

# SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE FROM CAPITAL OF CHINA

By Associated Press.

Peking, March 13.—That Yuan Shi-kai's government is faced with a serious financial crisis is the opinion of a substantial body of foreigners in Peking and the treaty ports of China. These men predict foreign financial control or a foreign public debt commission. The difficulty of the situation is that the president and his supporters are, up to the present, unable to obtain money from the provinces for the administrative requirements of the central government. A letter to the president from the Tuhah (military governor) of Hunan, accompanying a remittance of \$200,000, contains an interesting statement of the case from a practical Chinese point of view.

Tang Hsiang-ming, the Tuhah, says: "Of late the country has been in a turmoil of civil strife and frontier troubles, and scarcely a day has passed without some military operations. After your excellency suppressed the internal troubles and made peaceful settlements with the powers, the first thing that attracted your attention was the financial administration. Foreign loans have been resorted to to relieve the country's financial embarrassment, but owing to the fact that the terms

of the foreign syndicates were too harsh, some patriotic people have suggested ways of collecting taxes while others proposed a retrenchment policy. But all these specious words and theories can do no real good to the country.

"During this critical period there seems to be hardly any remedy for the country's financial troubles. When I read the documents from the central government stating its financial difficulties and the orders of your excellency, I gave vent to my grief in sobs and tears, like everyone else who has the sense of patriotism.

"We are in duty bound to relieve the embarrassment of the government. If the provinces do not help, national bankruptcy will result and the nation will lose its independence. And if the nation is obliterated, how would the province of Hunan exist alone? I hereby remit the sum of \$400,000 (Mexican) to the government.

"It should be borne in mind that the financial condition of Hunan is quite different from that of other provinces, to raise double the amount. Our remittance, though not large, is sufficient to display our patriotism and anxiety over the situation.

(Signed) TANG HSIANG-MING.

This gift, as it might be called, from the province of Hunan, small as it is, is exceptional. As a rule little or nothing can be got from the provinces; they are, on the contrary, continually calling upon the central government for assistance, the Tuhah threatening that rebellion, or brigandage and looting that will implicate the government with foreigners, will result unless the assistance is forthcoming.

The president and his supporters, by employing the army succeeded in

suppressing the rebellion of last summer but they have not been able to stamp out the element of disorder. Indeed, in order to do this they would have to abolish the army itself—a mercenary organization, as frontier fighting and the recent rebellious have shown, lacking discipline and not yet developed above the idea that the privilege of soldiers is the right to plunder. Yet the president has not the power to disband several hundred thousand men in arms.

Disorganization throughout the country prevents the government from collecting taxes on western lines from the provinces as a whole, while active opposition—which will last, it is said, as long as Yuan Shi-kai remains president—would otherwise prevent, in the southern provinces, the institution of a new western system. But the greatest difficulty is believed by foreigners here in Peking to be the lack throughout the nation of capable men, possessing the character and intelligence necessary to build up a modern system out of the corrupt and antiquated eastern one which the country knows.

Yuan-Shi-kai's government has fallen back on the old Manchu system of giving the governor (formerly the viceroy) orders to send to the capital certain definite amounts, leaving the governor to collect as he can sufficient above the required sum to pay his province's expenses, including the cost of his provincial army, and what sums he chooses to take as his own personal compensation. But even this plan hitherto has failed, for the central government has not been able to recover the prestige and power which the Manchus held, feeble as they were.

The Associated Press correspondence from Peking has shown how the so-called modern army refused to fight the Mongol tribesmen within and in the province of the capital, Chihli, itself and how, when disbanded, the troops joined brigand bands, one of which in the province immediately south of Chihli, numbers, it is calculated, over 5,000 men.

Except where foreigners are given control or a measure of it—as in the case of the extensive salt tax, the Salt Gabelle—the government is able to collect little in the way of revenues. Yuan-Shi-kai might employ more foreigners and put them in authority, but the men immediately round him, as well as he himself, have given continued proofs of their unwillingness to give authority to foreigners.

The men in high positions round the president are all of the old school, almost every one having been high official under the Manchus and it is generally understood in China that it was the Chinese and not the Manchus who most opposed the entry of the foreigner. The opposition to foreigners, however, exists not only in the president's palace. Whenever the presidential government negotiates with foreigners, in making loans, granting concessions or any other business, in which there might be "squeeze" or the surrender of authority in any form, a noisy opposition rises. And in view of the feebleness of the government and the danger of employing the army, such excitements have to be curbed and controlled by diplomacy. The danger of them has been shown in very recent years, the Szechuan outbreak, which was the beginning of the anti-Manchu rebellion, having been created on the outcry against the Hukwan Railway contract.

In desperation the government is now endeavoring to obtain another large loan from the Quintuple Group of bankers, composed of French, German, British, Japanese and Russian banks, supported by their respective governments. It will be remembered that last year's \$5,000,000 pounds loan was the cause of a considerable outbreak among parliamentary members, against Yuan Shi-kai and was one of the prominent causes of the rebellion of last summer. Feeling that Yuan's government is too disorganized and unstable to trust with another large loan, the Quintuple legations are requiring the banks to stipulate what amounts to foreign control of China's finances for a period of, it is stated, fifty years, as a condition of any further extensive borrowing.

Up to the present the government has refused this condition, and is getting along as best it can with small loans at high interest, parts of which are sometimes taken out in arms, ammunition and other necessities of the ministries. Sometimes railway and other concessions are granted for such uncontrolled loans. But it is believed that the day of reckoning will soon arrive.

## STANLEY ITEMS

Special to The News.

Stanley, April 13.—A crowd of about 15 came out from Charlotte Saturday to enjoy a picnic near here. While here they stopped at Mrs. M. A. Mason's, a part of the crowd being friends of Mrs. Mason, from Pennsylvania.

Sunday morning, about 3 o'clock, the barn of Mr. John Wallace, who lives two miles in the country from here, was discovered on fire. The fire was already beyond control, the building being entirely destroyed, together with one horse, one mule, some hay and grain and farming implements. There was a cow in the barn also but by heroic means the cow was taken from the burning building, and although badly burned will probably live. The origin of the fire is a mystery. It must have started about 2 o'clock a. m.

Rev. W. H. Davis, evangelist from Charlotte, conducted Easter services at the Baptist church Sunday morning.

The people are glad to see the new schedule of the S. A. L. and especially the train No. 16 for Monroe in the afternoon. It now arrives here at 4:42 p. m. instead of 7:25 p. m., as on old schedule.

About 100 from here attended the commencement of the high school at Alexis Saturday night.

## PROPOSE FEDERAL PENSIONS FOR CONFEDERATES.

Washington, April 13.—A proposal to reimburse the cotton states for the tax levied upon them after the civil war was submitted in a bill introduced Saturday by Representative Park, of Georgia. He sought an appropriation of five million dollars a year for fifteen years to be devoted to pensioning Confederate soldiers and their widows. This amount, he held, would reimburse the states for "an illegal tax.

## It is Just Natural To Admire Babies



Our altruistic nature impels love for the cooing infant. And at the same time the subject of motherhood is ever before us. To know what to do that will add to the physical comfort of expectant motherhood is a subject that has interested most women of all times. One of the real helpful things is an external abdominal application in most drug stores under the name of "Mother's Friend." We have known so many grandmothers, who in their younger days relied upon this remedy, and who recommend it to their own daughters that it certainly must be what its name indicates. They have used it for its direct influence upon the muscles, cords, ligaments and tendons, and it aims to afford relief from the strain and pain so often unnecessarily severe during the period of expectancy.

A little book mailed by Bradfield Regulator Co., 305 Lamar Bldg., Atlanta, Ga., refers to many things that women like to read about. It refers not only to the relief from muscle strain due to their expansion but also to nausea, morning sickness, caking of breasts and many other distresses.

## To Abandon Fight For Possession of Little Bobbie Dunbar

Opolousas, April 13.—The fight for the possession of Bobbie Dunbar has been abandoned.

Dale and Rawls, attorneys for Wm. C. Walters, accused kidnapper made this emphatic statement Saturday morning. The fight which is woven about the 4-year-old baby is for the life of Walters only. Walters trial opens Monday.

"We don't want the child," declared Attorney H. C. Rawls. "Walters has no use for it; it has a better home now than he could ever hope to give it."

"We have the power of attorney in the case and we will most emphatically refuse to sue for the baby in case we win the suit. Besides it would be useless; it would be impossible.

"The only way that the child could be taken from the home of the Dunbars is over the dead body of C. P. Dunbar, and the broken heart of Mrs. Dunbar, and that is impossible.

"Our fight is for the life of Walters. They want to hang him for something of which he is not guilty. We want to save his life—and save his life we are going to do."

"The old man is too simple to tell a lie, and he is as innocent as a baby, however, he has enough sense to know that Bruce Anderson can never find another home equal to that of the Dunbars. If we win this case we absolutely will refuse to sue for the child."

T. S. Dale, who is assisting Mr. Rawls in the defense of Walters, concurred conclusively in the statement of Mr. Rawls.

## Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

SPECIAL TRAIN TO JACKSONVILLE, MAY 4TH, 1914. VIA SOUTHERN RAILWAY.

On account of the Confederate Veterans Reunion at Jacksonville, May 6th-8th, Southern Railway will operate Special Train from Charlotte Monday, May 4th, leaving Charlotte at 10:30 P. M., arriving Jacksonville following morning. Special train will consist of both day coaches and Standard Pullman and Tourist sleeping cars.

Following low round trip fares will apply from stations named:

Charlotte	\$ 8.75
Salisbury	9.60
Statesville	9.60
Gastonia	8.75
High Point	10.30
Concord	9.15
Hickory	9.65
Shelby	9.00
Rock Hill	8.20
Winston-Salem	10.40

Fares from all other points on same basis. Tickets on sale May 3rd to 7th, final limit May 15th, with privilege of an extension of limit until June 4th by depositing ticket and payment of 50 cents. Very low round trip fares from Jacksonville will be sold at all points in Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Havana on May 6th to 10th with final limit, June 2nd.

May is a most attractive month in which to visit Florida, a rare opportunity to see the wonderful Land of Flowers, orange groves, pine-apple and coconut farms. Fishing at its best in May.

Passengers from all points can use regular trains into Charlotte, connecting with the special train from any point upon application.

Pullman reservations should be made in advance.

For further and detailed information apply to any Agent Southern Railway, or

R. H. DeBUTTS, D. P. A., Charlotte, N. C.

## N. & W. Railway

Effective May 25, 1913. Leave Winston-Salem.

6:50 A. M. daily for Roanoke and intermediate stations. Connects with Main Line train North, East and West with Pullman Sleeper, Dining Cars.

2:05 P. M. daily for Martinsville, Roanoke, the North and East. Pullman steel electric lighted sleeper Winston-Salem to Harrisburg, Philadelphia, New York. Dining car north of Roanoke.

5:50 P. M. daily, except Sunday, for Martinsville and local stations.

W. C. SAUNDERS, Pass. Traffic Mgr. Gen'l Pass. Agt.

## Wanted By April 15th.

100 Gallons more Milk daily. Berryhill's Dairy

# The ABC of



## If You Are Playing the Game and Know all About it Don't Read This

The gist of "Song and Story" is this: THE NEWS will give \$1,000 in gold to the 106 people who show themselves the most ingenious and clever in fitting titles to a series of 70 puzzle pictures, half of which represent the titles of songs, and the other half book titles.

The first prize is \$300, the Second \$100, the Third \$50, and so on until the 106 sums are awarded. The pictures represent titles of songs and books that most of you know. Can you determine what book or song the artist had in mind when he made the drawing?

You can start in the game any time before the finish, providing you live in the territory covered by THE NEWS. No one is barred except employees and stockholders of this paper and their immediate families.

Participants are allowed choice of seven answers to each picture. Plenty of time will be given after the pictures are all printed to permit everyone to properly prepare his answers and to give them mature deliberation.

Song and Story is great fun for the family circle. It is instructive, but one need not be highly educated in order to play it successfully. Ingenuity will win, native wit.

To start you will need the "back pictures". Get them free with the Catalogue and Listing Book. You don't have to be a subscriber to THE NEWS to participate, though you will find it the most convenient way of getting the pictures as they appear. You don't have to solicit subscriptions or do any other work to win. It's just play—great fun and great chance for profit.

There will be probably a great many people who will write and tell the Song and Story Editor that such and such a picture cannot represent a book title, or that it is not given in the Catalogue. But they will be wrong. All pictures are correctly labeled, and represent the title of a song or book as the case may be, and every title is in the Catalogue.

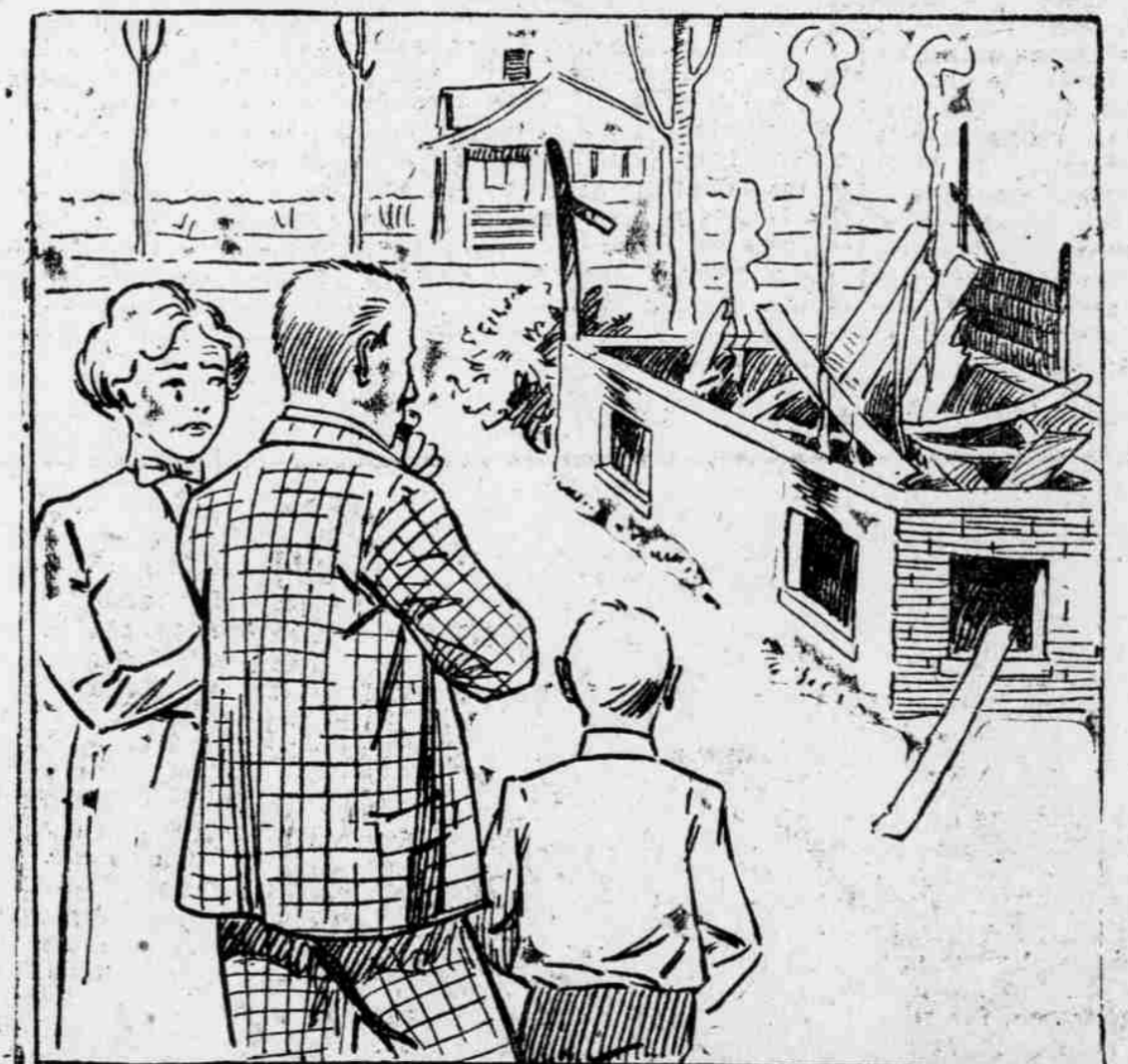
The question is: "Who is going to be clever enough to tell just what the meaning is?"

On your ability to find out what the artist meant when he made the drawing depends the awarding of the \$1,000 in gold THE NEWS has provided for "Song and Story" players.

HOW THE \$1,000 Will be divided—

First Prize of .....	\$300 in gold
Second Prize of .....	\$100 in gold
Third Prize of .....	\$ 50 in gold
Fourth Prize of .....	\$ 25 in gold
Fifth Prize of .....	\$ 15 in gold
Sixth Prize of .....	\$ 10 in gold
100 Prizes of \$5.00 each—	\$500 in gold

## PICTURE NO. 58



## WHAT BOOK TITLE FITS THIS PICTURE?

Write title and Author's name in the form below

Title .....

Author .....

Your Name .....

Street and Number .....

City or Town .....

## Nature Still "Casts Out Devils"

If you don't think they're REAL devils, just let them accumulate as in constipation and biliousness. A whole brood of demons appear, such as indigestion, flatulency, heartburn, palpitation, dizziness, jaundice, congestion of the liver. Later these grow into Bright's Disease, Typhoid, Malaria, etc.

There's one thing these devils can't stand, and that is Bile. Bile is Nature's great cleanser and disinfectant. When it's dammed up, all the above troubles appear. Release it and they disappear like mist before the rising sun. That's why salts, mineral waters, oil and common laxatives fail. They don't release the Bile, but merely flush the intestines.

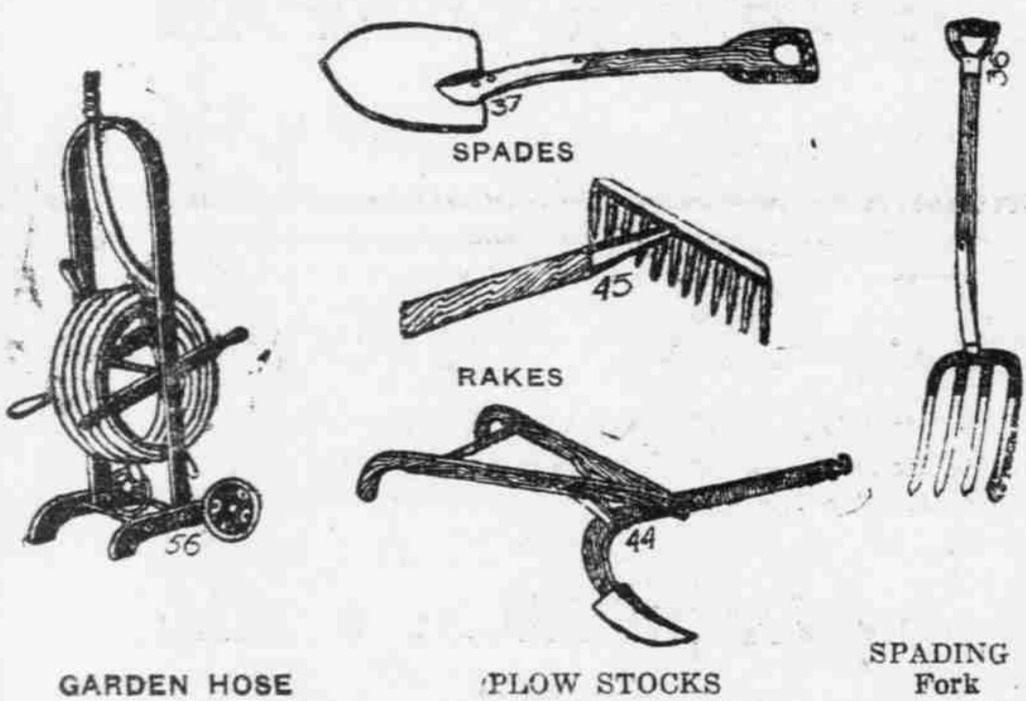
Don't "Wear-Out" a Cough or Cold—Smooth Out with Dr. Bell's Pine-Tar-Honey

Podophyllin (common Mandrake or May-Apple Root) is Nature's own gift to mankind. Since the days of the patriarchs it has proven the one harmless and certain cure for constipation, because it released the dammed-up Bile. (See Encyclopedia Britannica.)

Podolax is a Podophyllin formula made pleasant in taste and action, and is for the whole family, children especially.

You can reason. You know that a free flow of Bile insures a healthy body. You know that no food would be fit for blood food without the Bile to purify it. We insist that Podolax will start the Bile—that it is done gently without griping—without sickening, and we guarantee it.

## Make Garden Work A Real Pleasure



You can make your Lawn and Garden Work easy if you have the right tools to work with—and we have these tools. We have everything that you need.

You know the quality, for we handle only the best.

## SMITH-WADSWORTH HARDWARE CO.

"THE QUALITY HARDWARE STORE." 29 East Trade St. Phones 64, 65 and 66

## New Spring Styles In Men's Low Shoes



## "TOE DOWN"

This, with the broad low heel, makes a flat-looking shoe—a notably smart shoe. Toes are wide enough to be comfortable, yet taper gracefully—shapeliness without the pinch. The low shoes men are buying now are those dull black calfskin and tan calfskin. Prices are \$4.00 to \$7.00.

## ED. YELLO CO.