

The End of Manchu Dynasty's Rule Was Proclaimed To-day

In Three Imperial Edicts The Throne Announces Abdication And Acceptance of The Republican Form of Government.

Power Sustained by Manchus For Centuries Past Was Today Unconditionally Surrendered--A New Era Ushered In.

By Associated Press. Peking, Feb. 12.—Abandoning absolutely all their prerogatives and surrendering unconditionally to circumstances of a new era, the Manchus yielded up their power—sustained for centuries—today.

The Chinese throne is thus turned over to a government of a republican form.

End of the Manchu dynasty's rule was proclaimed today in three simultaneous edicts, the first announcing abdication; the second declaring that the throne accepted the republic while the third approved all the conditions agreed upon by Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the republicans.

The third edict created tremendous enthusiasm. It has been expected that the Manchus would demand concessions which would safeguard many of their privileges but according to the proclamation of their surrender is unconditional.

The third edict informed the viceroys and provincial governors of the settlement of the throne from political power and instructed them to continue doing their duty and to preserve order throughout the land.

It is declared that the step taken by the throne was in order to meet the wishes of the people.

Powerful Dynasty Ends. Today's abdication of the Chinese throne by Pu Yi, the child emperor, brings to an end the powerful Manchu dynasty which has reigned in China since 1644.

The boy ruler has been on the throne since November 4, 1909, when the Emperor Kwang Su, his uncle, died. His father, Prince Chun, was appointed regent and was the chief figure in China for three years.

Surrounded by princes of the imperial clan and Manchu officials with reactionary ideas, the regent was unable to carry out a revolution. He endeavored to placate both parties but ended by causing general dissatisfaction which led to his resignation on December 6, 1911.

The promise of a constitutional government made by the Dowager empress on her death bed in 1908 was not fulfilled in any way until May 1911. In that month an imperial edict dissolved the old grand council, which together with the court held absolute power and substituted a constitutional cabinet.

Revolutionary ideas had been spreading in the meantime and the southern provinces declared against the continuation of Manchu rule and broke into open revolt.

After much fighting the revolutionists proclaimed a republic at Nanjing in December, and Dr. Sun Yat Sen accepted the presidency on December 29.

Negotiations between the republicans and the imperialists followed and an armistice was arranged. This was not strictly observed but the negotiations continued with the result that the Manchus rulers, seeing that China proper was almost entirely in favor of the republican idea and that the outlying dependencies of Tibet, Turkestan, Mongolia and Manchuria were breaking away, decided that it was their best policy to yield to the popular demand and abdicate.

German Warships Will Come in June

By Associated Press. Berlin, Feb. 12.—The month of June has been selected for the visit of the German squadron to the United States to return the visit to Kiel of the second division of the United States North Atlantic squadron under command of Rear Admiral Badger in June last year.

No definite plans have yet been drawn up regarding the vessels which are to be sent to American waters but the subject is under consideration at the admiralty, which undoubtedly will choose the most representative modern vessels.

It is now certain that Prince Adalbert, the Emperor's third son, will accompany the squadron.

Wrecklessness in North Mexico.

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 12.—Brigandage still exists to a certain extent in Durango, north Mexico, but there is an absence of organized revolutionary movement, according to state department advices today.

There is revolutionary activity near Torreon and at Vera Cruz and Matamoros in the state of Coahuila, it is reported to have gone over to the rebels.

In the south the federal troops seem to be gaining ground, having won several victories during the past few days.

Minority Report on Stephenson Election

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—The minority report from the senate committee on privileges and elections, adverse to Senator Isaac Stephenson, of Wisconsin, probably will not be filed in the senate until Senator Kern returns to the city late in the week.

This report, signed by Senators Kenyon, Lea, Jones, Clapp and Kern, will hold that the senate has a right to inquire into senatorial primaries as well as elections themselves.

It is claimed that the \$107,000 put out by Senator Stephenson was practically all spent at the primaries and that the real contest for the senate seat was fought there. If corrupt practices marked the primaries, the minority report will aver that the election itself must have been secured by corrupt means.

The report will urge the senate to assume jurisdiction over primaries and thus "take a stand against the sale of seats in the United States senate."

It also will be held that the enormous primary expenditures have not been satisfactorily explained.

Many Fatalities in Prussian Mine

By Associated Press. Antonsenhuette, Prussian Silesia, Feb. 12.—Many fatalities were caused by a fire which broke out in one of the pits in this coal mining centre last evening. Seven corpses of miners have been brought to the surface and the authorities believe that at least 20 more men perished.

The number of men in the pit where the fire broke out is not definitely known, but all except those in the immediate vicinity of the bottom of the shaft were cut off from escape and are thought dead.

Colorado Republicans Meet.

By Associated Press. Denver, Col., Feb. 12.—The republican pre-convention campaign in this state opened here today with the assembling of the state central committee.

It was declared that the endorsement of President Taft for re-nomination and re-election was certain.

Whom Do You Want For President?

If you could name the man, whom would you select for president of these United States?

Straw ballots have been taken all over the United States by various democratic, republican and independent papers and the "News" inaugurates today a ballot box and will publish daily, until further notice, a blank ballot and give the voters of Charlotte and this section an opportunity to express their wish.

The result of the "rotting" will be published from time to time. In no case will the name of the voter be published unless it is requested by the one handing in the ballot. Clip the ballot appearing in another part of this paper and mail or hand to the office. Announcement as to the limit of this "balloting" will be made later. Vote today.

Is Japan Trying To Stamp Out Christianity?

By Associated Press. New York, Feb. 12.—Dr. Arthur J. Brown, president of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, will go to Washington tomorrow to present to President Taft charges recently received from missionaries in Korea that Japan is making efforts to stamp out Christianity there by torturing converts, closing mission schools and interfering with the work of the American missionaries, of whom there are between three and four hundred in Korea, mostly under the boards of foreign missions of the Methodist and Presbyterian churches.

An account of the situation given by a missionary just returned from Seoul characterizes conditions there as little short of barbarous. While there have as yet been recorded no case of physical attacks on Americans, they are compelled to endure constant interference with their efforts and discouragement so that they will give up in despair and return to the United States, leaving Koreans to be dealt with by the Japanese.

Woodrow Wilson Begins Campaign in Illinois

By Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 12.—Governor Woodrow Wilson, of New Jersey, began his active campaign in Illinois for the democratic presidential nomination today. In an address to the Iroquois Club he reiterated his belief in the initiative and referendum and predicted a democratic victory in November.

"I believe in the initiative and referendum because they will give the people real representative government," said Governor Wilson. "They are designed to give the people power in localities where special interests have obtained control of public affairs. They will safeguard the people in preserving representative government wherever and whenever it is necessary."

"I have never favored the recall of judges because they are not administrative officers of the government. They simply interpret and enforce the law. To urge the recall of judges is to treat a symptom rather than the disease. My idea is to abolish the laws that make it possible for special interests to control the judiciary."

"Sound business need have no fear of progressive government. It is only the business that thrives on special privilege that is in danger."

"I have visited a number of states and I think the democratic party's prospects for success is excellent, no matter who is nominated by the republicans."

"The country, I believe, is deeply dissatisfied with republican management of the nation's affairs. I think the people are more interested in principles than in persons in this year's presidential campaign. My friends often ask me how I like practical politics and I tell them that I like it first rate. The experience is not new to me. Anybody who fights for reform is certain to have brickbats thrown at him. In politics the brickbats are often invisible and cannot be dodged."

The Day in Congress.

Washington, Feb. 12.—In session 2 p. m. Senators Lea and Kenyon will introduce resolution for joint congressional investigation of "money trust."

Sherwood pension bill rejected by pensions committee and a substitute of Senator Smoot adopted.

House: Met at noon. Testimony regarding labor conditions at steel plants was heard by Stanley committee.

Secretary Stimson testified regarding Panama canal tolls before interstate commerce committee.

William Nelson Cromwell's connection with the Panama canal purchase discussed before foreign affairs committee.

President Taft Off for New York

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 12.—With a busy day before him, President Taft left Washington at 8 o'clock this morning for New Jersey and New York. The president's first stop was to be in Newark, N. J., to be the guest at a luncheon of former Governor Franklin Murphy.

During the afternoon he will go from there to Orange, N. J., and early in the evening he will reach New York, where he is scheduled to speak at a number of banquets.

The principal function he is to attend is the Lincoln day banquet of the New York Republican Club, where it is expected he will make an address of considerable significance in connection with the political campaign.

The Retail Dry Goods Association and the Graduate Club will have him as their guest during the latter part of the evening before he starts for Washington on the midnight train.

Secretary Knox boarded the train with President Taft and it is expected the two will discuss the secretary's Central American and South American trip.

Roosevelt to Speak

By Associated Press. Columbus, O., Feb. 12.—Former President Theodore Roosevelt will address the delegates attending Ohio's fourth constitutional convention on Wednesday, February 27.

In his letter of acceptance Colonel Roosevelt says: "I have been declining all invitations to speak but this seems to me not so much an invitation to speak as a request that I help their representatives of a great state who are engaged in doing the greatest and most fundamental piece of governmental work on behalf of the citizens of that state; and under such circumstances it is both a duty and a pleasure to accept."

Propose Inquiry into Money Trust

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 12.—Senators Lea of Tennessee, and Kenyon, of Iowa, the former a progressive democrat and the latter a progressive republican, today framed a joint resolution proposing an inquiry into the so-called "money trust" by a joint committee of the senate and house.

The house democrats in caucus already have decided for an investigation by the regular committee of the house and it is doubtful if they will accept the new proposal.

The Lea-Kenyon resolution will embody the provisions of the Henry resolution, defeated in the democratic caucus. It possibly will be introduced early this week.

Bank Directors Must Live Near Bank

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 12.—Comptroller of the Currency Murray today ordered that boards of directors of national banks hereafter shall meet at the federal bank examiners at every examination to discuss the affairs of the institutions, especially their loans and discounts. In the large cities where the assembling of the directors may cause considerable inconvenience, the examiners have been authorized to use their discretion in enforcing the new order unless some condition is found in the bank deserving criticism.

In trying out the spirit of this regulation the comptroller today advised about 600 banks located in various parts of the country that their course in recently electing as a majority of their board directors who are not residents of the places where the banks are located was "objectionable."

"The directors," he said, "are not conveniently available for monthly business meetings; they cannot meet to pass on all paper purchased or discounted; they cannot be necessarily advised should urgent necessity arise; and they cannot meet the national bank's examiner when the bank is examined."

Sen. Committee Rejects Sherwood Pension Bill

By Associated Press. Washington, Feb. 12.—The Sherwood "dollar a day" pension bill was rejected today by the senate committee on pensions, and another measure which would involve an annual expenditure of \$22,000,000 proposed as a substitute by Senator Smoot, of Utah, was adopted. Senators Brown (Nebraska) and Curtis (Kansas) gave notice that in the senate they would press the Sherwood bill as a substitute for the Smoot bill.

Gayuga Lake Frozen Over. By Associated Press. Ithaca, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Gayuga Lake is frozen over from end to end for the first time since 1885. The last open space was covered with ice Saturday night when the thermometer registered 13 below zero at the Cornell station.

Seneca Lake Frozen Over

By Associated Press. Elmira, N. Y., Feb. 12.—For the first time in 27 years Seneca Lake is frozen over completely, the last gap of open water having been closed yesterday. People along the lake are feeding the wild ducks, which are numerous and hungry.

Stanley Committee Probes Convict Labor Lease System

The Situation in Sonora

By Associated Press. Cananea, Sonora, Feb. 12.—Yaqui Indian leaders who are friendly to the Madero government, report that they may be able to prevail upon the discontented ones in the tribe to accept the government's offer of land and settle down. Most of the hostile Indians are still in the Bacatrea mountains and no recent depredations are reported.

Although the neighboring state of Chihuahua is thoroughly infested with the germs of revolt, peace for the most part has prevailed in Sonora. So far as is known there is not a great deal of anti-Madero feeling in the state, leading Mexican citizens apparently desiring to give Madero a chance to work out his plans.

Political matters in Sonora, from all indications, were settled six weeks ago by the drastic suppression of a half dozen revolutionary leaders. It is believed that conditions similar to those in Chihuahua might now be prevailing but for the summary execution of Buelva, Bemer, Arzu and others who had sought to overthrow the Madero government.

Georgia's Birthday Celebrated Today

By Associated Press. Atlanta, Ga., Feb. 12.—Georgia's 177th birthday will be celebrated in practically every school in the state today. A recital of the history of the great seal of the commonwealth will be the chief feature of the program in most of the schools. According to the historians of the Georgia branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution, this state is the only one still using the old pendant seal, the devices and inscriptions on which it is now impossible to decipher. The seal in its present form was adopted in February, 1799, and was first used on July 4 of that year.

Will Attend the Baltimore Convention

By Associated Press. Chicago, Feb. 12.—The Cook county democratic marching club made final plans last night for attending the democratic convention in Baltimore on June 18.

While the club members will sleep on a boat, which has already been chartered.

James J. Hill Before Stanley Committee

By Associated Press. Washington, D. C., Feb. 12.—From James J. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railroad, the Stanley steel trust investigating committee expected to glean today some of the details of the so-called lease of the Lake Superior ore fields to the United States Steel Corporation and also information relating to the steel corporation's transportation facilities in the Lake ore region.

Meredit College Girl Married

Special to The News. Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 12.—Miss Maude Earnhardt, a student at Meredith College, Raleigh, and daughter of the late A. L. Earnhardt, of Gold Hill, and Mr. W. H. Martin, a prominent young merchant of Gold Hill, came to Salisbury and were married Saturday night at Mr. J. A. Arey's, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Jno. W. Moore, of the Methodist church.

The Weather.

Forecast for North Carolina. Generally fair tonight and Tuesday.

My Choice For President

If I Could Select the Man I Would Name

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Address _____

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