

STAYS STEADFAST IN DECISION NOT TO ACCEPT REPUBLIC

Members of Premier's Entourage Say That Yuan Shi Kai Will Not be Traitor

AGREEMENT PROBABLE AFTER ARMISTICES

Up to Present Time It Seems Legations Have Disagreed Regarding a Loan

PEKING, Dec. 22.—Yuan Shi Kai, the premier, evidently still remains steadfast in his decision not to accept a republican form of government for China as the price of peace within the empire. Members of the premier's entourage reiterated today that Yuan never will advise the abdication of the emperor and thereby become a traitor. They say that if the formation of a republic is unavoidable he will resign as premier. It had been suspected that Tang Shao Yi, the representative of Yuan and the imperial government at the Shanghai peace conference and Yuan were playing a pre-arranged game with the intention gradually to shear the Manchus of power and thereby prevent a Manchu rising in Peking; but the fact that Tang has telegraphed friends here, asking them to endeavor to persuade Yuan of the necessity to accept a republic seemingly indicates that Tang and the premier are not in accord. After many conferences prior to his departure for Shanghai, Tang evidently believed that Yuan had been won over to the republican idea, while on the other hand, Yuan thought Tang had been brought around to see the necessity for the continuance of the monarchy. Members of Yuan's entourage declare in these beliefs each man was self-devised.

Agreement Thought Possible. Though no member of the foreign legations will venture a prediction on the outcome of the situation there is a feeling that an agreement is possible between Yuan and a number of the rebel provinces, perhaps not immediately but after several renewed armistices. Yuan, it is thought may offer the last concession possible, namely, the retirement of the Chinese garrisons and the appointment of a Chinese regency to effect peace. The premier has steadily been replacing officials and army officers through the northern provinces with trusted men, loyal to himself. He believes he could regain and retain many of the rebel provinces if money were obtainable. A quartette of bankers is willing to support him, but up to the present time the legations have disagreed regarding a loan. The British government desires the monarchy continued but is receiving serious protests from business interests in the south which dread a boycott of their goods. The American legation and also that of Japan's advocate supporting Yuan Shi Kai financially.

Should a definite breach come, with an imperial government in the north and a republic in the south, Yuan possibly could obtain money through in fear of a boycott by the republican provinces the legations have stated that loans must be for the administration of the country only. The government is continuing its so-called patriotic which are more or less obtained from the princes and high officials.

LOTTERY TICKETS BY WHOLESALE ARE SOLD

Arrest of Woman Shoplifter Discloses This Fact to Missouri Police

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 22.—Through the arrest of an alleged woman shoplifter here today the police say they have learned of the extensive sale of Santo Domingo lottery tickets in Kansas City and throughout the middle west. Fremont Weeks an employe of an express company is being held by federal authorities as the Kansas City agent of the lottery. Cash prizes of about \$40,000 are said to have been offered by one company involved in the disclosures today. The same promoters, it is believed, are conducting several other lotteries of equal proportions. The disclosure came about through the arrest of a woman giving the name of Mrs. Olla Weeks, charged with stealing kid gloves in a department store. The police searched Mrs. Weeks' apartments and said they discovered hundreds of lottery tickets in a suit case. The woman's husband, Fremont Weeks, was then arrested and turned over to the United States marshal. The tickets are said to have been sold as coupons of the International Mining and Investment company of Santo Domingo. Each bore a number and sold at fifty cents or a dollar.

TARIFF QUESTION TROUBLESOME TO RUSSIAN EMPIRE

Measure Introduced to Provide For Tariff War Schedules Sure Not to Pass

APPLICABLE TO U. S. WHEN TREATY EXPIRES

Bill Proposes to Raise Existing Russian Duties at least 100 Per Cent

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—Opposition members of the douma ridicule ex-president Guchkoff's legislative proposal to provide for tariff war schedules, applicable to the United States at the expiration of the Russo-American treaty of commerce and navigation, which he and other signers representing the Octoberists and nationalists parties in the douma have introduced into that body. The opposition declare that the proposal would strike hardest at Russian agriculturists and cotton manufacturers. They do not expect the measure to advance beyond the committee stage. The douma will adjourn tomorrow for a month and action on the proposal probably will be taken at the end of February.

The bill proposes to raise existing Russian duties by 100 per cent and also to impose a duty of 100 per cent on articles which are admitted free under the present Russian tariff. Besides these impositions the bill proposes also to levy double the gross weight tax established by the law of June 21, 1901, on merchandise arriving by sea and to levy a double tonnage tax. Should the present American tonnage tax be raised to the disfavor of Russian vessels, then the Russian tonnage tax will be correspondingly increased.

To All Countries. It is said that the schedules are to be applicable to all countries which do not grant to Russia the most favored nation treatment in commerce and navigation. The proposal will be submitted to a financial commission. The necessity for the proposed legislation is explained in an accompanying declaration in which it is stated that the regular American tariff schedules which will be applicable to Russian goods at the expiration of the treaty of commerce and navigation of 1912 will be so high as to have a prohibitive character and that they greatly exceed the Russian normal tariff and navigation taxes which would be naturally applicable to American goods in the absence of the treaty.

PERSIA HAS YIELDED TO RUSSIA'S DEMANDS AND HAS DISMISSED SHUSTER

Russian Ultimatum Was Delivered to Persian Government Nov. 29

MAKES APOLOGY

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 22.—The Persian charge d'affaires called officially at the foreign office this afternoon and announced that Persia had yielded to Russia's demands. He had an audience with M. Sazonoff, the foreign secretary and in the name of the Persian government formally declared that Persia would concede all the points mentioned in the Russian ultimatum. A telegram received here from Teheran says that W. Morgan Shuster, the treasurer general of Persia, has been notified of his dismissal and that the Persian government has instructed the military authorities to cease hostilities and enter into negotiations with the Russian consuls to restore normal conditions. The Russian ultimatum, to the terms of which Persia has now acceded was delivered to the Persian government by the Russian minister at Teheran on November 29. It demanded, besides the dismissal of Mr. Shuster, an apology from the Persian government on account of its interference of the property of Persians under Russian protection and also the payment of an indemnity to Russia for the expenditure she had incurred in sending troops on to Persian territory. The national council declined at first to comply with Russia's demands although the cabinet was inclined to do so. Yesterday, Russia threatened to order the advance of 4,000 troops of all arms from Kasbin, unless Persia ceded within 24 hours. A further discussion of the question at issue between the members of the Persian cabinet and the national council evidently led the latter to see the advisability of yielding to Russia's demands.

GIRL'S BODY FOUND DISMEMBERED AND FIVE ARE ARRESTED

All of Those Under Arrest Charged With Murder and Bond Denied Them

PHYSICIAN INCLUDED AMONG THE QUINTETTE

One Woman, Aged 50, Among Those Detained by the Authorities

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 22.—Five persons were taken into custody after the discovery by the police today of the partly dismembered body of Miss Mary Bolduc, aged twenty-two years, of Manchester, N. H., in the apartment of Mrs. Jennie A. Shattuck at Jamaica Plains. The discovery followed receipt of word from the Manchester authorities that they had been informed by a physician that a woman was dead in that house. Medical Examiner Leary, following a superficial autopsy, announced that death was due to an illegal operation. The police at once began an investigation and within a few hours Mrs. Shattuck and Miss Hattie M. Hazlett, of Cambridge, were arrested at the former's apartments, and Dr. John D. Ferguson, and a clerk in his office, Miss O'Neill, were detained in Manchester at the request of the Boston officers.

Tonight the police of Fitchburg arrested Ann W. Reed, aged fifty, on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Miss Bolduc. Physician's Story. The Manchester police say that the physician there told them Miss Bolduc called at this office and asked for treatment which he refused. She then secured lodgings in Boston. Last Wednesday he was informed that the young woman was dead. He came to Boston and identified the body and today laid the matter before the police. Deputy Superintendent Wats announced that all of the persons under arrest had been charged with murder and held without bail. They will be arraigned in court tomorrow. Through his counsel, Dr. Ferguson made a statement tonight in which he denied any connection with the crime.

POTS OF MONEY IN A WALL

EGG HARBOR, N. J., Dec. 22.—Tearing down some plaster in the wall of an old building this afternoon, Peter Helmsohn came across a small iron pot, the cover of which was tied down with wire. He opened it and was amazed to find it filled with silver coins.

REINDEER MEAT MAY GRACE THE TABLES OF MANY AMERICAN PEOPLE

May be Used to Supplement Dwindling Beef Supply of Country

PALATABLE DISH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Reindeer meat from Alaska may be a food common to the American table in the near future to supplement the dwindling beef supply. This was the opinion expressed today by Wm. F. Lopp, in charge of the government's reindeer service who has just returned from a 14,000-mile tour of inspection through Alaska on behalf of the United States bureau of education which administers the reindeer in the northern peninsula. "A commercial shipment of reindeer meat, the first made in this country has just been received at Seattle," said Mr. Lopp. "In twenty-five years from now at the present rate of increase there should be three million prime beef reindeer in Alaska on which the people of this country can depend for much of their fresh diet. "In taste, reindeer meat is a cross between mutton and beef, but more palatable than either. Reindeer can be raised more cheaply than cattle because they will thrive on wastes so barren that even goats would starve there. There are 300,000 square miles of frozen tundra in Alaska fit for nothing else but which as reindeer ranches would provide abundance of pasturage for ten million of the animals. "Reindeer raising," Mr. Lopp explains, "was introduced into Alaska about twenty years ago by the government originally as a benevolent and educational enterprise, to raise the civilization of the natives from the hunting to the pastoral stage. There are 25,000 of the animals there, of which 20,000 belong to the natives."



THREE HUNDRED WITNESSES WILL BE CALLED BY THE GOVERNMENT

In Addition to This, Mass of Documentary Evidence Will be Offered by Prosecution in Case Against Chicago Packers—Will Probably Take Several Months to Complete Case—Hearing Adjourned.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Counsel for the ten Chicago meat packers charged with combining to control the price of meats in violation of the criminal sections of the Sherman law concluded their opening statements to the jury today and United States District Judge Carpenter adjourned court until next Tuesday morning. At that time the first witness for the government will take the stand. The government will present its case in chronological order. The first witness will tell the story of the old packers' pool which it is charged was an existence prior to the organization of the National Packing company in 1905, and which held weekly meetings at which the government charges, prices were fixed. Later conditions which led to the formation of the National Packing company then will be detailed and in concluding its case the government will endeavor to prove that the National Packing company was the instrument the packers used to continue the old pooling arrangements.

Several Months to Finish. Three hundred witnesses will be called by the government and it is believed it will take several months to present their testimony. In addition to this, a mass of documentary

evidence will be offered by the prosecution. The jury will be closely guarded during the adjournment of court and the twelve men, all of whom are married, will be obliged to eat their Christmas dinner at a downtown hotel. Attorney John Barton Payne, who appeared for the National Packing company and Edward Tilden, its president, today read voluminous extracts from the report of former United States Commissioner of Corporations James E. Garfield on the packing industry made in 1906, to refute the allegations of the government against the packers. Attorney Payne in his opening statement said in part: "As I view this case it is not the indictment of the defendant, but an indictment of a great business. The effect of this trial will be felt all over the world. "For that reason, I regard this matter as of international importance, Chicago's commercial supremacy always has been closely linked with the meat industry. "The growth and development of the country made big business enterprises necessary and the packers were no exception to the rule. "In 1905, U. S. Commissioner of

Corporations James E. Garfield, acting under the instructions of President Theodore Roosevelt, made an investigation of the entire packing industry and submitted his report to congress. Many of the questions raised in this case were considered in that report. "The Garfield report admits that the packing industry, as conducted, enables the farmer to get a high price for his cattle and allows the consumer to get his meat at a lower price than if he was obliged to rely on local butchers," said Attorney Payne. "Mr. Payne read from the Garfield report to show that the National Packing company had never been used by the packers to control prices. He said the earnings of that corporation never exceeded 10.74 per cent on its capital stock and that its profits on sales had never exceeded 1.59 per cent. Attorney John E. Miller, representing the Armour interests, concluded the opening statements of counsel for the defense. He said meat prices were regulated by the natural law of supply and demand and ridiculed the suggestion that the indicted packers had power to control the meat business of the country even if they so desired.

PRESIDENT COMPLETES CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Will Spend Holiday Very Quietly at Home With His Family

OFFICIALS AT FUNERAL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—President Taft continued his Christmas shopping tonight, visiting several downtown stores and making a few purchases. Washington was swept by a winter rain all afternoon and when the president ventured out it was in one of the white house automobiles. With his purchases tonight the president practically completed his list which includes friends all over the world. Tomorrow the Christmas season at the white house really begins, for more than 100 fat turkey gobblers will be distributed by the president to all married men employed around the building. The president and his family plan to observe this Christmas day just as they have the other two they have spent there. Miss Helen and Charlie Taft are already at home, and Robert, the oldest son, will arrive tomorrow. Charlie is too old now for a Christmas tree and probably will not hang up his stocking this year. The white house dinner will be served at 7:30 and there will be no guests. During the day the president probably will attend church, and if it is fair will take a long walk with some friend. Several gifts already have reached the white house but have not been opened.

SHELDON SAYS ROOSEVELT REQUESTED THAT LETTER

Although Former Asserts That it Does Not Indicate Candidacy

WITHOUT DISSENTING VOTE

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—George R. Sheldon, treasurer of the republican national committee, commenting today upon the publication of correspondence between himself and Theodore Roosevelt relative to the Hariman campaign contribution of 1904, and alluding particularly to his own letter to the colonel, said it was written at Colonel Roosevelt's request. Mr. Sheldon took exception to the inference that the publication of the correspondence at this time indicated that the colonel was a candidate for the 1912 presidential nomination. "Colonel Roosevelt has not told me that he is a candidate," said Mr. Sheldon. "On the contrary, he has told me repeatedly that he is not a candidate. "Colonel Roosevelt and myself were aboard a train together some ten days ago and then the matter came up on conversation from something in the newspapers. I said, 'Why was the truth never told about this whole business, so that it could be shut up?' Colonel Roosevelt said, 'Why can't you tell it now?' That's all there is to it." Mr. Sheldon, questioned as to whether he regarded it as wise to re-vert at this time to the Hariman contribution incident, replied: "I thought not, but Colonel Roosevelt asked me to write the letter and I did so. It was purely a matter of friendship on my part. That letter states the whole truth and ought to stop comment."

GIRL'S ROOMMATE HELD UNDER BOND TO TESTIFY

Miss Avis Linnell's Old Chum Will Appear in Trial Against Minister

FAMILIES DRIVEN AWAY

BOSTON, Dec. 22.—Following the holding of Charles S. Pierce, a Newton theological institution student, in \$500 bond yesterday, as a witness in the trial of the Rev. Clarence V. T. Richardson, charged with the murder of Avis Linnell, it became known today that another witness had furnished bond for appearance at the trial. Miss Lucille L. Zetger, room mate of Miss Linnell at the Young Women's Christian association dormitory was held under \$500 bond. Although Richardson's counsel, Wm. A. Morse, after visiting his client in jail today, said he appeared very weak, Dr. Howard A. Lathrop, who preformed the operation on the prisoner after Richardson had mutilated himself Wednesday, said that the patient was getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances, and that unless unforeseen complications developed he would be able to attend the trial on January 15. Attorney Morse said the defense had no plans to announce yet and could do little until Richardson regained sufficient strength to enable his counsel to converse with him at length. MACON, Ga., Dec. 22.—The Ocmulgee river fed by forty hours of unceasing rains in middle Georgia flooded over the danger line at 3 o'clock tonight in the flats and flooded over their homes, leaving their belongings to the mercy of the waters. A dairy was flooded tonight and the cows released by the owners, struck out for the middle of the stream disappeared. John Hill, the young son of the owner, started after them in a row boat and nothing has been heard of him or the cattle since. This afternoon Weather Forecaster Mitchell, of the local bureau mailed cards of warning to nearly 1,000 people between Macon and Darien, Ga., where the Altamaha surges into the sea.

MAY HOLD OFFICE THOUGH ELECTED BY ILLEGAL VOTES

Judge Had to Make This Ruling to Secure Evidence of Buying of Votes

GRAND JURY FINDS MANY INDICTMENTS

Lee County, Va., Getting Unenviable Notoriety Through Election Scandal

BRISTOL, Tenn., Dec. 22.—After holders in Lee county, Va., who were elected at the recent election by means of illegal votes which were bought and sold in wholesale numbers, will be permitted to hold their offices "unchallenged," according to Judge A. H. Skeen, who has been conducting the grand jury probe into election irregularities. This promise was made it was stated today, to get evidence before the jury upon which to indict the vote sellers. Despite their guilty man to confess, take a minimum fine of \$100 and escape further prosecution, no confessions were received today. It is authoritatively stated that more than 200 indictments were found by the grand jury but evidence secured shows that nearly 1,200 voters in the county engaged in the vote traffic in the last November and preceding elections. According to Commonwealth Attorney Ely of Lee county more than \$25,000 was paid out for votes at the November election. Worse in Other Counties. Attorney Ely charges that vote trafficking is even worse in some of the adjoining counties than in Lee and at the conclusion of the investigation in Lee county, a similar probe will be started in Dickson county, also in Judge Skeen's circuit. The Lee grand jury which adjourned yesterday for the holidays will reconvene in February to complete its work. Unless an satisfactory number of confessions have been received, it is stated, the jury is expected to return nearly 1,000 indictments.

Consolidation of New York Central with Its Subsidiaries is Begun. At Least Action of Parent Company Regarded as Such in Wall St. "LESS CUMBERSOME"

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—What was regarded in Wall street as the first step in the long rumored plan to consolidate the subsidiaries of the New York Central system with the parent company was taken today when the New York Central and Hudson River railroad company addressed letters to the holders of its \$110,000,000 3 1/2 per cent collateral trust bonds, which were given in exchange for stock of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Central roads, asking their consent to merge either or both roads with the parent company. It is proposed to consolidate only the Lake Shore at this time, but owing to a provision of the mortgage the consent of the holders of the Michigan Central proportion of the issue must be obtained. The way is thus left open, however, for a consolidation of the Michigan Central with the New York Central and the bondholders are asked to give their consent to such conclusion. According to an officer of the company, the immediate object of the absorption of the Lake Shore is to obtain a through line to Chicago under one management to the end that its operation may be placed on a less cumbersome basis with more economical management. Control of the Michigan Central and the Lake Shore was secured by the New York Central in 1903 when it issued its 3 1/2 per cent bonds for \$50,000,000 of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern stock at \$25 and \$15,725,000 Michigan Central stock at 115.

MARRIED 75 TIMES. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The police started a wide search today for Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Keller, who, it is believed, have been married no less than 75 times in New York and vicinity at a net profit of \$750. The Rev. W. S. Kerney complained today that he married the couple the other day, receiving in payment a bogus \$20 check and giving the bridegroom \$10 in real money as change. The police declare that Mr. and Mrs. Keller have been married 33 times in Manhattan, eleven times in the Bronx and three or four times in Staten Island a few in Queens and 25 times in Brooklyn according to each ceremony.

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Forecast for North Carolina: Rain Saturday, colder near the coast. Moderate to brisk north winds, Sunday fair.