

News of the Week

The republic of China organized by the assembling at Peking of a congress with two houses. The senate having 234 and the house of representatives 500. A writer in the Philadelphia Public Ledger says: The senators were elected by the eighteen provincial assemblies, each choosing ten. In addition, Mongolia is entitled to 27, Tibet to 10, Chinghai three, the Central Educational society eight and Chinese citizens who live abroad six.

The senators from abroad were selected by Chinese chambers of commerce.

Three of the six senators come from America, two from the United States proper and one from the Philippines. It is doubtful if Tibet sends any of the ten allotted to her, in view of the guerrilla warfare she is waging against China at the present time.

A committee of 80 has been working on the proposed constitution for two months. The members were selected by the provincial assemblies, by the cabinet, by the advisory council and by the 22 provincial governors general, or tutuhs, including those who are supposed to rule Mongolia and Tibet. All kinds of constitutions are being considered by the committee. Many favor the American system, some lean toward the French, a few would inject a dash of British methods, and a great many others are quite at a loss what to vote for. It is evident that Prof. Frank Goodnow, of Columbia, who has just been appointed constitutional adviser to the Chinese government, has his work cut out for him.

As to the election of a permanent president, the problem is simplified only by the fact that Provisional President Yuan Shih Kai is at the head of affairs now, besides being the strongest man in China. He is the logical candidate, and doubtless will be elected in spite of the hostility of the nationalist party, which will have a heavy majority in both houses.

The Iowa legislature has passed a daylight saloon law. Saloons will be open from 7 a. m. until 9 p. m.

Miss Zelle Emerson, a suffragist of Jackson, Miss., has been released from a London jail. She was taken to a hospital.

The people of Michigan for the second time within six months defeated the proposition to give women the ballot. The legislatures of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and Iowa, all defeated the proposition.

King Alphonso of Spain, narrowly escaped assassination at Madrid. Three shots were fired at the king, one of the bullets struck the horse upon which the king was mounted, but the king escaped unhurt. The assailant was captured.

A fire in the state's prison at Lansing, Kan., destroyed five buildings. The loss was \$700,000.

WHERE, INDEED?

A Greenville (Illinois) republican went home the night of the election and woke up his wife and told her to pack up and get ready to leave—that Illinois had gone democratic and he wouldn't live in such a state. And storming around for a time he went out to get some more election news, and later returned home and told his wife that she needn't mind about packing up, that there was no place to go to.—Argonaut.

WOODROW WILSON'S INNOVATIONS

Chicago Tribune (Roosevelt prog.): The president is showing encouraging evidence of a determination to avoid the mistakes which brought his predecessor and his predecessor's party to disaster. He is assuming promptly and fully his duty as executive and as head of a party pledged to tariff reduction. He is not cherishing an academic delusion respecting the "division of powers" or "executive usurpation." He seems to be taking a hand in the making of the new tariff—a first hand. * * * The president, we believe, may feel that the people are with him. He may be assured that all the press which represents the public interest and not some special interest or interests will be with him, regardless of party. The reform of the tariff is above party.

Philadelphia Public Ledger (rep.): Why shouldn't the president appear before the house? George Washington did it and so did John Adams. Jefferson did not, but that was because Jefferson was no speaker, and he was one of the most eloquent writers of his own or any other generation.

President Wilson is striving for a return to simplicity. He desires, if he can, to stay the tide of obsequious ceremonialism which has been surrounding the presidential office more and more. He wishes to bring into harmony the governmental departments. There has been too much of the Field-of-the-Cloth-of-Gold sentiment in Washington, and too evident a desire to circumscribe the Chief magistracy with "the divinity that doth hedge a king."

Mr. Wilson does not propose to deliver all of his messages in person to congress. He does want to break down the artificial barrier which many have confused with presidential dignity. This is not riding to inauguration on horseback. He is going in an unostentatious way to the capitol. It only seems to be spectacular because we have traveled so far from the early simplicity and directness which characterized the beginnings of this government and made it pullulate with virility.

Boston Herald (rep.): Wilson's is at least a new way. The proof of the pudding will come in eating. If he succeeds, the country, always ready to applaud the vigorous leader, will give its stamp of approval to what he has done, and the executive power will have been accordingly enhanced.

Cincinnati Enquirer (dem.) Perhaps President Wilson remembers the old Franklin proverb which inspired Paul Jones: "If you would have a thing done, go; if not, send."

Dubuque (Ia.) Telegraph-Herald: The spectacle presented by him in the company of his cabinet appearing before a joint session of congress is one certain to be approved by the country. It establishes that personal touch which promotes understanding and paves the way for team work. Anything promotive of concert of action is stimulating to progress, and the president's course clearly should make agreement easier and unity of action more likely.

NATURALLY

Mrs. Beck—"What party does your husband belong to?"
Mrs. Peck—"I'm the party."—Boston Transcript.

THE SWEET THING

Fair Visitor—"Oh, don't trouble to see me to the door."
Hostess—"No trouble at all, dear. It's a pleasure."—New York Mail.

THE NEW DEMOCRATIC TARIFF BILL

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Woolens (knit fabrics, cloths, felts and manufactured goods), from 97 to 35 per cent.

Ware, metal (wares not specially provided for and wholly or partly platinum, gold or silver), to 50 per cent.

Ware, metal (if wholly or in chief value composed of iron, steel, lead, copper, nickel, pewter, zinc, aluminum or other metal), to 25 per cent. (Note—Watch movements must bear name of maker and country of origin.)

Wearing apparel (general silk, including knit goods), from 60 to 50 per cent ad valorem.

Woven fabrics (silk), from 50 per cent to 45 per cent ad valorem.

Willow (for basketmakers), from 25 per cent to 10 per cent.

Whale oil, from 8 cents per gallon to 5 cents.

Webbings (wool), from 82.70 to 35 per cent.

Y

Yarns (wool), from 79.34 to 20 per cent.

Yarns (artificial silk), from 41.79 to 35 per cent.

Z

Zinc, oxide, from 1 cent per pound to 10 per cent.

THE PRESIDENT WINS A POINT

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amendment proposed a cut of 96 per cent sugar from Cuba, 20 cents in 1916 and 37 cents in 1919. On 100 per cent sugar his amendment would make a cut in the rate of 37½ cents per hundredweight now, 50 cents in 1916 and 62 cents in 1919. The amendment proposed was to extend the period of grace for free sugar to four years, thus throwing it beyond the next national campaign, when the question could again be publicly discussed.

Anti-free wool democrats from nearly twenty states determined if outvoted in the caucus to exempt themselves from the binding caucus pledge. They decided when the wool schedule is reported to introduce an amendment to place a duty of 15 per cent ad valorem on raw wool. This, the anti-free wool members insisted, was the original judgment of the ways and means committee, which yielded to President Wilson's desire when they decided to put wool on the free list. A proposal to have a special committee appointed to confer with the president and the ways and means committee in an effort to bring about compromises before the schedule was reached in congress was voted down.

"If we can not get enough votes in caucus," said Representative Adair, from Indiana, "we will exempt ourselves from a caucus pledge and fight on the floor, hoping for enough republicans against free wool to carry our point."

AMBIGUOUS

A New York politician, in writing a letter of condolence to the widow of a late member of the legislature, said:

"I can not tell you how pained I was to hear that your husband had gone to heaven. We were bosom friends, but now we shall never meet again."—Life.

SYMPATHETIC

"Don't you ever find it hard to be a freak?" asked the stoutish, tightly laced woman who had stopped to converse with the fat lady.

"No, not a bit," was the reply. "I often feel sorry for some of you people who seem to find it so hard not to be freaks."—Chicago Record-Herald.

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