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## NEW MAN IN CHARGE

YUAN SHI KAI FORMALLY INAUGURATED PRESIDENT.

WILL CALL AN EXTRA SESSION

Gov. Deneen to Call Extra Session of Illinois Legislature—United States Troops at Taku—To Harness Loup River.

Peking—Yuan Shi Kai was formally inaugurated president of the republic of China in the presence of a great gathering of delegates, provincial envoys, military and naval officers and other prominent personages in the new foreign office Saturday. Many foreigners attended the ceremony, but the legations were not represented. The United States transport Abrenda arrived at Taku, at the mouth of the Pei Ho, and a large detachment of marines aboard were sent forthwith to Peking. The marines will relieve 200 infantrymen, part of the Fifth Infantry from Manila, who will return immediately to Tien Tsin. The military and military commanders at Peking and Tien Tsin continue to take precautions against the eventualities.

**For Direct Presidential Primary.**  
Chicago—Governor Deneen has authorized the statement that he would call an extra session of the legislature to enact a direct presidential primary law, provided that prior to the issuance of the call a pledge is signed by two-thirds of the members of the senate and house that they will pass a bill with the necessary emergency clause.

**To Build Big Power Canal.**

Lincoln—Complete plans have been laid by a party of Lincoln capitalists for harnessing the waters of the Loup river for power purposes. The gigantic venture involves a money outlay of ten millions of dollars. A large power canal will be constructed on the Loup in Nance and Platte counties, and power stations constructed at Genoa and Columbus. Options on all the necessary land were obtained last week. People in ninety cities and towns in eastern Nebraska will afford an immediate market for the supply. Pressure has been brought to bear on the state board and the water rights will soon be determined. Work will be commenced at Genoa at once by the Nebraska company when water rights have been adjudicated. Articles of incorporation are complete and may be filed this week by the Lincoln men.

**Destruction of Deer.**

Lead, S. D.—Reports are coming in from many sections in the hills of the destruction of deer in numbers by coyotes and wolves, particularly the former. Every few days carcasses of deer are found in the snow, which has been so deep all winter in the Black Hills that the feet of animals are unable to get away from the lighter beasts of prey.

**Will Investigate Woolen Company.**

Washington—An investigation of the American Woolen company, its organization, capitalization, labor conditions and status as a corporation, will be recommended to congress by the house committee on rules as a result of the preliminary inquiry into the strike of mill workers at Lawrence, Mass.

**Bad Fire at Winnipeg.**

Winnipeg, Man.—Six deaths and three-quarters of a million dollars fire loss are the result of a blaze which started in the warehouse of the International Harvester company. A portion of the wall on the east end of the warehouse blew out, burying in the ruins three firemen and two on-lookers.

**Passage, N. J.—**

Because he refused to permit his young daughter, Dorothy, to be vaccinated, Health Commissioner George Michaels was arrested on complaint of the board of education. He will make a test case of the matter.

**Couldn't Endure a Perfect Man.**

Oakland, Cal.—Edwin Hirsch, an Irvington merchant, has received a decree of divorce from Hazel Hirsch, who deserted him two years ago, unable to endure longer his perfections. According to testimony, Hirsch gave his wife every luxury within his means, placed no restraints on her amusements and never showed jealousy. He never spoke an unkind word and never indulged in liquor, tobacco, profanity or late hours.

**Who Owns South Pole?**

New York—The question of whether Norway owns the territory surrounding the south pole, which has just been discovered by Captain Roald Amundsen, has already begun to be discussed by authorities on international law covering the ownership of Arctic and Antarctic lands.

El Paso, Texas.—Arms and ammunition for the rebels are being allowed to cross from El Paso by the authorities. The shipments are received by rebel officers and distributed.

# NO HAND TO GUIDE

CHINA STILL GROPING ALONG IN THE DARK.

ARBITRATION IS A DEAD ISSUE

Arbitration Treaties Must Wait for a Resurrection—Chinese Cabinet to Meet Without a Head.

Peking—It is evident that the Nanking republican assembly and President-elect Yuan Shi Kai have not yet reached a complete agreement. The so-called coalition may therefore again be deferred, but circumstances are forcing both parties very hard and it is expected Yuan will take the oath at once. A strange situation is promised. Tank Shoa Yi, who is generally considered as the prospective premier, is to return to Nanking, where the republican cabinet will assemble without either the president or the vice president of the republic. The presence of those officials is required to maintain more or less order respectively at Peking and Wu Chang.

**Treaties Will Have to Wait.**

Washington—American participation in arbitration of international difficulties is a dead issue, so far as concerns this session of congress and probably for some time to come, according to government officials, who have summed up the senate's action in stripping the proposed arbitration treaties with France and Great Britain of their vital features. There is little thought that President Taft will submit the treaties in their mangled form to either of the powers for possible approval. The amended treaties will await the return to Washington of President Taft and if routine is followed he will send them to the state department. Secretary Knox, who is on the west coast of Honduras, will be advised by cable of what has happened and as a matter of form some consultation must be had between the president and the secretary before the next step can be taken.

**Says All Are in Same Boat.**

Washington—Former President Roosevelt, W. J. Bryan and Representative Victor Berger of Wisconsin, socialist, were branded in a speech in the house Friday by Representative Dies of Texas, democrat, as being "among the foremost enemies of free government in America today." Mr. Dies insisted that both Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Bryan were socialists and he coupled their names with those of Mr. Berger and the McNamara brothers.

**The Boats Weren't Running.**

Paris—Henri Salvey, the French aviator, arrived at Issy Les-Moulineaux, a suburb of Paris, in his monoplane, having traveled from London without a stop. He covered the distance of about 222 miles in two hours and fifty-seven minutes. He declared that having urgent business to transact in Paris he had been able to make the trip through the air in spite of the steam boats being tied up by the coal strike.

**Senator Lodge Is Opposed.**

Princeton, N. J.—Senator Henry Cabot Lodge of Massachusetts preached vigorous opposition to the initiative, referendum and recall here Friday before the students of Princeton university. His speech was one of a series delivered under the Spencer Trask lecture fund. Mr. Lodge denounced the initiative, referendum and recall as both obsolete and impracticable, and subversive of the fundamental ideas of representative government.

**Nebraskans in Fatal Affray.**

Oshkosh, Neb.—William Flesterman was shot by "Jack" Ferguson Thursday morning near Edward, in the northeast part of Garden county. Ferguson had forbidden Flesterman to trespass on his place in hauling hay. Flesterman, while taking the fence down, was shot with a large calibre rifle twice in the right side and right arm and is probably fatally injured.

**Berlin—**

Because of the fear that the miners are certain to strike and that violence will accompany their walk-out, the government has issued an order prohibiting the sale of arms. The situation in the coal districts is very threatening.

**Send Corn Test in Iowa.**

Des Moines—In order to insure a crop of corn for Iowa this year, the farmers of the state will find it imperative to test the seed they plant, according to the delegates who are attending the gathering of the farmers' clubs here. Iowa is facing its worst problem in years regarding the selection of seed corn, they say, and moved by this necessity, it is probable that at least 50 per cent of the farmers of the state will make tests.

**Denies Sending Telegram.**

Hobart, Tasmania—Captain Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian explorer, denies having telegraphed anything regarding Captain Robert Scott or the British expedition. Captain Amundsen, up to the present, is the only member of the antarctic expedition who has landed from the Fram. Nobody is allowed to go on board the vessel under any pretext whatsoever. The explorer says he is pleased with the results of his expedition, but otherwise maintains absolute silence on the subject.

# "SPRING HAS SPRUNG"



## SCOTT REACHES SOUTH POLE

TREATIES ORIGINALLY DRAFTED MUCH AMENDED.

British Explorer First to Reach the Goal—Treaties Must Be Resubmitted to England and France.

Washington—Stripped of the clause which it was claimed would invade the constitutional treaty making power of the senate and with many other limitations added, the general arbitration treaties between the United States and England and France, proposed by President Taft and Secretary Knox as forerunners of universal peace, were ratified by the senate by a vote of 76 to 2. The senators who voted against the ratifications were Lorimer, Martine and Reed. The latter two are democrats. President Taft made no comment on the senate's action, but it is known he had hoped to see the treaties passed unamended. He had declared publicly, however, that certain amendments would not be objectionable. Virtually the treaties, by the senate's action, are "up in the air" and in their modified form they must be referred to England and France.

**Reaches the South Pole.**

London—The cable dispatches from New Zealand announcing that Captain Scott had found the south pole, come as a startling climax to the race with five explorers of different nations. Captain Robert Falcon Scott started on his expedition from Port Coleridge, New Zealand, on November 29, 1910. He was well equipped for this dash for the farthest south, having made a previous expedition under the direction of the royal geographical society. At that time he attained a record of 82 degrees, 30 minutes, which remained the record up to the time of Lieutenant Shackleton's notable exploit. Shackleton pushed further south and in 1907 reached 88 degrees, 23 minutes, or about one hundred miles from the south pole. This remained the record and inspired the hardy navigators of many nations to attempt the culminating feat of reaching the pole itself. Captain Scott took the route by way of Australia and New Zealand. He sailed due south into Ross sea, a great stretch of water reaching toward the south pole. His chief competitor in this dash was Captain Roald Amundsen, who was sent by the king of Norway and the Norwegian government.

**Woodmen Warned to Be Careful.**

Lincoln—Nebraska Modern Woodmen are warned in a circular letter issued by Head Consul A. R. Talbot, that the forfeiture of charters and the cancellation of individual insurance certificates may be the penalty paid by members who seek to effect organized resistance to the raise in insurance rates recently ordered by the head camp of the society.

**Gifford Pinchot to Be at Lincoln.**

Lincoln—Gifford Pinchot, former chief forester of the United States, has been invited to address the Nebraska conservation congress this spring. Mr. Pinchot has promised officers of the congress that he will accept.

**May Have Reached South Pole.**

London—A rumor is published in an evening paper that Captain Robert F. Scott, the British Antarctic explorer, has reached the south pole. Mrs. Scott declares she has heard nothing from her husband and there is no confirmation obtainable from any source. Captain Scott, of the British royal navy, is at the head of an expedition which includes sixty men, twenty ponies, thirty dogs and two motor sleds.

**Lansing, Mich.—**

The house of representatives has passed a presidential preference primary bill to be given immediate effect. The bill provides for a primary on the first Monday in April, binding the national convention delegates to support the nominee securing the majority at the primary.

Pekin—A letter from a missionary at Hwang-Hsien, near Chu-Fu, states that the imperial troops cut out the eyes of forty Christian converts and then beheaded them, saying they were naturally rebels.

## CHANGES IN MEXICAN CABINET

ONLY MEANS OF RESTORING ORDER IN CHINA.

Army Element in Mexico First to Be Placed—International Troops Needed in China—A New Archdiocese.

Peking—Comparative quiet has been restored at Peking. The action of the American minister, Mr. Calhoun, in cabling to Manila for further troops for Tien Tsin, it is stated, was not due to the fear of a concerted attempt against foreigners, similar to the boxer rising, but owing to the belief that it was unwise to take any chances in view of the fact that the Chinese troops cannot be depended upon and disorders are sweeping the north with little prospect of prompt restoration of government control. The American legation has sent a message to the missionaries at Pao Ting Pao urging that the women and children, especially, should be sent to a place of safety, as Pao Ting Fu is beyond the reach of protection. It has been found impossible to communicate with other Americans below that town, owing to the complete interruption of the telegraph and postal services and the fact that the railway is in the hands of mutineers.

**Changes in Mexican Cabinet.**

Mexico City—Cabinet changes intended to placate the various warring elements are to be made in the near future. The substitutions will affect six of the eight portfolios and are calculated to amalgamate the Vasquistas, liberals, the army element and the Maderistas. Perhaps the most startling feature of the alleged plan is the proposed returning of Dr. Francisco Gomez, "the brains of the revolution," to the position he formerly held. Francisco de la Barra is slated for the ministry of foreign relations, which he occupied during the last Diaz administration; General Geronimo Trevino for the war office; Fernando Iglesias Calderon, candidate for vice president on the liberal party ticket against Pino Suarez, for the department of the interior, and Alfredo Bobies Dominguez, Madero's treasurer during the revolution, for the department of communications.

**New Catholic Archdiocese.**

Davenport, Ia.—The announcement that a new Roman Catholic diocese has just been created in Nebraska, with Kearney as the see city, has revived rumors in Catholic church circles that Omaha will soon be created a new province, with Bishop Scannell as archbishop. This plan was discussed when the bishops of the province of Dubuque met prior to the creation of the new diocese of Des Moines, and it is said that the latter act was merely a step towards the creation of a new archdiocese.

**Western Strike Ended.**

Denver, Colo.—By an agreement entered into by officials of district 15, United Mine Workers of America and officials of the American Fuel company the strike of the northern coal fields, which has existed for nearly two years, virtually is settled.

**A Million for Church Buildings.**

Chicago—The Chicago Presbytery has taken under consideration an overture to the Presbyterian general assembly, which, if concurred in by other presbyteries and allowed by the general assembly of the Presbyterian church, would result in diverting \$1,000,000 of the \$2,500,000 fund known as the Kennedy fund, and expending it in the erection of churches in needy districts in various parts of the United States.

**Relics in Pompeii Ruins.**

Naples—Further remarkable discoveries have been found in the ruins of Pompeii. The excavators have come upon several balconies, one of which, the first to be uncovered, is complete. Five skeletons have been found, apparently the bones of natives overcome while attempting to escape the eruption. An interesting discovery is that of a complete wine shop, with bronze and glass amphorae, or jars, bronze lamps and an ivory safe, which contained a quantity of silver coins.

## BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Building operations are on the boom at Dunning.

Beatrice will have a professional baseball team this season.

The socialists of Fairbury are arranging for a lyceum course.

August Kopke, living near Bennington, while milking, had his leg broken by his cow falling on him.

It is intimated that Beatrice will be very glad to purchase a franchise in the Nebraska State league.

Hans Jones, residing northwest of Fremont, suffered the loss of two fingers in a cornsheller accident.

The revival meetings which have been in progress at the Christian church at Greenwood have closed.

The Blue river at Beatrice is to be stocked with a large number of fish from the state hatcheries this spring.

J. P. Rawson, for a long time editor of the Aurora Sun, has sold the paper and will leave shortly for other fields.

The congregation of the Baptist church of York is rejoicing over the fact that the organization is clear of debt.

Farmers of the state are jubilant over the prospects of a first-class wheat crop as a result of the recent snows.

A carload of bananas, while in the yards at Wymore, took fire from an oil heater in the car and were badly scorched.

The new Methodist church at Sterling will be dedicated March 17. The building is one of the most handsome of its kind in that part of the state.

Company K, First infantry regiment, Nebraska national guard, presented "In Old Virginia" to a large audience at the opera house at Wymore.

Smallpox broke out in the Douglas county jail and a liberal use of disinfectants to prevent the spread of the disease made the 140 prisoners deadly sick.

The debate between Wymore and Beatrice high school debating teams was won by Wymore. This victory entitles Wymore to enter the State Debating league.

Homesteaders in the vicinity of Henry and Morrill are protesting against the high charges for canal privileges assessed against them by the government.

Hay is such a scarce article in the neighborhood of Howe that farmers have been shipping in baled hay from Kansas City. The price, laid down, is about \$15 per ton.

Fred Sonnenschein, for many years prominent in political and civic affairs in that part of the state, is dead at his home in West Point at the age of sixty-five years.

The house has been engaged and the date set for Wednesday, March 20, for the big insurgent meeting of the Modern Woodmen of America to be held at Hastings.

The Hebron military band gave its annual concert and minstrel show before an immense crowd at the opera house. The concert was the most successful one ever given by the band.

Officers of the Nebraska Spanish-American War Veterans' association are planning for the annual reunion, to be held this year at Beatrice. The annual gathering will begin April 25.

Supervised public play grounds for all the children of Hastings throughout the summer is the project backed by the woman's club of that place which will be submitted to the city council.

Upon a thorough examination, the cause of the fire that did serious damage in the state museum on the university campus at Lincoln, Wednesday morning, was located in a piece of defective wiring.

Oakland business men will give a "smoked Swede" minstrel performance in the near future. A score of men are rehearsing for the musical and of the performance under direction of Y. H. Van Cleve.

A will is said to have been made by John O'Neill of Neligh only about one hour before his death which devised his entire property, estimated to be worth about \$17,000, to Mrs. Clara Saunders, his housekeeper.

Thomas Dunn was attacked by two holdup men at Alliance. They were walking slowly along in front of him and on his passing them he was slugged with a sandbag or some similar instrument, which rendered him unconscious.

Many farmers are arriving in Fairbury daily from distant parts of the county who have not been able to get to town since the storm of February 25. The merchants have complained bitterly of slack business due to the lack of patronage.

Foul play is suspected in connection with the disappearance in Omaha of W. H. McMillan, trusted employe of the Richmond Sales company of Lincoln. McMillan had between \$300 and \$500 when he left Lincoln.

Prof. C. E. Merriam of Chicago university, head of the political science department of that institution and a candidate for the mayoralty of Chicago at the last municipal election, has accepted an invitation to deliver the commencement oration before the class of 1912 at the state university.

George I. Skinner and W. E. Green of Baldwin, Kas., have made arrangements to establish a steam laundry at Hebron.

Fremont grain dealers are uniting with the others over the country in protesting against the recent ruling of the federal pure food board that hot or badly damaged grain is unfit for food purposes.

Fire, which started from causes unknown, destroyed the general store of M. Pierce and the United States post office at Geneva, entailing a loss or building and contents of approximately \$40,000.



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