts of the attorneys in their quibbling over the points at issue. Her demeanor indicates that she is confident of acquittal.

Ringling in the ears of the jurors as they retired were the closing words of the strong appeal of Acting District Attorney Dubuison for the imposition of the death sentence.

"Gentlemen of the jury, the state of Louisiana expects you to do your duty today."

Mr. Dubuison spoke for an hour and a half. Judge Pavy then reviewed the law in the case and told the jurors that they had only the statute law to apply to the facts in reaching their verdict. The defense can appeal to no law outside of the written law, he said.

Mr. Dubuison reviewed the evidence in the case at length and declared that the story told by Mrs. McRee was false in every detail.

"Gentlemen of the jury, I yield to no one in my admiration and respect for women," said Mr. Dubuison, "there is nothing on this earth as worthy of respect as a good woman."

"But, gentlemen, the majority of the most damnable, the most atrocious crimes in the history of the world have been committed by bad women."

Mr. Dubuison reviewed the contradictions between the evidence of Mrs. McRee and that of Bullard, Anderson, Sylvester and Moutret, the three witnesses who testified variously that they had seen Mrs. McRee walking with Allan Garland under an umbrella in the cornfield and walking hand in hand while hunting.

"This woman has a motive. She has the strongest motive in the world to tell an untruth because her fate is trembling in the balance and before her are the walls the penalty or follows in the event."

REDUCTION IN SUGAR.

New York, Nov. 2.—All grades of refined sugar were reduced ten cents a hundred pounds today.

Taft Reviews Great American Armada In Hudson River

Prominent English Actor Died Today

Salt Lake City, Utah, Nov. 2.—Kyrle Bellew, one of the foremost actors of the English speaking stage, author and explorer, died here shortly after 5 o'clock this morning of pneumonia.

Mr. Bellew became ill last Friday but although a portion of his Salt Lake engagements were cancelled his condition was not considered serious until yesterday morning. The body will be taken to New York today accompanied by members of the "Mollise" Company in which Mr. Bellew was playing.

In addition to his successes as a romantic actor, Mr. Bellew was a dramatist and adaptor. The parts he played covered a wide field, but perhaps his greatest success was his performance of Barflies in the drama of that name. He also created the leading roles in "The Thief," "Brigadier Gerard," "A Gentleman of France," and other plays.

His private life was as varied and adventurous as the roles he played. He was born in Calcutta, India, in 1857, of English parents, his father being chaplain of the Calcutta cathedral. For seven years he was a cadet in the British navy but discovered gold in Australia and left him from the service and he spent a number of years in Australia working as a miner at Ballarat and as a reporter on Melbourne newspapers.

He made his stage debut at the theatre Royal in Brighton, England, in the early 80's. He came to America as leading man at Wallick's theatre, New York. Later he became co-star with Mrs. James Brown Potter in Shakespearean repertoire, completing with her a tour that embraced all the English speaking countries of the world.

In 1900 he again felt the call of adventure and headed an expedition into North Queensland which extended over two years. He returned to the stage in 1902 at the head of his own company.

His work as an explorer gained him a fellowship in the Royal Geographical Society and he was a member of many clubs. Mr. Bellew was unmarried. He is survived by a sister, known as Sister Mary Monica, now living in the convent of the Poor Clares, Nottingham, London.

Million Dollar Fire Loss At Manila

Manila, Nov. 2.—The Chinese district here was swept by fire today with a loss of over \$1,000,000. The commercial center of the city was threatened but the twentieth infantry was called out to assist the fire fighters and further disaster was prevented.

NEW FEMALE VOTERS TAKE DUTY SERIOUSLY.

San Francisco, Nov. 2.—California's newly enfranchised feminine voters are taking their duties of citizenship very seriously. They are not overlooking even the proposed reorganization of the country's financial system under the Aldrich plan.

When the sub-committee of the national monetary commission today began its sittings in this city two of the state suffrage leaders, Mrs. Mary Damaga, president and Miss Helen Moore, organizer of the state equal suffrage league, attended a portion of the session.

"We came to learn about this financial question," said Mrs. Damaga. "It is one with which every voter should become acquainted."

Cold Wave Has Country in its Grasp

Washington, Nov. 2.—The cold wave has tightened its grasp on the country from the Rocky Mountains eastward to New England and southward as far as Northern Texas and across the Gulf states to northern Florida. Temperatures below freezing were reported from most of this territory today and weather bureau officials said there appeared to be no warmer weather in sight for a couple of days at least.

The first zero weather of the autumn was reported from Huron, S. D., today.

Northern Texas, snow pelted, is experiencing the coldest weather on record for the season. At Amarillo it was sixteen and at Abilene 32. Extending eastward the temperatures were:

Oklahoma City 24, Fort Smith 26, Little Rock 30, Memphis 30, Nashville 28, Asheville 28.

First Real Review Taft Has Had Since He Became President And Commander-in-Chief—Fleet Has Hitherto Been Widely Scattered.

Guns of The Fleet Roared as Little Mayflower Picked Her Way Among the Giant Craft—Ships Stretched Out in Seven Mile Column.

New York, Nov. 2.—President Taft today had his first real review of the American navy. It had so happened since he entered the White House that the fleet which was so greatly admired by his predecessor, Col. Roosevelt, had been on widely scattered duty for the greater part of the time. And while the president had reviewed two divisions of the Atlantic fleet in Provincetown harbor in the summer of 1910 and a little more than two weeks ago in San Francisco had stood upon the quarter-deck of the flagship California of the Pacific fleet, he had never, until today, come into his own as commander-in-chief of the fighting forces of the country.

From the bridge of the presidential yacht Mayflower Mr. Taft reviewed the great armada that for nearly a week had swung at anchor in the Hudson river awaiting his inspection.

As the little white Mayflower picked her way in and out among the giant craft of the battleship line, the guns of the fleet roared in a reverberating chorus of salutes. Accepting these tributes as a matter of course and disclaiming to reply to any of them, the yacht with the president's blue crested flag at the main truck, sailed gracefully along the seven mile column of fighting ships, turned at the end and headed again down the river. Late this afternoon the entire fleet, 99 vessels in all, will get under way and pass in review of the president while the Mayflower lies at anchor off the Statue of Liberty.

President Taft planned to spend the entire day upon the water and not more during his visit to the fleet was he to touch Manhattan Island. His train arrived in Jersey City from Washington soon after 7 o'clock and a few minutes later he was transferred to the Mayflower. As he went aboard his flag was broken from the masthead and the usual honors were paid to him. As a rule Mr. Taft requests that all ceremonies on the Mayflower be suspended. Today's events being purely official, however, the ceremonial was followed to the letter. The party aboard the presidential yacht also was strictly official. Secretary of the Navy Meyer, the president's aide and Secretary Hilles went aboard with Mr. Taft. A large party of invited guests including senators, representatives and foreign military and naval attaches from Washington were aboard the dispatch boat Dolphin which followed in the wake of the Mayflower wherever she went.

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