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THE CHINESE CABINET RESINS IN A BODY

Dissatisfaction Over Shantung Conversations the Probable Cause

Peking, Dec. 18.—The Chinese cabinet for the resignation is obtainable. In unofficial circles, however, the decision of the government is interpreted in three ways. First, as a protest against the reactionary regime proposed by Gen. Chang Tsao-Lin, governor of Manchuria; second, the demand of Chang Tsao-Lin for material support by the government, and, third, a confession that the financial situation is impossible to solution.—Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Dissatisfaction over the progress and the method of the Shantung "Conversations" now going on between Chinese and Japanese representatives here, was believed to have been the cause of the resignation of the Peking cabinet. The delegation was without official information regarding the fall of the cabinet, and, so far as could be learned, recent dispatches from their government contained nothing which would bear out the supposition that the resignations were due to the attitude of Governor General Chang Tsao-Lin of Manchuria.

Coffee Demonstration.

Last Friday and Saturday, December 16 and 17, a very interesting demonstration was given at Peedin and Peterson's store. Miss Annie Laurie Peterson of Spartanburg, S. C., was here demonstrating the splendid qualities of Morora coffee.

A whiff of the brewing coffee was enough to halt a passerby and then a delicious cup with wafers was all that was needed to convince one of the superior flavor of Morora.

Miss Peterson in speaking of coffee said that the making of this popular beverage had a great deal to do with the taste. She gave the reporter several recipes which if made with the Morora brand will surely bring results. They are as follows:

Boiled Coffee.

Heaping teaspoonful to the cup and one to the pot. Put on in front... one to the pot. Put on in fresh cold water, bring to a brisk boil, and boil five minutes. Serve as soon as settled.

Percolated Coffee.

Heaping teaspoonful to the cup and one to the pot. Put on with fresh cold water. Let it commence to percolate and percolate for fifteen minutes.

French Drip Coffee.

Heaping teaspoonful to the cup and one to the pot. Pour coffee in bag in top of pot. Pour boiling water over it. Drain off and pour over 3 times.

After being served with coffee and wafers those enjoying this treat were presented with a miniature can of Morora coffee as a sample, and a very convenient paper shopping bag bearing an advertisement of Morora.

The demonstration was quite a success and Peedin and Peterson will surely realize benefits from the two days' advertising.

Forest Fires Raging in Eastern Counties.

Kinston, Dec. 16.—Forest fires were reported today from several localities in Lenoir and adjoining counties. Buildings, including dwellings and barns are reported to have been destroyed along the Jones county boundary, with a loss to the owners aggregating several thousand dollars. Other fires were said to be causing concern at points west and south of here. Dry weather, carelessness of hunters and other causes were blamed by authorities, who had only meager reports.—Charlotte Observer.

Popular Holiday Gifts.

Narcissus bulbs in pottery bowls continue to make popular holiday gifts. Boxes containing the bulbs are inscribed with little verses such as this: "Water well these little bulbs, then they'll surely do their best to bear my greetings and best wishes to you!"—Philadelphia Record.

KENLY NEWS ITEMS

Kenly, Dec. 14.—Mesdames J. R. Sauls, Dred Sauls and Geo. Walston, of Wilson, attended the bazaar during the week end and visited friends. Mrs. Hank Simmons, of Warsaw, is spending sometime in town, the guest of her father, Mr. R. A. Hales. Mrs. J. E. Holden has recently returned from a visit to her mother in Spencer, Va.

Mrs. H. M. Grizzard and Miss Inez Edgerton have gone on a visit of some length with relatives and friends in Bladenboro and Lumberton.

Miss Bertha Edgerton of the Nahunta high school faculty spent the week end at home.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Grizzard spent Monday in Wilson.

Miss Margaret Wood of Wilson was the guest of Mrs. J. H. Alford, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bailey and daughter, Miss Beulah Bailey visited relatives in Wake county Sunday.

Mr. Hal Gilbreth, of Goldsboro, spent Sunday here with his wife and mother.

Mr. F. A. White returned home last Tuesday night after spending several days with his mother at Hertford.

Misses Pearl and Lena Bynum, of Hope Mill spent the week end with the family of Mr. J. P. Eagles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Darden spent Monday in Wilson.

Friends of Mrs. J. F. Barnes will be glad to know that she is doing so nicely after undergoing a treatment in the Wilson Sanatorium for several weeks. Hope she may soon be permanently well.

Rev. J. E. Holden held regular services at the Methodist church Sunday both morning and evening.

The ladies of the town will give Miss Emma Matthews and mother a flower shower tonight at their beautiful new home on Main street.

The M. E. Bazaar Friday and Saturday was largely attended from other sections—visitors being here both days. The bazaar was a success from every standpoint and quite a neat sum was realized, the proceeds go to the building fund of the church.

Mr. A. G. Tiner is spending sometime with his wife who is ill in the Smithfield Memorial hospital.

Services next Sunday at the Free Will Baptist church by the pastor, Rev. E. Poston.

Miss Viola Price, of Nashville, N. C., was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Alford during the week end. Miss Price is one of the Fremont school faculty for the present year.

Why Liberty Bonds Went Up.

The most extraordinary claim for the merits of the present Administration is put forward by the New York Herald in these words:

Approximately \$2,000,000,000 has been added to the value of Government war bonds held by American citizens in the last nine months. The general rise in the value of Liberty Bonds and Victory Notes, which sold at 85 to 87 last winter, dates from March, when President Harding and the Republican Administration took office. The policies of President Harding and his Cabinet are believed to have had an appreciable effect in causing a rise in confidence on the part of the investing public.

There is not a human being who has experienced the slightest want of confidence in the Government. The idea that the Government might default in interest of principal never entered a human mind. When business was booming and profits were large and dividends were high, men got rid of the Government bonds they bought for reasons of patriotism in order to invest their money where the returns were larger. Since the Harding Administration came in, business has been very sluggish, profits have been low, men have been afraid to risk money in shares, and there has been a great demand for the security of bonds, even with a small return on the investment. Hence for months past there has been much buying of bonds, both commercial and Government, and prices have gone up. And there has also been a demand for tax-free securities in order to escape surtaxes.—Philadelphia Record.

Young Man—"Edison's a wonder, isn't he?"

Young Lady—"I don't think so. You can't turn his incandescent lights down low."—Piedmont Press.

GRAND JURY VISITS OUR CITY SCHOOLS

Recommends Erection of A New County Home With Modern Conveniences

The report of the grand jury in the December term of the Superior court last week, had two items of interest to the public. In addition to the usual report on bills of indictment, convict camps, county offices, county officials, etc., the grand jury recommended the building of a new county home. After visiting the home, they complimented the competency and efficiency of the present manager, and said conditions were as good as possible under the circumstances. They recommended the removal of one of the inmates, who is insane, to the Asylum, as her presence at the county home is a menace to the other inmates. In regard to the erection of a new home we quote the following from the grand jury's report: "We recommend that the balance remaining from bond issue after the completion of the courthouse, be applied in the erection of a new county home to be equipped with water, lights and sewerage, with separate buildings or apartments for the different races and sexes; and that the present property be sold and removal be made to a more accessible and convenient location."

Many in the county have long wanted the above recommendation to come true, and no doubt the commissioners will be ready soon to take some action.

The other item of interest especially to the people of Smithfield was the report on the graded schools of our town both white and colored. The grand jury visited these schools at the suggestion of Judge Cranmer and were well pleased with their inspection. In referring to the negro school the following comment was made: "The negro school is especially well kept and its condition fully demonstrates that the colored people are appreciative of the efforts of the taxpayers in their behalf."

Selma Woman's Club.

Selma, Dec. 15. A woman's club was organized at the Baptist church yesterday with 35 members. Miss Gertrude Weil, of Goldsboro was president and assisted in the organization. She explained the work the woman's club in various towns in the state are doing, and gave the women some timely and valuable suggestions. The club will begin their work next week by introducing a travelers' aid at the passenger station here for the benefit of the traveling public during the holidays.

The following officers of the club were elected: President, Mrs. L. D. Debnam; vice-president, Miss Margaret Etheredge; recording secretary, Mrs. E. V. Woodard; corresponding secretary, Mrs. G. D. Vick; treasurer, Miss Rena Perry.—Greensboro News.

Ninth Anniversary.

Benson, Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Barbour entertained a few of their friends last Friday evening at a beautifully appointed dinner party, the occasion being their ninth wedding anniversary. Soft lights with baskets of Russel roses and potted plants made the living room unusually cosy. After a few moments of conversation before the open fire, dinner was announced.

In the dining room the table presented a vision of loveliness with its centerpiece of lovely bride's roses and ferns and lighted by four tall white candles. The places were indicated by appropriate place cards. An elaborate five course dinner was served. At its conclusion the men remained to enjoy a comfortable smoke before joining the ladies in the living-room. Covers were laid for twelve. The guests with their best wishes presented Mr. and Mrs. Barbour with a handsome silver fruit stand. Those enjoying this delightful affair were, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Boone, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Royal, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hall, Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Oliver and Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Johnson.

In Bulgaria everybody avoids the crossing of a strange doorway on Christmas.—Charlotte Observer.

AMERICAN LEGION POST ORGANIZED

Officers Elected Thursday Night; Pou-Parrish Post Tentative Name

The work of organizing a post of the American Legion for Smithfield and contiguous communities which has been sponsored largely by Mr. St. Julien L. Springs of Smithfield was completed on Thursday night, December 15. The meeting was held in the office of Dr. Thel Hooks and was attended by about 25 members of the new post. The duties of the organization which purport to operate along both fraternal and social lines, were explained in detail by Mr. Springs. It was also explained that only the men who served in either the U. S. Army, the U. S. Navy, or the U. S. Marine Corps between April 6, 1917 and November 11, 1918, are eligible for membership. The Smithfield post is now operating under the tentative name of the Pou-Parrish post of the American Legion and its officers are as follows:

Post Commander, Dr. Thel Hooks.
Post Adjutant, J. F. Harrison.
Post Treasurer, B. L. Jones.
Service Officer, H. V. Rose.
Employment Officer, A. G. Byrd.
Post Chaplain (open).
Post Historian, Robt. A. Wellons.
Athletic Officer, Carleton Stephenson.
Sergeant-at-Arms, Isham Holland.

Forestry Association.

Chapel Hill, Dec. 19.—The 11th Annual Convention of the N. C. Forestry Association will be held in Wilmington, N. C., on Friday, January 27, 1922. The program is being arranged so that several of the most important forestry problems now before the people of the State, such as high-way planting, county cooperation in forest fire prevention, State or Federal forest control, etc., will be brought up for discussion by some of the leading authorities on these subjects.

A plan is also on foot to organize an excursion the following day into the longleaf pine forests of New Hanover county. Within ten miles of Wilmington are to be found some of the best second growth longleaf pine forests in the State, and an opportunity will be given for out of town delegates to visit them.

Wilmington is a popular winter resort and as all the hotels are liable to be well filled throughout January, all those who plan to attend this meeting should make their reservations well in advance. The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce is heartily cooperating with the Association and suggests that reservations be made during the first week of January. Rooms may be secured at the Orton, Wilmington and the Coast Line hotels, all of which are run on the European plan. Cafes are run in connection with these hotels and there is an excellent Y. M. C. A. Cafeteria near by. Accommodation at good boarding houses can also be secured.

It is hoped that all men and women of North Carolina interested in the progress of forestry will plan to attend this meeting and do their part to bring about better forest conditions in our State.

Sugar Crop Threatened in Virgin Islands by Strike of Laborers.

San Juan, Porto Rico, Nov. 19.—A strike among the field laborers of St. Croix, one of the Virgin Islands, which has lasted for two months, is threatening the next sugar crop, according to J. L. Curry, of that island. The strike resulted from a decision of the sugar planters to reduce wages to a pre-war basis of 50 cents a day for day labor. On a piece basis, Mr. Curry said it was possible for laborers to earn from 75 cents to \$1.25 daily, but they will not do piece work.

"We have had two bad years for sugar," said Mr. Curry. "Unless we are able to get our planting done by the end of November there will be no crop for the coming year."—Associated Press.

Ed Doolittle thinks they call it the Almighty dollar because it is so all mighty hard to get.—Capper's Weekly.

HOLT LAKE ITEMS

Mr. Clarence Underwood of near Four Oaks spent last Saturday night near here the guest of Ben Baker.

Mrs. Fonzo Daughtry of Rose Hill is spending the Christmas holidays in this section the guest of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Underwood.

Miss Nova Flowers, of Garner is spending the week in this section with relatives.

Miss Viola Overbee of Stevens' Chapel section spent last week the guest of Mrs. K. D. Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lee motored to Fayetteville Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Latta.

Misses Eula Cleo Porter and Nova Creech; Messrs Charlie Britt and David Capps all of Benson spent last Sunday the guest of Miss. Cora Belle Underwood.

Mrs. Ila Johnson of near Smithfield spent Sunday the guest of Mrs. Ed Lee.

Many thanks to Mr. C. M. Moore for teaching a singing class at Corinth. We hope he will continue in 1922.

Mrs. G. W. Raynor of Four Oaks, spent last week end in this section the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. B. Adams.

Mrs. Charlie Raynor who has been sick for the past few days is improving.

Miss Pearl Lee is spending this week near Smithfield with relatives.

Mr. T. W. Underwood and daughter, Mrs. L. F. Daughtry spent Sunday in Sanders Chapel section.

Mr. Derwood Daughtry and Mr. Henry Thompson spent Sunday the guests of Chester Phillips.

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Death of a Child.

On December 10th the Death Angel visited our home and bore away the beautiful spirit of our beloved little girl, Mamie Ellen. She was born December 17, 1919, making her stay on earth, one year, 11 months and 24 days. She was a kind and loving child and loved by all who knew her. She was taken sick on Monday, December 5, and grew worse until death came. She had pneumonia and tonsillitis, and her suffering was intense. All was done for her that parents, friends and kind neighbors could do but none could stay the icy hand of death. The burial took place on Sunday afternoon at Stony Run church in Sampson county. Elder C. A. Jackson conducted the services. Our loss is her eternal gain. Oh, how we miss her but may we be submissive to His will.

A loving father and mother,
MR. & MRS. W. D. HOUSE.

Sapiro Coming Back to State.

Plans for a whirlwind finish to the campaign for co-operative marketing in North Carolina include five speeches by Aaron Sapiro beginning on December 27. His schedule as given out by the Raleigh headquarters of the Growers' Association follows:

Goldsboro, Tuesday, December 27; Smithfield, Wednesday, Dec. 28; Kinston, Thursday, Dec. 29; Greenville, Friday, December 30; and Rocky Mount, Saturday, Dec. 31. All meetings are to begin promptly at 1 p. m.

Mr. Sapiro comes to North Carolina from Kentucky where he has been assisting the Burley growers in perfecting their organization to handle the present Burley crop. He will probably be accompanied by several men from Kentucky who will give North Carolinians first hand information on how the burley growers signed up 85 per cent of the production in Kentucky, Indiana, Ohio and West Va.

Farmers in counties within reach of the towns where Mr. Sapiro talks are organizing delegations to attend the mass meetings and it is expected that all records for attendance will be broken in this series of meetings which will close the campaign in North Carolina.—News and Observer.

Good Hogs Killed Near Smithfield

Mr. R. G. Sanders tells us of a good hog killing which occurred on his mail route recently. Mr. J. S. Sellers, Smithfield, Route Two, killed a two-year-old hog which weighed 672 lbs. He killed four others at the same time which weighed 1365. The five hogs made him 2087 pounds of pork.

FRANCE UPSETS THE CONFERENCE PLANS

Indications Point to Extension of Arms Conference Into the New Year

Washington, Dec. 18.—Secretary Hughes as chairman of the Armament conference has communicated directly with Premier Briand of France regarding the situation which has developed as a result of the stand of the French delegation upon the question of naval ratios.

Mr. Hughes is understood to have called the attention of M. Briand to the entirely unexpected nature of the French proposal and to its failure to harmonize with the basic principles upon which the limitation of naval armaments plan was drawn.—Associated Press.

Washington, Dec. 18.—Although further instructions from Paris are expected generally to soften somewhat the attitude taken by the French delegates toward the problem of naval ratios, many members of the arms conference are looking forward to an animated and perhaps prolonged discussion before the French views finally are brought into accord with those of the other powers.

There apparently is little expectation in American, British, Japanese or Italian circles that the French government will insist rigidly on the proposal of its naval experts, already presented to the conference for a French capital fleet of 350,000 tons but at the same time enough of French opinion on the subject has been revealed to dampen hope that the counter-proposal for a 175,000 ton fleet will be readily accepted.

It would not surprise some of the delegates if the discussion lasted into the New Year and upset the plans of the British to sail for home in December. Until the word expected momentarily from Paris is received, however, no one in authority now will make a prediction as to the probable date when the conference will be over.

So far as the Far Eastern problems are concerned, there seems to be little to delay an adjournment. The Shantung negotiations are understood to have brought the Japanese and Chinese almost to an agreement on that subject and only a few items on the Far Eastern agenda remain to be considered. Some of them appear at first glance as likely to be difficult to handle, yet the delegates seem to be generally of the opinion that if the naval problem can be solved the Far Eastern end of the conference will be wound up speedily.

China's request for abrogation of the 1915 treaties, resulting from the 21 demands form the most formidable immediate stumbling block in the way of a Far Eastern accord, but in many quarters it is believed that the point never will be stubbornly pressed. Japan already has objected to discussion of the treaties by the conference and it is recognized generally that no nation can be compelled to talk about a question it considers outside the scope of the conference.—Associated Press.

Work of Conference in The Open

So far as it has been humanly possible, the work of the conference has been done in the open. That is to say, no important move of any sort has been made without a frank statement from the working committees as to propositions and their purport. After every committee session a communique is issued to the press. Thereafter participants in the negotiations gladly submit to questions from newspaper men. These conferences clarify the situations and provide the real news of the proceedings. To begin with, the British delegates meet the press twice daily. Mr. Hughes talks before probably two hundred reporters every day at 3:30, speaking with absolute frankness. The President receives the press twice a week and speaks with remarkable openness. Then there are the French, Italian, Japanese and Chinese conferences to fill the day. Out of these crowded sessions flows the news that the world craves. It is not less authentic and unofficial because of the proper rule that the principal personages are not to be quoted.—Edwin C. Hill in N. Y. Herald.