

## THRONE AGREES TO CONFERENCE

Decides to Accept Proposal of Yuan Shi Kai.

### EDICT FOR ASSEMBLY ISSUED

National Conference Will Decide on Future Form of Government for China—Emperor and Manchu Reticence Will Abandon the Capital.

Peking, China, Dec. 29.—The throne has agreed to Premier Yuan Shi Kai's suggestion to refer the question of the future government of China to a national conference and to abide by its decision, whatever it may be.

Premier Yuan asked the princes to empower him to obtain money. He explained that \$10,000,000 would meet the payments for the soldiers for five months. The princes pleaded lack of money, although most of them are wealthy. The debate waxed so warm that finally Yuan arose and offered his resignation. This, however, was refused.

The decision taken by the meeting of the imperial clan and Premier Yuan Shi Kai to submit the question of the future government of China to a national convention was followed quickly by an imperial edict, in the following terms:

"Dr. Wu Ting Fang, the chief of the revolutionary delegates to the peace conference at Shanghai, and others contend that the people of China desire a republic. This question neither the government nor a section of the people is able to decide. A national conference is necessary. The emperor dowager sanctions the calling together of a conference, as she is desirous to avoid bloodshed and to bring happiness to the people of China."

Debate Lasts All Morning.

The dowager empress, Premier Yuan Shi Kai and the Manchu princes of the imperial clan debated throughout the entire morning the scheme for calling together a convention of delegates from all parts of the empire to decide on the form of government which shall prevail in the future in China.

The cabinet has been instructed to draw up the regulations which shall govern the national convention and to inform the delegates to the peace conference at Shanghai that the throne is willing to abide by the decision of a representative convention no matter what form of government it may choose.

In view of the activities of the Shanghai revolutionaries, imperial government officials consider it to be doubtful whether the rebels will agree to the long delay inseparable from the calling of a national convention.

The action of the throne leaves no room for doubt that the advisers of the recent and the emperor are prepared for abdication should that course be the only way of settlement.

### ELECT DR. SUN AS HEAD

Insurgents at Nanking Unanimously Elect Their Head.

Nanking, Dec. 29.—Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected unanimously president of China by the rebel conference.

Emperor to Leave Peking.

London, Dec. 29.—A telegram from Tientsin says that the imperial family has decided to leave Peking.

### TURKS ARE CONCENTRATING

Italian Army Near Tripoli Is Expecting Another Onslaught.

Tripoli, Dec. 29.—According to information gathered by the army attached to the Italian army and by scouting parties of cavalry, the Turks and the Arabs are concentrating in great force to the north of Azazara.

The Italians do not proceed far away from the Italian camp, as another onslaught by the Turks is feared.

The position of the Turks is the same form in which they made their last attack, which resulted in a severe fight, lasting six hours, and the retirement of the Italians.

A correspondent with the Ottoman army at Azizla says that thousands of volunteers are being enrolled daily. The army, he says, is in excellent condition and possesses ample arms and ammunition, most of which has been captured from the Italians.

Russia to Assume Control in Persia.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—The appointment of a Russian governor and chief of police for the city of Tabriz, in Persia, and the assumption of municipal affairs there, together with the institution of exclusively Russian courts of law, is foreshadowed in the semi-official Novoye Vremya.

"Punishment will be meted out to the Persians. This is not the most difficult problem to be solved. A task which is more complicated and equally important is the introduction into Persia by Russian authority of a severe, but just administration."

Spaniards Defeat Rifian Tribesmen.

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Advices from Melilla, Morocco, say that the whole Spanish army advanced and "repulsed and decimated" the Rifian tribesmen. One Spanish general, named Ros, was wounded. Special correspondents, in their dispatches, say the Spanish casualties totaled twenty-seven killed and 165 wounded. The Rifians lost 400.

### FIRST SUIT UNDER NEW LAW

Reagan Safety Act Comes Into Play in Cameron Action.

Omaha, Dec. 29.—Estranged from her husband at the time of his death and living with her relatives in Council Bluffs, Mrs. Viola Cameron, wife of Clifford C. Cameron, the painter who fell eighty-eight feet to his death in the new county building a month ago, started suit for \$15,000 damages against Caldwell & Drake, general contractors on the county building. The painting subcontractors on the building, for whom Cameron was working when the accident occurred, and Douglas county as owner of the building also are made defendants to the suit.

The suit is the first to be started under the stringent new law, known as Reagan's safety law, which goes to unusual lengths in providing for the safeguarding of workmen in dangerous employment and for recovering damages by wives or children in cases of death.

### RAILROADS ARE SPENDING MONEY

Operating Expenses Materially Higher on Three Roads.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—The annual report of the Missouri Pacific, filed with the railway commission, shows a material decrease in passenger earnings, while at the same time operating expenses show a decided increase. The increase in the latter is due in a large measure to improvements and betterments made in the trackage at the instance of the railway commission. The only increases in revenue shown by the report comes from mail and express.

The Rock Island shows a slight increase in freight earnings and a small decrease in passenger receipts, the grand total being about the same for the two years. The operating expenses show a material increase.

The St. Joseph and Grand Island report shows a decided increase in both freight and passenger earnings, and also that more money was spent in operating expenses.

Bryan Candidate for Fourth Time.

Omaha, Dec. 29.—A petition to place the name of William J. Bryan on the Democratic primary ticket as a candidate for president in 1912 is being circulated by A. A. Arter, and he has secured more than half the required number of signatures. According to law a man's name may be placed on the ticket on the petition of at least twenty-five citizens. It is said that there is no law by which a name can be drawn after it is once placed on the ticket, and so Bryan will become a candidate again, whether he wishes it or not.

Bank Case Still Before Court.

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 29.—The litigation in the Gage county district court for the purpose of testing the law relative to the requirement of bonds for depositories of county funds is still up in the air. Judge Pemberton heard the arguments in the case and decided that the bond question was yet before the court and could not be acted upon until the county board had designated a state bank as a depository and after the treasurer had demanded a bond.

Girl Charged With Forgery.

Broken Bow, Neb., Dec. 29.—Maggie Myers, a young woman residing in the country near here, has been arrested, charged with obtaining money from Taylor & Son's general merchandise store at Berwyn by means of a forged order. The order has the name of Perry Smith attached to it and Maggie claims it was sent to her in a letter. She was taken before County Judge Holcomb, who held her in \$100 bonds for preliminary hearing later.

State Bar Members Gather at Capital.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—The state bar association met here for its twelfth annual session. Judge B. F. Good, president, delivered the annual address, depicting the trials and tribulations of a country lawyer. Arrangements have been completed by the local members of the banquet committee for the speakers at the banquet this evening. George A. Adams, president of the Lancaster bar association, will be toastmaster.

Short Course to Begin.

Lincoln, Dec. 29.—The winter short course in scientific agriculture will begin at the state farm next Tuesday. These courses are held each winter to give farmers an opportunity to study scientific farming at a time when they can best spare the time from their farm labors.

Files Alienation Suit Against Croker.

New York, Dec. 29.—Richard Croker and his two sons were made joint defendants in a civil action begun by J. J. Breck to recover \$100,000. Breck married Miss Ethel Croker, daughter of the former Tammany chieftain, on April 28, 1910, and alleged that his wife's affections were alienated by Croker and his sons.

Crew Taken Off Stranded Ship.

Block Island, R. I., Dec. 29.—The four-masted schooner Mary Adelaide Randall of Port Jefferson, N. Y., coal laden, was hauled on the largest west of Block Island by a terrific northwesterly gale and four hours and a half later its crew of ten men was rescued by the Block Island life saving crew.

## PACKERS' TRIAL AGAIN HALTED

Defense Objects to Evidence on Kenwood and Aetna Concerns.

### TEST COST FIGURES TOO LOW

Government Contends That Profits Are Hidden by Inadequate Allowance for By-Products—Firms Dealt in Oleomargarine and Casings.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Objection made by counsel for the defense to evidence which the government seeks to introduce regarding the operations of the Kenwood company and the Aetna Trading company halted the packers' trial and caused Judge Carpenter to excuse the jury pending the hearing of legal arguments.

The government contends that the Kenwood company, which was organized by the packers in 1900 and continued in business until 1905, was one of the alleged pools used to market the packers' by-products. It is alleged that the Kenwood company dealt in oleomargarine and the Aetna Trading company in the same period dealt in casings.

The government expects to show that the Kenwood company's profits were \$4,000,000 in one year, despite the fact that it was only incorporated with a capital stock of \$14,000. The profits of the Aetna Trading company are also alleged to have been proportionately large, by counsel for the government.

Profits Hidden.

By making an inadequate allowance for these by-products in figuring the test cost of the animals slaughtered, the packers were enabled to keep the profits of the parent concerns within reasonable limits, according to counsel for the government.

This line of testimony came when Albert H. Veeder was questioned in regard to the business transacted by these subsidiary companies.

"We have a right to know what the government intends to prove by going into the business of these companies and what relation it has to this company," said Attorney Levy Mayer, counsel for the defense.

"The Kenwood company dealt in oleo oils and the Aetna Trading company dealt in casings and we cannot understand what relation this has to the allegations made in the indictment that there was a combination for the control of the price of fresh meat and the price paid in the purchase of cattle. For this reason we contend that this testimony is incompetent and ask to have it excluded."

"Standing alone I do not see the relevancy of this testimony, but it may lead to something connected with the acts charged in the indictment," said Judge Carpenter. "I think the government should at this time state just what it expects to prove by this testimony."

Special Counsel Police Butler said the government expected to show by revealing the business of these companies that the packers made an inadequate allowance for by-products in figuring the test cost of animals slaughtered, which had a direct bearing on the workings of the alleged combination.

The argument of counsel on these points was continued when court recessed this morning.

National Company Organized.

Albert H. Veeder gave the details of the organization of the National Packing company, which was formed March 18, 1902, and which the government contends was the instrument used by the indicted packers to fix the price of meat. The witness said this corporation, which was capitalized at \$15,000, 000, was formed by the merging of thirteen companies and their subsidiaries and that the properties were paid for in stock of the National Packing company.

Mr. Veeder said these companies were all purchased by Armour, Swift and Morris before Michael Cudaby was taken into the combination. He said all the men who sold their plants agreed not to engage in the packing business for fifteen years.

"Have you any more contracts or agreements used in the organization of the National Packing company?" asked Butler.

"About three bushels, but nothing you would want," replied Veeder.

### TURKISH TOWEL GOWN

Fashion's Next Call Will Help Curtail High Cost of Living.

Chicago, Dec. 29.—Milady's next gown will be simple of attainment and it will accord well with the household curtailment due to the high cost of living. It was said at the exposition of coming fashions held here by dry goods trade papers.

The bathrobe, which supplied her bathrobe (otherwise known as blanket-cloth) coat, now will furnish her dress and the material in it will be Turkish towels.

Two or three towels, with or without the red stripes, and tasseled border, as suits the wearer's individuality, a little dab of Irish lace, a alt here and there for an arm to come through and the gown is complete.

A simple silk underskirt, toned to show off the towel fringe left at the bottom of the skirt and costing slightly in excess of the overdress, completes the costume.

## GEN. BERNARDO REYES.

Former Commander of Mexico's Army, Who Has Surrendered as Rebel.



### CLEMENCY FOR REYES

Revolutionary Leader to Escape the Death Penalty.

Mexico City, Dec. 29.—That President Madero will not insist upon the death penalty for Reyes and his followers was shown when the father of David Reyes Retana obtained executive clemency for his son. Young Retana was a prominent lawyer here until he took up the fight with Reyes. He was captured at Burgos. Hearing of his son's predicament the father went to Madero and stated after the conference that the president had promised to spare his son's life.

## IRON AND STEEL SCHEDULE FIRST

Wool to Be Postponed for Study of Tariff Board Report.

Washington, Dec. 29.—Revision of the iron and steel schedule will be the first thing on the tariff legislative program of the house after congress convenes next week, according to Representative Underwood. The ways and means committee will postpone consideration of the wool schedule until every feature of the tariff board's report on the subject has been studied.

### BREWER ASKS EXPLANATION

Pastor Whose Name Was Connected With Explosion Asks Facts.

Kansas City, Dec. 29.—A congregation in Quannah, Tex., was hearing Rev. Charles M. Brewer preach a sermon on "Practical Christianity" at the time of the blowing up of the government bridge at Fort Riley, Kan., in which the pastor's name was implicated through a confession of Private Michael Quirk, according to a statement made here by Rev. Mr. Brewer, who passed through this city on his way from Olustee, Okla., his home, to Fort Riley, where he will investigate the conditions leading up to his arrest and demand an explanation of government officials.

"My sole mission in life," he said, "is to clear my name of this awful charge made against me. It was absolutely unwarranted, as the federal authorities found out after they had investigated it. But that does not satisfy me. I want to know who was responsible for mixing my name in the dynamite plot."

Dies After Fifteen Years in Bed.

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 29.—Mrs. Emma Langman, seventy years old, who refused to get up from her bed for fifteen years, died at the county infirmary. A reversal of her fortunes, which drove her to the county asylum, caused her resolution never to leave her bed after she arrived there. Recently she developed paralysis.

Taft to Speak in Ohio.

Washington, Dec. 29.—President Taft has decided to extend his trip in Ohio, next month, further than was contemplated in the original program. Senator La Follette is now campaigning there and some of Mr. Taft's friends profess to see a political significance in the announcement that his trip has been enlarged.

Snakes and Parrots Roasted.

San Antonio, Dec. 29.—While copperheads, rattlers and adders writhed over the floor, and tarantulas and other poisonous insects darted here and there, firemen fought a blaze in the bird and snake store of W. O. Learn. Five hundred parrots were suffocated and 350 snakes were roasted.

Hon. J. C. Watson Critically Ill.

Nebraska City, Dec. 29.—Hon. John C. Watson, one of the best known attorneys in the state, is quite ill at his home in this city and fears are entertained for his recovery.

## Poultry Wanted!

ZUCKWEILER & LUTZ

wants a car load of Poultry to be delivered at the B. & M. depot, in Plattsmouth, on

- TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, -  
JANUARY 9th and 10th, 1912

for which we will pay the following prices, either in cash or trade: (crows to be empty)

Hens.....	10c
Pullets.....	10c
Ducks.....	10c
Geese.....	8c
Old Roosters.....	5c
Young Roosters.....	8c

Clarinda Poultry, Butter & Egg Co.

## KNIGHTS AND LADIES OF SECURITY MEET

Members Enjoy a Nice Time Last Evening and New Members Initiated.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The Knights and Ladies of Security last night held the last meeting of the quarter and the

last meeting of the year. A class of eleven members had applications acted on favorably and six of them were initiated last night, bringing the membership up to 226 beneficiary members. At the end of the week District Deputy Powell will depart for Minneapolis, Minn., to take up the work for the order there and put on a booster campaign. Mr. Powell's management of the work is superior to any field man who has ever worked in Nebraska, and the national council, in recognition of his ability, have promoted him to a bigger field, with several assistants under his direction. At the meeting last night, on motion of R. B. Windham, a standing vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Powell for his efficient work in this council.

An informal program was given by some of the members of the lodge and members of their families. Francis Whelan gave some fine piano numbers, Vesta and Marie Douglass gave readings, Ralph Marshall two piano numbers and Andy Moore's jubilee singers favored the audience with two or three fine selections and were heartily encored and the encore repeated. There are some fine voices in this aggregation of singers. Mr. Windham had a pocket full of conundrums, which caused a great deal of amusement before all were satisfactorily answered.

It is the expectation of the lodge to get a dispensation from the new field man and continue the campaign for members, the list already having been increased almost a hundred during the quarter.

Horses and Mules for Sale.

Twenty-three head of extra good horses and mules for sale. All are good bone, well broke and ready for immediate service. I wish to sell them at private sale, and they may be seen at the farm of Glen Vallery, one and one-half miles west of Mynard. If you are needing any good horses or mules call early, for they are going to be sold at a right price and will find ready buyers. Frank Vallery.

Mat McQuinn of Union was a county seat visitor today and looked after business matters at the court house.



## Christmas Time is Joy Time All the Time is Good Clothes Time!

We have made great preparations for Yuletide at this store. Good cheer and good clothes abound in great quantities. We'll sell you Clothes or Hose, Shirts or Ties, Hats or Caps. Anything and everything you need for dressing appropriately and smartly during the Holidays, then we'll start you on your way rejoicing. We want mothers and sisters to come here and select gifts for father and brother. We are also displaying many bright new models in

"Miller-Made" and Sincerity Clothes,

Suits and Overcoats

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT!

WM. HOLLY,

Plattsmouth, Neb.

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