

# Proclamation Of Martial Law Stirs Interest

### With this Situation in Teheran, the Dismissal of Shuster by Persian Cabinet And Reports of Bloody Battle London Becomes Apprehensive.

### Bloody Massacre at Resht By Russian Soldiers Victims Numbered Half a Thousand - Women And Children Not Spared.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 26.—The proclamation of martial law at Teheran following the dismissal of W. Morgan Shuster by the Persian cabinet and the fragmentary reports received as to a bloody massacre by Russian soldiers at Resht are causing serious apprehension here. According to latest advices the main trouble occurred last Sunday when victims at Resht are said to have numbered 500, including some women and children. Direct dispatches from Teheran make no reference to these serious casualties and a report from the Russian consul at that point states order is now restored, although he is preparing for further outbreaks.

The strategic point of Tabriz, 350 miles to the northwest of Teheran, is another center of constant and serious relations between Russian and Persian elements. The small force of Russians that has been stationed there for some time has recently been reinforced. The Russian troops have come into contact on several occasions with the population and one dispatch received here says the Russian artillery swept the streets, while another, through Russian sources, says that a condition of anarchy prevails, even the banks being without adequate military guards to protect their funds. The latter is evidently a suggestion on the part of the Russians that a strong military force is essential to safeguard vested property interests in Persia and is giving an explanation for the decisive effort of force by Cossacks at various points.

Shanghai, Dec. 26.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai's decision to submit the proposal for the meeting of a special national assembly to decide upon the future form of government in China to the consideration of the Manchus is becoming known here caused considerable satisfaction.

According to the revolutionary leaders now in Shanghai Premier Yuan Shi Kai's consent is tantamount to the admission that he himself favors a republic.

It is understood that Tang Shao Yi, who is representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai here had already informed the revolutionary leaders at the recent conference that Yuan Shi Kai personally was in favor of a republic. Tang Shao Yi now admits that Yuan Shi Kai is in full agreement with the revolutionary plan and is only seeking to secure assurances regarding the future treatment of the imperial class and the Manchu people, and also to avoid an outbreak in Peking when the final announcement is made.

When Tang Shao Yi had fully reported the true situation in the south to the telegraphed to Premier Yuan Shi Kai suggesting that an edict should be issued, leaving the decision as to the form of government to the people of China through a national convention.

The leaders of both parties here

say that the convention will be a purely formal affair. There can in their opinion be no question regarding the result of such a convention, which they assert can be called together within thirty days.

The present situation, it is said by the revolutionary leaders, was fully anticipated. Every detail of the plan is already complete for the organization of a provisional government and the eventual establishment of a stable administration.

## ADVANCE IN PRICE OF CRUDE OIL

By Associated Press. Pittsburgh, Dec. 26.—Announcement was made today by the Joseph Seep Purchasing Agency, now the buying power of the old Standard Oil organizations, of an advance in Pennsylvania crude of five cents a barrel, bringing the price paid independent producers to \$1.35 per barrel. Other grades were raised in proportion as follows:

Somerset 79 cents, an advance of 5 cents; Ragland 48 cents, an advance of 3 cents.

No change was made in the price paid for Mercer black, Cabell, Newcastle and Corning.

The last preceding change in the price of Pennsylvania, the basis of the crude oil market, was made June 11, 1910, when the price was reduced to \$1.30. Officials of the Standard Companies stated that there was no particular shortage in the grades of oil affected and expressed the belief that the advance had come as an indication that times were much better and the companies which once had made up their real organization could afford it. It was predicted that it will stimulate development.

## WATERSON TALKS.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 26.—"If Roosevelt is put in the white house in 1912 we will never get him out again except feet first." This was the statement of Col. Henry Waterson, editor of the Louisville-Courier Journal, in commenting on the Republican situation throughout the country.

Mr. Waterson expressed the belief that the long looked for change of parties was at hand, but he has not declared his choice for the democratic nomination.

Col. Waterson declared that in his opinion the republicans could not elect either Roosevelt or Taft, and said the election of the former president, abrogating the third term tradition, would be a step toward absolutism.

## GOING AFTER BLIND TIGERS

Special to The News. Atlanta, Dec. 26.—Well, the Atlanta blind tigers have got their Christmas present, too, in the shape of an announcement from the city council that hereafter the recorder will have the right of sending them to the stockade for 12 months instead of for only thirty days as in the past. So now, when a blind tiger gets down and out he is sure of finding a permanent home.

## YEGGS TRY TO BLOW SAFE IN NEAR BEER JOINT.

By Associated Press. Savannah, Ga., Dec. 26.—The near beer saloon and grocery store of William Sawyer at Thunderbolt, a resort a few miles from Savannah, was entered before day this morning by yeggs who tried to blow the safe open. Failing in this the visitors took the safe which was a small one and loaded it into a wheel barrow, carried it some distance down the road where they evidently had a vehicle waiting to carry it further. Officers are now on their trail. The safe contained all of Sawyer's Christmas receipts amounting to about \$900.

## WOMAN HOLDS HIGH OFFICE IN MICHIGAN.

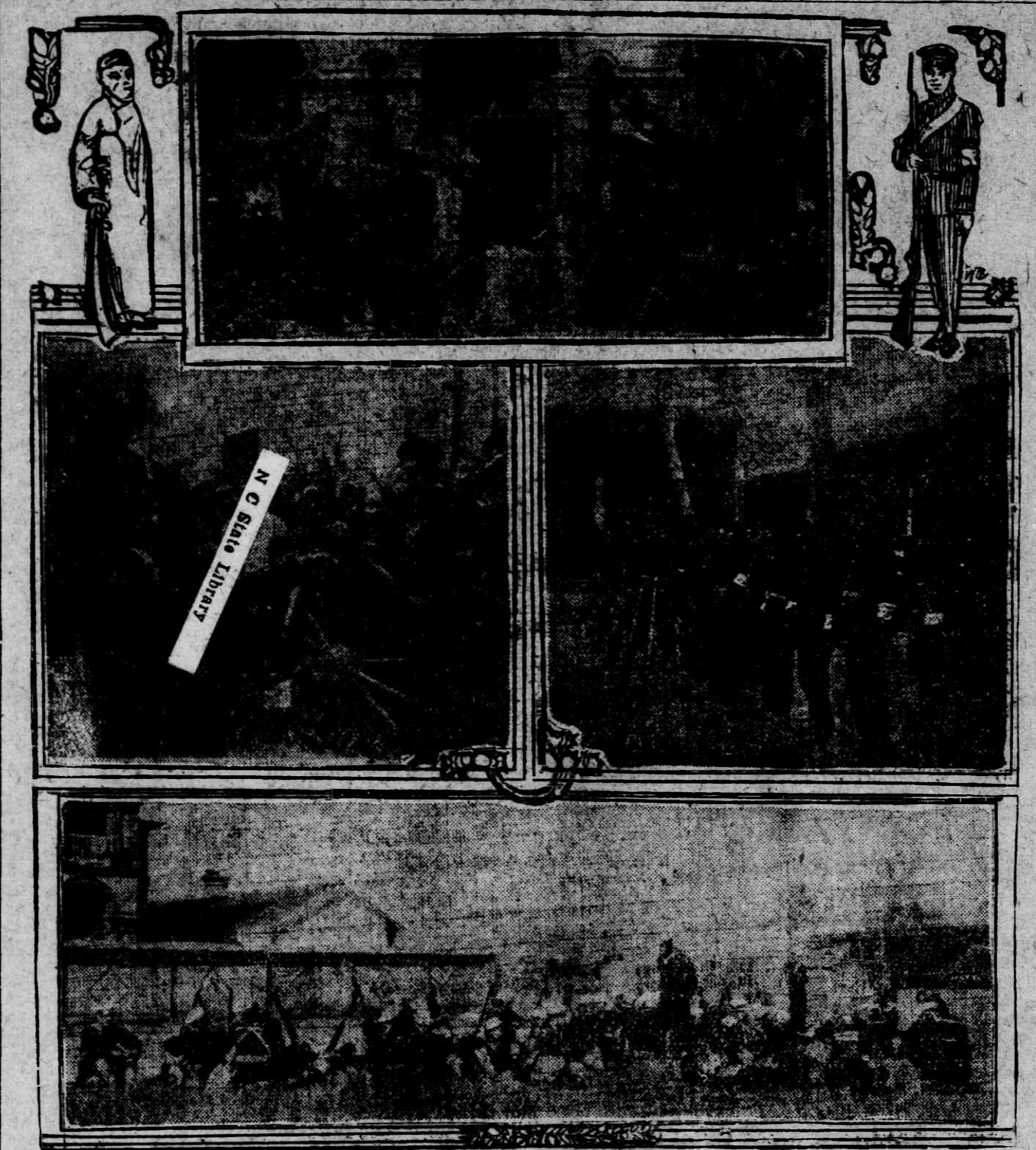
By Associated Press. Lansing, Mich., Dec. 26.—For the first time in the history of the state of Michigan, unless Governor Osborn changes his mind, a woman will act as private secretary to the chief executive officer. Miss Mary F. Hadrich, of Marquette, for 17 years private secretary to Chase B. Osborn and now in Governor Osborn's office as his executive clerk, it is understood, soon to be appointed his secretary. Miss Hadrich is not a suffragette.

## DEATH OF MAJ.-GEN. HODGES.

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Major-General Charles L. Hodges, U. S. A., retired, died at his home here early today after an illness of several months. General Hodges was born in Rhode Island and on March 13th, 1847, and entered the volunteer service at the outbreak of the Civil war when he was only 14 years old. In 1869 he entered the permanent establishment and served continuously up to March 13th, last, when he was retired. He is survived by a wife and one son, Carol R. Hodges, first lieutenant 29th Infantry, now stationed at Fort Jay, Governors Island, N. Y.

## Mutiny Reported.

By Associated Press. London, Dec. 26.—A news agency dispatch from St. Petersburg reports that a mutiny has broken out at the naval ordnance yards. Measures for quelling the disorder have been taken by the authorities and several mutineers have been wounded by troops.



CHINESE REVOLUTION. Scenes in China where the revolutionary party is trying to overthrow the Manchu dynasty. The upper picture shows the United States consulate at Nanking, with American army officers in the front. In the center on the left is a photo showing a group of revolutionists around a gun captured from the Manchus. On the right—drilling an awkward squad of rebels at Shanghai. Below is a squad of American Jackies landed at Peking to protect the American consulate.

## GOVERNMENT BEGINS ITS CASE AGAINST PACKERS

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 26.—When the trial of the ten Chicago meat packers indicted for alleged criminal violation of the Sherman anti-trust law was resumed after the Christmas holiday today before United States District Judge George A. Carpenter, the government began the presentation of its case to the jury by calling its first witness to the stand.

The government has subpoenaed 300 witnesses and is carefully guarding the list of names. District Attorney Wilkerson will begin by having witnesses tell the story of the old packers pool, which is said to have operated prior to the organization of the National Packing Company in 1903.

The defense may decide to admit that such a pool existed and if this course is followed the hearing may be materially shortened.

The government will then trace the history of the alleged packers combine step by step to the time covered in the indictment in an effort to prove that the Chicago packers fixed the prices of meat and suppressed competition.

It may take three months or more for the prosecution to conclude its case.

When the trial was resumed Attorney John S. Miller, in behalf of the packers, created a surprise by reviving the immunity plea successfully used by the packers several years ago, when they were prosecuted by the government.

Counsel contended that the immunity plea applied to all of the 10 defendants who testified before the Garfield investigating commission.

Counsel for the government contested the motion on the ground that the court had already passed on this question in ruling against the plea in abatement.

Judge Carpenter reserved decision on the motion and directed the government to proceed with its case.

## ARMED WHITE MEN SEARCHING FOR NEGRO

By Associated Press. Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—Armed white men this morning are scouring the country side about Hendersonville, 16 miles from here for a young negro laborer on the Gallatin-Nashville interurban line, alleged to have criminally assaulted a girl of his own race. The negro was arrested and carried to Hendersonville in chains but last night while being guarded by white men escaped while the guards dozed. From reports the white population is aroused over threats accredited to the negro.

## Where Is Violet Buehler Hiding?

By Associated Press. Chicago, Dec. 26.—With the discovery by the police that Violet Buehler, missing since November 25, had not only one but several romances, the line of search was expected to change today.

Inspector Hunt claimed to have reliable information that Violet was given a diamond ring by a police lieutenant.

It was reported last night that the girl was in Chicago and that she would be at home today. The story apparently was not reliable, however, and the police today planned to continue their search for her.

## LaFollette Trying To Convert Ohio

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., Dec. 26.—Senator LaFollette's campaign for the political conversion of Ohio will begin tonight when progressive republicans will have meetings in several towns throughout the state.

Among the men who will espouse the LaFollette cause are Gifford Pinchot, Senator Poindexter and Senator Clapp.

Senator LaFollette will invade President Taft's home state tomorrow.

## FIGURING ON NEW GOVERNMENT FOR CHINA

By Associated Press. Peking, Dec. 26.—Premier Yuan Shi Kai has submitted to the more prominent Manchus here the proposal emanating from Shanghai for the meeting of a special national assembly to decide on the future form of government which shall be adopted for China. This step by the premier practically means that he asks the court to decide its own fate because the members of such a national assembly would decide in favor of a republic.

Manchus would agree to adopt the suggestion their decision to do so will be promulgated as an edict, which in all probability will be made public in the course of the day.

## Republic Demanded For China

Shanghai, China, Dec. 26.—As no reply has yet been received by Tang Shao Yi to his dispatch to Premier Yuan Shi Kai pointing out that the acceptance of the idea of a republic is the only means of securing a peaceful solution of China's troubles, the revolutionaries are demanding vigorously the immediate election of a president of the republic and asking that the government of China be proceeded with without any further notice being taken to Peking.

The conference yesterday between Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the proposed president, and Wu Ting Fang, the chief of the revolutionary delegates at the peace conference, resulted in complete agreement between the two leaders and the revolutionaries now are showing a more united front than ever.

Nanking is regarded by them as the most suitable place for the new republic's capital.

Among the revolutionary troops concentrated near Pa Kow to the number of nearly 15,000 there is great agitation about the breach of the armistice by the imperial troops. The revolutionaries profess themselves ready to advance against the imperial army reported to be marching from the north under the command of Chang Huan.

Amoy, China, Dec. 26.—The commander of the expedition which was sent to the northern coast districts on December 12 to restore order there, reports that in the towns of Chuan Chow and Eng Choon quiet has been re-established.

# Gen. Reyes Makes One Last Request As Regards Trial

## Big Telephone Co. Merger Planned

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 26.—An operating amalgamation of the Bell Telephone interests in nine Southern states will be voted upon next month by the directors of the companies involved, it was learned here today. The proposed change is in line with other recent changes for greater economy made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, it was announced and embraces the creation of a new operating district.

Should the plan be approved, the Southern Bell and Cumberland Telephone Companies will be operated as a unit with W. T. Gentry, of Atlanta, no wresident of the Southern Bell Company, as president of both companies. James E. Caldwell, president of the Cumberland Company, it is reported, will become chairman of the board of directors of the Cumberland. The disposition of minor officials of the companies involved will be determined later, it was said but there probably will be no drastic changes.

## NEGRO MURDERER GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

By Associated Press. Muskogee, Okla., Dec. 26.—When the trial of D. C. Allen, a negro charged with murder in connection with the death of Herbert and Castella Sell, two negro children, at Taft, Okla., March 23 last, was resumed here today, Allen entered a plea of guilty and was sentenced to life imprisonment. William Irwin, a white man, last Thursday was convicted of conspiracy in the same case on the charge that he promised to pay Allen \$2,000 for placing and exploding dynamite under the house in which the children met death.

F. L. Martin and John Coombs, the latter a wealthy oil operator of Bartlesville, Okla., are also charged with conspiracy in the case, the alleged motive having been a desire to secure possession of oil land owned by the Sell children and valued at about \$150,000.

Martin's trial is expected to begin Thursday after which Coombs will be arraigned.

## None Seriously Hunt in Wreck

By Associated Press. Pottsville, Pa., Dec. 26.—None of the persons who were on the trolley car which left the rails on a bridge spanning the Schuylkill river a mile below Pottsville last night and plunged into the bed of the stream, is seriously injured. There were about thirty passengers aboard and although all were hurled into a heap into the end of the car, which was left in a vertical position, the worst injuries sustained were fractured arms by two or three of the passengers. The car fell about 15 feet, the rear truck resting at the top of the bank.

## MISS GREENE BECOMES CHIPPEWA SQUAW.

By Associated Press. Duluth, Minn., Dec. 26.—Miss Katherine Green, of Henderson, Ky., has become a Chippewa squaw—that is, officially. The Kentucky girl was adopted into the tribe several days ago in Washington, it became known here today. Her sponsor was Leonard Merritt, of Duluth, who recently was a witness in the congressional steel inquiry.

Merritt is a Chippewa by adoption and as the chiefs of the Nikanis band are all dead, Merritt was thus empowered to confer the honor of adoption upon Miss Green.

## RECEIVERS OF WABASH MAKE ANNOUNCEMENT.

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Dec. 26.—The first official announcement of the receivers of the Wabash Railroad is being distributed today all over the system. Until further orders, the circular says, all officers and employees will be continued in the same positions as heretofore. Prompt attention is promised to the payment of all outstanding indebtedness for labor and supplies.

## British Steamer Foundered in The Bay of Biscay--Captain And Crew of Fifteen Lost

Glasgow, Dec. 26.—The British steamer Guillemot from London for Genoa foundered in the bay of Biscay on December 21. The captain and 15 of her crew were lost. Seven survivors were picked up by the British steamer Lincairn and landed here today.

Immediately after rescuing the survivors of the Guillemot the Lincairn sighted a Spanish steamer whose name she could not discover, in distress. Before the Lincairn was able to proceed to her assistance the Spanish steamer foundered with all hands.

## TIME AGAIN EXTENDED.

By Associated Press. Trenton, N. J., Dec. 26.—Federal Attorney Vreeland today announced a further extension of time had been granted for the filing of answers in the government suit aiming at dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation.

Sends to General Trevino a Petition Asking That His Trial be Held in Some Place Other Than Monterey.

Embarrassment Rather Than Fear Prompted the Request—His Son Telegraphs Denial of Last Night's Story to Newspaper.

By Associated Press. Monterey, Mexico, Dec. 26.—Gen. Reyes sent to Gen. Trevino today a request for trial in some place other than Monterey, the city from which he ruled Nuevo Leon as governor for so many years. It is the only favor the fallen rebel has asked and it is believed here that it is not improbable the central government, to which his petition has been forwarded, will grant it.

Embarrassment rather than fear is believed to be Gen. Reyes' motive in making the request. On receipt of orders from the war department Gen. Trevino will convey Gen. Reyes from Linares on a special train guarded by troops under Colonels Garcia, Luigo and Francisco Naranjo.

It was learned today that Gen. Reyes employed a guide to lead him through the unknown country between the scene of skirmishing and Linares, and that he dismissed him on the night before Christmas, just before entering town where he surrendered.

## Son of Gen. Reyes Enters Denial

By Associated Press. St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Rudolfo Reyes received a telegram today which he construed as a denial of the press dispatches that his father, General Reyes, surrendered at Linares, Mexico. The telegram was sent from San Antonio, Texas, by Alejandro Reyes, a younger brother. It reads:

"Please deny in the St. Louis newspapers the notice of our father's surrender. We will make the same denial in San Antonio."

The message further stated the denial was authorized by Senora Aurelia Ochoa de Reyes, wife of the general, who is in San Antonio.

Rudolfo Reyes said he would depart tonight for Chicago unless he received confirmation of the surrender of his father, in which event he would go to San Antonio.

Cell in Sight. Mexico City, Dec. 26.—The end of the week probably will see General Bernardo Reyes, who surrendered last night to the Mexican authorities, occupying a cell in the federal penitentiary.

An order that he be brought to the national capital was transmitted today by the minister of the interior to General Trevino at Monterey. The commander of the third military zone probably will assign an escort of rurales to General Reyes.

Champ Clark Preaching Sound Doctrine. By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 26.—Champ Clark, speaker of the house of representatives, arrived here today on his way to Oklahoma on a speech-making tour. "Just good old democratic doctrine," Speaker Clark said would be his subject.

He will speak Thursday night in Oklahoma City, Friday afternoon in McAlester, Friday night in Muskogee and Saturday in Tulsa, Sapulpa and Vinita.

A speech for Guthrie has not been arranged definitely.

Sandlin Doomed. Special to The News.—It is practically certain that J. M. Sandlin, of Wilmington, the wife murderer, whose death sentence was reprieved to December 29th, will be electrocuted Friday. It is said the man is sane.

—Mr. G. M. Norwood, of the Dixon-Witherspoon Co., is spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Richmond.



DR. SUN YAT SEN

Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the Chinese revolutionary leader, is said to have set a price of \$100,000. A report from Shanghai says that Dr. Sen has been elected president of the Chinese republic at the Nanking convention, held recently.