

## Enlightened Despotism Alone Can Save Chinese Empire

This is the Opinion of Prof. Batteman, of The Imperial University of China--People Too Ignorant to Govern Themselves.

It is Proposed to Decide Upon Future Form of Government by Means of a Convention of Delegates From all Over the Empire.

Palo Alto, Cal., Dec. 27.--"A republic would be an absolute failure. It would be a calamity to the Chinese nation if a republic is established."

Thus declared Prof. W. G. Baateman, of the Imperial University of China at Tien Tsin, who arrived yesterday at his home here, having been driven out of China by the revolution.

"The people of China are more ignorant than we in America realize," he continued.

Their condition is awful and they are in no position to govern themselves. The nation can be saved only by enlightened despotism."

To Decide on Future Government.

Tokio, Dec. 27.--Yuan Shi Kai's proposal to decide the form of government which shall prevail under the new regime in China by means of a convention of delegates from all over the empire is regarded here as a sound move, but opinion is divided as to whether it can be successfully carried out. Many prominent Japanese believe that the proposal will be accepted by the revolutionary leaders in order to make it easier for Yuan Shi Kai to impress upon the court that the abdication is unavoidable.

On the other hand many of the well-informed here think that the great body of the revolutionists is too impatient for action to await the tedious outcome of a national convention. The revolutionists are fully aware of the present helplessness of the Peking government. With this in mind they are determined to insist on the refusal of Yuan Shi Kai's proposal and the immediate resumption of military activity.

The soldiers confidently expect that they will yield as gracefully as possible whenever such a demonstration is made.

Would Agree to Abdication.

Peking, Dec. 27.--Representative members of the imperial court, according to an authoritative source, have yielded to Premier Yuan Shi Kai's willingness to agree to an abdication. The court, the same authority states, realizes that there is no hope for it in the detention of three or four detached sections of the country and semi-loyal provinces, and hopes to obtain better terms by agreeing to the proposed abdication on the question of the form of government.

Premier Yuan Shi Kai fully realizes that the republican spokesmen gathered at the peace conference at Shanghai are not likely to accept his proposition for a carefully elected assembly representing the entire empire. He is of the opinion that the republicans will agree that time will favor his (Yuan Shi Kai) plan.

The premier is certain that he could win several battles with the modern army at his disposal, which is better equipped and greatly superior to the rebel forces but as he is unable to obtain any loans he would be unable to conquer the lost provinces.

Yuan Shi Kai in all probability will retain his office after making the best terms possible for the throne.

Yuan Shi Kai regrets what he considers to be Tang Shao Yi's desertion. He suggests that Tang Shao Yi might be president of the republic, which is an office he himself would not accept. He also regrets that foreign nations have withheld their financial support, with the help of which he thinks he could have reconquered the country.

## Society for Advancement Of Science

By Associated Press.  
Washington, Dec. 27.--Scientific progress in the United States along every important line of endeavor will be reviewed in Washington this week in the annual meetings of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, opening today. Over thirty national societies covering all fields of economy and scientific work are in session and the programs include among the speakers many of the leading scientists of the country. Cities, labor legislation, chemical progress, home economics and other widely differing fields will be covered in the series of conventions. The National Museum, Carnegie Institute and other centers of scientific activity in the capital have been given over to the gatherings.

President Taft is expected to address a general meeting at the National Museum tonight and other government officials will preside over many of the meetings or deliver addresses upon special subjects.

## Richeson Trial To Open Soon

By Associated Press.

Boston, Dec. 27.--The Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, it appears, will go on trial January 15 for the murder of his former sweetheart, Alvis Linnell. Summonses were asked today for 300 citizens of Suffolk county to serve on the special jury panel.

For a day or two after Richeson had mutilated himself last week there were rumors that counsel for the defense would ask for a postponement of the date of the trial and the summonses were withheld until just before expiration of the legal time for service. No move having been made, District Attorney Pelletier ordered the venire today.

## Planning Railroad To Rutherfordton

Special to The News.

Raleigh, Dec. 27.--When directors of the North Carolina Transcontinental Construction Company meet in New York tomorrow it is believed they will make plans for completing a railroad from Knoxville, Tenn., to Rutherfordton, and other points in this state.

Mr. E. C. Duncan, director, left today.

## STRUCK BY TRAIN; FATALLY INJURED.

Special to The News.

Raleigh, N. C. Dec. 27.--John Johnson, of Ridgeway, was probably fatally injured as a result of being struck last night by a Seaboard train near Manron.

His collar bone, blade, five ribs and jawbone were fractured, and he is in a semi-delirious condition.

He is married.

Walter Tedline, colored, riding bareback, struck a city wagon loaded with three thousand pounds of rock, and both rider and horse were precipitated to the ground. The negroes injuries may prove fatal.

Rate Case Up.

By Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 27.--The Augusta, Ga., chamber of commerce today presented a petition to the interstate commerce commission claiming railways and steamship lines operating along the South Atlantic coast make rate discriminations against Augusta in favor of Atlanta. The petition cites shoe rates from New York to Atlanta, which are said to be less than to Augusta, although the distance is greater.

## MANY PROTEST OVER DISMISSAL OF SHUSTER

By Associated Press.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 27.--W. Morgan Shuster is still here awaiting the nomination of a successor to whom he can surrender the functions of treasurer general.

The populace, which holds Mr. Shuster in high esteem, is much incensed against the cabinet because of its action in dismissing him. Many written protests have been sent to the authorities.

Dispatches from Shiraz received here give further details of the attack on the Indian cavalry at Kazerum. The Indian troops were escorting W. A. Smart, British consul at Shiraz from the port of Bushlere to his post. When they reached the vicinity of Kazerum, 55 miles west of Shiraz, they were fiercely attacked on all sides by the Persians. A desperate fight ensued in which the troops used their lances and carbines. The Persians were carried several dead and wounded with them. The Indian cavalry also suffered a number of casualties, including two killed. During the fighting Mr. Smart disappeared and it is not known what has become of him.

Chief Mourner at Funeral  
Of Part of Himself

By Associated Press.

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 27.--To be chief mourner at the funeral of parts of himself is to be the unique experience of John Moes, of this city, who was run over by a street car and injured so severely that the amputation of his right leg below the knee was found necessary. As soon as Moes recovered consciousness he asked for the missing limb and to his surprise was told that it would be disposed of.

Moes objected to any form of disposal by others and the physician in charge returned the leg.

By Moes' direction the limb will be placed in a casket today, taken to a vault at a local cemetery and when he has recovered it will be interred with full burial rites.



MISS KATHERINE ELKINS

Miss Katherine Elkins, daughter of the late United States Senator Elkins, who was the recipient of a flood of love letters from Samuel B. McHenry, a Chicago attorney, Miss Elkins complained to authorities in Washington where she is residing with her mother, and McHenry on Miss Elkins' complaint was sent to the government hospital for the insane. It developed that for the last two years McHenry has made Miss Elkins the recipient of a flood of love-letters missives, most frequently directed to "My Darling Angel," and most affectionate in their tone.

## ANOTHER VESSEL LOST IN THE BAY OF BISCAY

By Associated Press.

Gibraltar, Dec. 27.--Still another vessel, the German steamer Chios, foundered with nearly all hands during the recent storm in the bay of Biscay. The Chios, belonging to the German Levante Line, was proceeding from Hamburg to Alexandria on Thursday last when she was caught in the hurricane and sank with all but two of her crew, the chief officer and one sailor, who were picked up by a passing vessel.

The Chios was built at Hamburg in 1891 and registered 2,059 tons net.

## Explosion Wrecked Building

By Associated Press.

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 27.--Policeman William Ahern and John Flynn were searching a house in Fay street today for Paul Lutz, suspected of having committed a murderous assault upon a woman, when an explosion wrecked the building and hurled the officers into the street.

The body of Lutz was found in the debris. Ahern was badly burned and bruised but Flynn escaped with a few bruises.

Half an hour before the police had been notified that a murder had been committed at 92 Fay street. The officers found that Mrs. Ida Schultz, 55 years of age, had been beaten over the head with a blunt instrument and was dying.

A search was at once begun for Paul Lutz, who had occupied rooms in the rear of Mrs. Schultz's house. The officers were preparing to break in his door when the explosion occurred.

Lutz had been acting strangely and the woman had ordered him to vacate his rooms.

K. A.'S MEET IN NEW ORLEANS.

By Associated Press.

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.--The 26th biennial convention of the Kappa Alpha fraternity opened its sessions today with an address of welcome by Dr. E. B. Craighead, of Tulane University. About 300 delegates were present at the opening meeting. Judge Ed. C. Smith, of Raleigh, N. C., knight commander, is presiding.

## LUCAS FAMILY GET LARGE PART OF HUNT ESTATE

By Associated Press.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 27.--Charity gets the bulk of the \$1,500,000 estate of the late John W. Hunt, millionaire owner of hotels in various parts of the United States. Hunt's will was filed for probate here today.

John E. Harris, of Jacksonville, Fla., and Robert L. Lucas, of Dallas, Texas, are named executors and instructed by the will to establish various charitable institutions, the names of which are withheld.

The beneficiaries named in the papers probated follow:

Bunyan Lucas, 100 acres of land near Shawnee, Okla., and \$1,000 in cash; John Bunyan Lucas, \$10,000; Robert Lee Lucas, \$20,000; Charles P. Lucas, Atlanta, \$5,000; Henry G. Lucas, Fort Worth, \$10,000; John P. Lucas, Charlotte, N. C., \$10,000; Ambrose Lucas, Highlands, N. J., \$10,000; Theodore Lucas, Charlotte, N. C., \$10,000; Lois Lucas, Charlotte, N. C., \$20,000; Rosamond Lucas, Charlotte, \$20,000; Mrs. Monticello Lucas, \$5,000; Ruth Peak, Ontario, Ont., \$200.

THE WEATHER.

North Carolina:

Fair, much colder tonight; Thursday, fair, colder in east portion. Brisk to high west to northwest winds.

## CONVEYER OF DYNAMITE WILL TELL ALL

By Associated Press.

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.--"I am going to clear myself. I will not take all the blame for this and the rest of them will have to take their medicine along with me," is the utterance credited today to George Bridges, a stranger arrested at Monessen, Pa., while carrying a suit case containing 72 sticks of dynamite and a roll of fuse.

Bridges weakened under the police sweating to which he had been subjected and according to the authorities declared he would make a clean breast of it when taken before a magistrate for a preliminary hearing late this afternoon.

Little is known of the man. He appeared at Monessen several weeks ago. Eight thousand non-union men are employed in the mills of this town.

Rochester, Pa., Dec. 27.--Twenty-four sticks of dynamite, 12 caps wrapped in cotton and 10 yards of fuse securely packed in a case evidently made for the purpose and resembling an ordinary travelling bag were found in the yards of McDonald & Hartman, dealers in contractors' supplies here today by Albert Wilhelm, a clerk in the firm's employ. The find was turned over to the police who discovered that the case also contained a long metallic paper knife bearing the name of a Philadelphia company. The police recognized the bag as one they had seen in the hands of a stranger in the streets several days ago.

Since the discovery of a quantity of explosive near the end of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie railroad bridge across the Ohio river several months ago believed to have been planted there by agents of the McNamara's, the bridge has been guarded day and night.

## WILD DREAMS OF BURIED TREASURES COME TRUE

By Associated Press.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.--Wild dreams of buried treasures which followed the reading of Stevenson's "Treasure Island" and other fiction of a like character have been realized, if the story told by Loring M. Hewen, the 17 year old son of Professor Shelby E. Hewen, vice president and general manager of Massey's Business College in this city, is true.

Hewen with John F. King, 18 years old, a son of W. J. King, a pilot at Maniport, where ships enter the St. Johns river from the Atlantic ocean, claim to have located the treasure on Fanning Island, buried in an iron chest of about one cubic foot in size, some five or six feet under the sand. They say the treasure was located with the aid of a chart, found in the walls of an old shell house on Port George's Island, a relic of Spanish rule in Florida. Giving credence to their story they have shown a part of the gold, silver and copper coins found in the chest, bearing spanish markings and dates of more than a century ago. Those who have seen the coins estimate their value at about \$150,000.

## Discharged Before They Struck

By Associated Press.

Jacksonville, Fla., Dec. 27.--Discharged before they struck was the experience of 18 firemen and 18 hostlers of the Florida East Coast Railway, who demanded more pay and an independent contract in substitution for an engineer's contract under which they were employed. This was the substance of a statement given out by President J. R. Parrott of the road this morning.

The men made known their demands to President Parrott yesterday and when refused voted to strike at 4 o'clock. They were discharged immediately following their demands and new men took their places. All trains were running today over the entire system, but each engineer's cab carried a deputy sheriff to prevent any disturbance. So far no violence has been reported. The railroad officials expect no serious trouble and will continue to operate, they say, with the new men.

## BAD FIRE AT MARTIN, TENN.

By Associated Press.

Martin, Tenn., Dec. 27.--This city was visited by a \$150,000 fire last night. Four dry goods and one drug store were burned. The origin of the fire is not known.



MISS HARIETT DE WITT

Miss Harriett De Witt of Easton, Pa., who was recently acquitted by a Federal jury at Philadelphia where she was on trial for the alleged writing of scurrilous letters to prominent persons of her home town. Her counsel raised a novel law point, and the judge ordered the jury to acquit her.

## PLAN TO BAR AMERICAN JEWS FROM RUSSIA

By Associated Press.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27.--A supplementary legislative proposal of a prohibitive character aimed directly at the United States was introduced by the nationalists into the duma today.

According to the terms of the proposed enactment, American citizens of Jewish religion are to be totally barred from Russia and in the second place customs duties are to be raised by 100 per cent unless the Russian normal schedule is lower than the American.

In that case a duty equaling the American duty, will be collected.

The author of the bill states that the last provision is necessary in order to deal with the importation of American agricultural machinery.

The remaining points of the proposed bill correspond in virtually every particular with the bill introduced on Dec. 22 by ex-President Kuchkov, providing for tariff schedules applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American commerce and navigation treaty of 1832.

## POSTOFFICE SAFE CASE NEAR BEING LOOTED.

By Associated Press.

Warrensburg, Mo., Dec. 27.--Joy came to Postmaster Smith here last night when an expert opened the safe which had been standing in the post-office nearly a week with an unexploded charge of nitro-glycerine around the cracks of its door. Several thousand dollars in stamps and money in the safe were undisturbed.

No one had been found who cared to risk opening the safe until the expert arrived. He neutralized the nitro-glycerine by pouring over it a chemical solution, afterwards exploding a dynamite cap on the door to prove that the glycerine had been rendered harmless.

The nitro-glycerine was poured into the safe by burglars who were frightened away before completing their work.

## CLOTH MILLS OF MANCHESTER TO CLOSE DOWN

By Associated Press.

Manchester, Eng., Dec. 27.--Notices were posted this morning at all of the mills belonging to members of the Federation of Master Cotton Spinners in the north and northeast of the county of Lancashire that the cloth mills will be closed tonight and not reopened until further notice.

Weavers to the number of 160,000 will thus be locked out tonight and about an equal number of spinners will be reduced immediately to half time with every prospect of a complete stoppage of work if the trouble should be prolonged.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners at a meeting this morning decided that it was impossible to continue turning out yarn while the looms were idle. They will, therefore, curtail production by stopping work on three days each week, beginning January 1.

VALUABLE INVENTIONS.

By Associated Press.

Berlin, Dec. 27.--An incombustible cinematograph film, which will lessen the possibility of panic in moving picture theatres, was demonstrated recently before the Berlin Chemical Society and is reported to be a complete success.

## Senator La Follette Tells Of Insurgency Up In Wisconsin

## ATTORNEY TELLS OF OPERATIONS OF PACKERS

By Associated Press.

Chicago, Dec. 27.--Further details of the \$500,000,000 corporation planned by the leading meat packers in 1902 were recited by Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., when he today continued his dramatic story of the inside history of the Chicago meat packers combination.

For the first time in the trial, which is staged before United States District Judge Carpenter, Michael Cudahy was named as one of the four promoters of the collateral corporation by Veeder.

At the morning session Veeder introduced a contract, dated July 18, 1902, by the terms of which Cudahy became a partner of J. Ogden Armour, Gustavus F. Swift and Edward Morris in their proposed merger. Each of them deposited \$1,000,000 in a Chicago bank as evidence of good faith in carrying out the plan, it was testified.

The contract, along with half a dozen other agreements was read to the jury and offered in evidence by the government's counsel.

Inability to obtain a loan of \$900,000,000 from Kuhn, Loeb & Co., was responsible for the failure of the giant merger, according to Veeder.

The witness told also how the packers combination acquired by purchase six competing concerns in 1902 and how, in March, 1903, the National Packing Company was organized with a capital of \$15,000,000.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 27.--Albert H. Veeder, attorney for Swift & Co., continued his story of the operations of the packers prior to 1905, when the trial of the 10 Chicago packers indicted for criminal violation of the Sherman law, was resumed today.

Special Counsel Pierce Butler, representing the government, expected to conclude the direct examination of the witness before the close of the day and it is said the next witness called by the government will be Ferdinand Sulzberger, formerly a member of the firm of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, which was absorbed in the re-organization of the packers' combine.

Judge Carpenter may rule today on the motion of the defense to exclude all reference to the packers' transactions prior to the period covered by the indictment under the immunity plea.

Veeder continued his recital on the witness stand of the inside history of the packers' combination when court convened.

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The Progressive Movement Has Lifted The Populace to A Higher Plane in The Opinion of Insurgent Presidential Possibility.

Recounts Achievements Under the New Progressive Order of Things--Dire Predictions Fell Flat--Insurgent Orators Invade Ohio.

By Associated Press.

Youngstown, Ohio, Dec. 27.--The campaign of the so-called progressive wing of the republican party against the renomination of President Taft starts today with the coming of Senator LaFollette to Ohio for speeches here and in Cleveland.

While Senator LaFollette is talking at Cleveland tonight Senator Clapp, who opened the progressive campaign at Salem, Ohio, last night, will be speaking at Alliance, Ohio. Tomorrow LaFollette will move on to Norwalk and Toledo, while Clapp will speak at Ashtabula.

LaFollette Speaks.

Youngstown, O., Dec. 27.--The progressive movement and what it has done in Wisconsin was the topic discussed by Senator LaFollette before the business men of this steel and iron community at noon today. He declared the progressive movement was the people's movement. "The nation has profited by Wisconsin's civic evolution," he asserted and continued: "It is not claimed for the progress cause in Wisconsin that it has attained its final destiny, that it has settled all of the questions that vex and trouble but we do know that the government has been made representative--truly representative."

"We do know that the dire and awful predictions which alarmed honest business in Wisconsin have proven false; that capital has not fled from the state but is more secure than elsewhere; that state banks subject to state regulation are safe and failure is unknown; that the street car, the interurban, the gas, electric-light and water rates are undergoing regulation and reduction and yet, because we have stability, the bonds of all our public utilities are selling higher in the markets than those of other states; that railroad rates have been reduced; the service regulated, the complaints of shippers allayed and yet the railroads of Wisconsin are more prosperous than in other states because a sense of security prevails everywhere and every producer, every manufacturer knows that his competitors within the scope of state regulation enjoy no secret favor or advantage. The old feeling of class antagonism and distrust is fast giving place to peace, confidence and prosperity."

"Whatever success we have attained in Wisconsin through the enactment of wise, constructive statutes has been the result of a close and definite comprehension of the importance of the work as affecting not only the material interests of the state but the sociological welfare of the people in the broadest application of that term."

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