

SUN YAT SEN IN CHARGE

Is the Newly Elected President of the Chinese Republic

Receives Large Number of Congratulatory Dispatches From Other Countries—Tendered Numerous Receptions and Banquets—Russia Butts In.

Peking, Dec. 28.—The assembly in the palace to-day to discuss affairs called with a view to a settlement of the revolution was productive of at least one dramatic incident. The Dowager Empress, Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the Princes of the Imperial clan were present, and the debate waxed so warm that finally Yuan Shi Kai arose and offered his resignation. This, however, was refused.

Premier Yuan explained to the Princes that he could continue the government and retain the country north of the Yangtse only by having funds placed at his disposal. He asked the Princes to empower him to obtain money. He explained that \$10,000,000 would meet the payments for the soldiers for five months, after which the south would become disunited and province after province would return to their allegiance to the throne.

But the Princes was unmoved. Shanghai, Dec. 29.—The peace conference being held here between the representatives of the Peking government and the revolutionary party to-day agreed that the form of government to be ultimately adopted for China should be decided by a national convention whose determination should be binding on both parties. It also was agreed that pending the decision of the national convention the Manchu government was neither to accept nor to attempt to obtain foreign loans.

Another agreement reached is that all Manchus troops in the provinces of Shan-Si, Shen-Si, Hu-Peh, Nganwei and Kiangsu shall evacuate their present positions and withdraw from them to a distance of 100 li (about 37 miles) within five days, beginning from December 31st.

Sun Yat Sen Elected.

Shanghai, Dec. 30.—The rapid developments which have occurred since the arrival here of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, newly-elected President of the Chinese Republic, are almost bewildering, but careful observation demonstrates that the Provisional President controls the situation. To-day he received a large number of congratulatory dispatches from Europe and America, while locally he has been tendered numerous receptions and banquets.

Russia Butts In.

Peking, Dec. 28.—In response to a direct request of the Russian Government, handed to the Chinese foreign office by the Russian charge d' affaires to-day, that China should promptly resume control of Mongolia, the Chinese Government declared its inability to comply at the present moment. The only action the government is able to take regarding Mongolia, the independence of which has been proclaimed, is the appointment of two commissioners, who have been ordered to proceed by way of the Trans-Siberian Railway to Urga, the chief city, to persuade the Mongolia authorities, if possible, to renew their allegiance to China. But in view of the present crisis, it is probable that these commissioners will never leave Peking.

President Sun Takes Office as Chinese Republic's Head.

Nanking, China, Jan. 2.—The first official act of Dr. Sun Yat Sen, president of the Chinese republic, was to change the Chinese Calendar. He made New Year day the first day of his presidency, thus marking the commencement of a new era and making the Chinese new year begin henceforth on the same day as the year begins in most other countries of the world. Accompanied by a numerous suite and protected by a strong bodyguard, Dr. Sun Yat Sen left Shanghai in a special train for Nanking.

When Dr. Sun entered the apartment all bowed their heads. The president-elect proceeded to the central platform and there took the oath of office.

President Makes Promise.

Afterward he delivered an address, in which he promised to disenthroned the Manchus, to re-establish peace, to promote trade, and to devote his entire energy to the Chinese nation and aid the Chinese people to realize their aspirations. When the Manchus had finally abdicated and peace was restored to the nation he would, he said, "resign his provisional office."

The chairman of the delegates from the provinces then handed the new president the seal of office.

President Sun delivered a long address in the form of a proclamation. In this he announced that a strong central government would be organized, the entire administrative system remodeled and modernized and a parliament representative of the people be elected.

IMPROVEMENTS HELD UP.

Democratic Congressmen Insist on Their Vote for Federal Pension Bill—Were Trying to Play a Poor Game of Politics.

The Democrats in Congress thought they were playing some politics that would help them in the National election this year when they voted for a large increase in the Federal pensions. But since hearing from the people back home many have tried to explain their vote. Almost every district wanted some appropriations, but now Floor Leader Underwood says there can be no appropriations for public buildings and works at this session. The Raleigh Evening Times has heard some of the murmurings from the South, and says:

"Raleigh people are greatly interested in the outcome of the Federal pension bill in Congress, since Floor Leader Underwood says that the passage of the bill will mean that the appropriations for public buildings and works will not be passed at this session. This city was expecting \$225,000 for an addition to the post-office building, but there is little hope now that the money will be appropriated for several years.

"The pension bill, as passed from the House, provides for a further increase of \$75,000,000 for all males enlisted for as long as ninety days in the Union army, regardless of whether the men ever smelt powder or not. The budget for public buildings carried \$40,000,000, but Leader Underwood says this will not be passed at this session. The pension roll amounted to nearly \$170,000,000 in 1910.

"The action of the Democratic House in passing the enormous pension bill increase has been a matter of comment in this city. Everybody knows that the Democrats were simply playing to the Union veterans, but everybody does not believe that this was good campaign material. A Union soldier in comfortable circumstances is likely to have enough patriotism to resent the digging into the Federal pork barrel; the scheme is so transparent that everybody sees through it, and it is believed by many people that the passage of the bill was the greatest blunder Democrats have ever made."

A SPLENDID RECORD.

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the United States Circuit Court at Trenton, N. J., for the dissolution of the United States Steel Corporation on the ground that it operates in restraint of trade. Among the men who were made defendants in the suit are J. P. Morgan, John D. Rockefeller, and Andrew Carnegie.

The International Harvester Company, which controls ninety-five per cent of the harvesting machine business of the country, announced after the Supreme Court decisions in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco cases that it was anxious to conform to the anti-trust law as interpreted in those decisions, and in November its officers and Attorney-General Wickerham began conferring on a plan of dissolution. In December the leading meat packers of the country, J. Ogden Armour and others—were put on trial in Chicago for criminal violation of the anti-trust law as regards the marketing of beef products.

In his annual message to Congress, when it assembled on the first Monday in December, President Taft defended the Sherman anti-trust law. He declared that confidence in the statute grows as convictions of individuals are made. He, however, suggested supplemental laws telling just what is unfair competition; and he renewed his plea to Congress to grant corporations national charters. He added that during his term as President the administration has brought thirty-seven suits against violators of the Sherman anti-trust law.

While President Taft and his administration have been making this great record, what has Governor Kitchen and his Attorney-General been doing to enforce the State anti-trust law? Nothing! Nothing!! Nothing!!!

BETS \$20,000 ON WEATHER.

Backs Belief It Will Rain on Certain Sixty Days in Kansas County. (Topeka Correspondence Washington Post.)

A Kansas man has bet \$20,000 that rain will fall in Thomas County, Kansas, between March 1st and May 1st of next year. If the rain comes, "Jim" Fiske will clean up \$26,000 next summer, go to Europe, wear patent-leather shoes and a silk hat, and "kill it" generally. A year ago he bet \$50,000 against \$50,000 that it would rain in his county between these dates and lost.

"Jim" Fiske is the wheat king of Kansas. He has lived in Western Kansas many years, and in spite of the failure of rain to appear at just the proper time he sticks. "I'll clean up yet," he said the other day in Topeka. "The rain'll come some time, and when it does, I will have my hand on the door-knob to let the opportunity in just the minute she raps."

A Jar For the Superstitious.

Once more wounded superstition writhes in pain. The numbers in "1912" added together make 13.—Washington Star.

SAYS ANTI-TRUST LAW EFFECTIVE.

Secretary Nagel Gives the Sherman Law His Approval But Favors Supplementary Legislation—Federal Agency to Supervise Combinations.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 3.—"The mere breaking up of a large combination into a number of separate parts by no means meets the whole trust question," says Secretary Nagel of the Department of Commerce and Labor in his annual report transmitted to-day to President Taft.

Secretary Nagel declares that the Sherman law has been provided to be an effective statute beyond all doubt; and that a degree of combination of capital is quite necessary, but he adds that the Supreme Court decisions in the Standard Oil Tobacco cases have demonstrated that the next step in the control of great industrial corporations will be the creation of a permanent federal agency.

How such control shall be exercised, whether by commission, federal incorporation or other means, which have been advocated recently by Judge Elbert H. Gray, George W. Perkins and other financiers before the Senate Committee which has been conducting hearings to determine what changes would be desirable in the anti-trust laws, Secretary Nagel does not definitely say. He favors, however, a development of the powers and scope of the Bureau of Corporations.

"A certain degree of combination of capital is admittedly essential to the carrying on of our great business enterprises," says Secretary Nagel. "To control properly such necessary combinations we must have some administrative federal office or commission which shall make this work its business.

"We must have a permanent authority which shall by steady and continuous supervision and publicity safeguard the public interests and at the same time allow full scope for necessary and proper business efficiency and development.

The decisions of the Supreme Court in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco Company cases have brought forcibly to the public attention a fact repeatedly presented in the reports of this department—the imperative need for the positive administrative regulation of great industrial corporations.

"The recent decisions and reorganizations which followed have made it clear that another imperative step remains to be taken and that this is the establishment by appropriate leg-

islation, of a broad system of supervision and publicity for all these industrial and commercial organizations engaged in interstate and international business.

MAN WITH BROKEN NECK.

T. W. Peters in the City—Suffering From Broken Neck Is Able to Get About.

Theodore W. Peters, the man with a broken neck, is in the city. Peter's case is unique. There are a few other people who are suffering with a broken neck, but Peters is the only one of them who is able to "get away with it," that is, walk around and enjoy himself.

He is a native of Arizona. Two years ago he was working on a steel bridge, near Quebec. There was an

accident and Peters fell 350 feet. His neck was broken in the fall. He spent many months in the hospital, but finally was fixed up with leather and steel braces around the neck, head and body and sent on his way. He carries certificates from many doctors who have examined him, testifying to his condition and the uniqueness of his case. His throat is in such condition that he is unable to take solid food, but withal he is happy and cheerful, and says he is left here for some purpose.—Raleigh Evening Times.

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