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Other Nations Join To Aid China. Virtual Republic The Prospect.

Shanghai, Dec. 21.—The United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Japan and Russia have united in a joint and friendly effort to assist Tang Shao Yi and Dr. Wu Ting-fang in their efforts to restore peace in China. The news was received here with rejoicing.

The Minister of Communications in the republican provisional Government, Wen Tsung Yao, said that any attempt to secure foreign intervention would only make matters worse and endanger foreign interests. His party would not consent to the retention of the Manchus, even on a limited basis, and would insist on the establishment of a republic. The republican Government, he said, was prepared to provide for Manchu officials and to offer Yuan Shi Kai the Presidency of the republic, but he added Yuan Shi Kai must accept before it was too late.

Yuan Shi Kai has authorized Dr. Wu Ting-fang to use his (the Premier's) name in his telegrams so that he will be able to utilize the telegraph wires, which are now in imperial hands, while Yuan Shi Kai will use Dr. Wu Ting-fang's name in order to obtain communication over the wires in republican hands.

The negotiations between Tang Shao Yi and Dr. Wu opened with surprising smoothness. It is evident the continuation of Manchu rule is considered unlikely by either side. Significance is attached to the statement of Tang Shao Yi that he does not represent the throne, but rather the Premier. Coupled with Wu Ting-fang's early insistence on the establishment of a republic this is taken to mean that the Premier is prepared to concede the ending of the dynasty.

Even though the present dynasty is ousted, the Premier evidently hopes to retain the imperial form of government possibly with the present Emperor designated as the first ruler of a new Chinese dynasty and with himself as Regent. The personality of Yuan Shi Kai dominates the convention. The great fight among the delegates will be as to whether the form of government is to be imperial or republican. If an empire, Yuan will be regent. If a republic, Yuan will be the first President. The revolutionary delegates believe that they will be victorious in their demands for a republic. Even the staunchest of the imperialist delegates admit that Manchu rule is doomed.

NEARLY ONE MILLION BALES

Is Ginning Report For North Carolina. Other States And Figures.

Washington, Dec. 21st.—The Census Bureau's report of cotton ginning for the seventh period of the season, from December 1 to 12, inclusive, issued yesterday shows the number of running bales ginned in the latter date from the great record-breaking cotton crop grown in 1911, with comparative ginning statistics to the corresponding date of last year and the former record years of 1904 and 1908, as follows:

United States, 13,759,652 bales, compared with 10,895,443 bales last year, when 92.5 per cent. of the entire crop was ginned prior to December 1; 11,904,269 bales in 1908, when 91.0 per cent. was ginned, and 11,971,477 bales in 1904, when 89.0 per cent. was ginned.

Round bales included were 93,294 compared with 106,489 bales last year, 130,024 bales in 1909 and 215,059 bales in 1908.

Sea Island cotton bales included were 90,436, compared with 75,228 bales last year, 85,177 bales in 1909, and 80,816 bales in 1908.

Ginning with comparative statistics and the percentage of the entire crop ginned prior to December 13 in previous years.

State	1911	1910	1908	1904
North Carolina—	912,556	664,722	615,736	659,135
South Carolina—	1,423,295	1,107,556	1,134,183	1,085,725
Texas—	3,860,386	2,849,259	3,368,874	2,953,067
Georgia—	2,515,619	1,706,816	1,868,963	1,790,792
Alabama—	1,561,134	1,128,470	1,265,953	1,319,711

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR HOLIDAYS

Appropriate Exercises Held Yesterday Morning. Music Recital Last Night.

The New Bern public schools closed yesterday for the holidays and will not be reopened until January 2nd.

The closing day and its exercises had long been looked forward to by the pupils, especially those of the lower grades and many of the class rooms were appropriately decorated for the occasion.

The grades occupying the old building had exercises in their own rooms. All of these had special programs for the occasion, consisting of songs, recitations, play, etc. during which a real live Santa Claus appeared on the scene, talked with the children, asked them what they wanted and wished them all a happy Christmas. All of these rooms were beautifully decorated with holly and bamboo and each had a very attractive Christmas tree. A large number of mothers visited the rooms and enjoyed the exercises.

At 11:45 exercises were held in the Auditorium by all the grades from 2A through the 10th, and the following program was rendered:

1. Song—Old North State—School.
2. Song—Around The Christmas Tree—2A Grade.
3. Recitation—Ira Arthur.
5. Song—We Three Kings—Robert Jones, Levy Robinson, Hughes Rhodes—6A Grade.
5. Play—The Children's Christmas Party—3A Grade.
6. Song—Ho! Ho! Ho!—4A Grade.
7. Song—Christmas Carol—5A Grade.
8. Recitation—Charles Hall Ashford.
9. Song—Christmas Play—3B Grade.
10. Song—Holy Night—5B Grade.
11. Song—Holy Night—German Class.
12. Recitation—Eather Newberry.
13. Cornets.
14. Song—4B Grade.
15. Song—Ho for Carolina—School.

After which the pupils were sent to their rooms and dismissed for the day. A number of visitors were present and every seat in the auditorium was occupied.

Last evening at 8 o'clock in Griffin Auditorium the music class gave a recital. The inclement weather hindered many from attending but nevertheless a large number was present. The program which follows was well rendered and greatly pleased all who attended:

1. Orchestra—American Patrol.
2. Chorus—With Jamie in Command Nevin—3A Grade.
3. Piano Solo—Novelette—Carl Kern—Mabel Cohen.
4. Violin Solo—Chimes—Winn—Zora Styron.
5. Song—In Germany—Miesner—6B Grade.
6. Piano Solo—Valse Styrienne—Wolfebaupt—Nell Bleshop.
7. Song In Greenland—Miesner—6B Grade.
8. Violin Solo—Valse—Warner—Fred Cohn.
9. Duet—Gavotte—Engelmann—Bertha Hawk and Bessie Hollowell.
10. Song—In China—Miesner—5A Grade.
11. Orchestra—Humoreske—Dvorak.
12. Piano Solo—Murmuring Zephyr—R. Nieman—Bessie Hollowell.
13. Song In Japan—Miesner—4B Grade.
14. Violin Solo—Melody—Dancia—Albertina Jones.
15. Song—In Scotland—Miesner—4A Grade.
16. Violin Solo—Simple Aveu, Thome—Charles Hollister.
17. Song—In Holland—Miesner—5C Grade.
18. Piano Solo—Good Night—Nevin—Sarah Hollister.
19. Voice of the Woods—Rubenstein—High School.

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Shirts	50c to 3

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BOX RENT NOW DUE.

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J. S. BASNIGHT, P. M.
Dec. 21st, 1911.

Russian Government officials are considering the question of new treaty with the United States.

For Football Practice.

There was a good practice last night of the local football team that will play on New Years Day. Tonight at 7:30 o'clock all members are urged to be out again at the Atlantic Club rooms for practice. Tickets for the game on January 1st are now on sale at G. B. Waters, Ed Clark's, Bradham's Pharmacy, Royall's and Hartling's barber shop at 25 cents.

Christmas Photos.

The Wooten Studio still has time for more orders. Photos from all sittings made now will be delivered in time to be used as Xmas gifts. All orders for painted gifts will be promptly filled.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.
A PITIFUL SIGHT.

Editor Journal: This week many times have I had to pass the Express Company's liquor shop, and could not help noting the, to me, pitiful sight of men going in and coming out with packages containing some kind of liquor. And these men were mostly negroes, the very class that you, Mr. Editor and I voted prohibition for, to keep them away from saloons, and lo, each has become a walking saloon, with not just one drink, but carrying home, save the eight, drinks for one or more days. And more, a great deal of this package liquor becomes trading stuff, to be retailed by the negro to his neighbors. During the rain Thursday, these scenes of liquor were indeed miserable objects to look at. Ragged, unkempt, with only the purpose of getting a package, the rain fell upon them, soaking their clothing—but all unheeded, as mounting their carts or walking away, they carried what was dearer to them, than cleanliness, decency, home, wife, children or honor—the still stuff that would drive them still lower than the beast. There is something greater than absolute law prohibition needed. Can you tell, Mr. Editor.

ONE WHO SAW.

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Circulating Library Elects Officers For 1912.

There was an annual election of officers of the New Bern Circulating Library on December twentieth. The following are the new officers for 1912:

Mrs. W. R. Blaine—President.
Mrs. F. R. Duffy—1st Vice-President.
Mrs. A. D. Ward—2nd Vice-President.
Miss May Hendon—Secretary.
Mrs. E. B. Ellis—Treasurer.
Purchasing Committee—Mrs. Ed. Bishop (Chairman), Mrs. J. A. Bryan, Mrs. Chas. Ives, Mrs. C. E. Stover, Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Miss Hollister, Mr. G. L. Stevens.
Adding Committee—Mr. James B. Hines, Mr. Sam M. Brown.

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