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POSTMASTER GENERAL FAVORS GOVERNMENT CONTROL.

EMPIRE FOUNDED ON A ROCK

Claims of Stability Made for Chinese Empire. Abdication Practically Decided Upon—After Maine Relics.

Washington.—Acquisition of the telegraph lines of the United States by the government, and their operation as a part of the postal service will be recommended to congress in a short time by Postmaster General Hitchcock. This announcement seemed to greatly agitate official Washington. The white house apparently was especially anxious to discover the whereabouts of the postmaster general and efforts were made to recall the announcement. When Mr. Hitchcock, who had been in New York, returned, he went at once to his apartments and refused to see any one.

Abdication About Decided Upon.
Peking, Jan. 13.—The abdication of the throne has been practically decided upon and the retirement to Jehol will take place immediately. A prolonged meeting of the principal members of the government this afternoon partly arranged the details for the abdication.

This Week the Turning Point.
Nanking.—The close of the fourth month since its outbreak brings the Chinese revolution to another turning point. The coming week probably will decide whether order is to be restored or hostilities are to reopen after a six weeks' armistice. In the latter event the bloodshed and reign of terror will probably far exceed any previous record.

Many Seek Maine Relics.
Washington.—To dispose in an orderly manner of the many applications that are being made for relics of the old battleship Maine, soon to be removed from Havana harbor, a board consisting of Lieutenant Colonel Edward Burd, corps of engineers, United States army, and Commander Richard H. Leigh, United States navy, has been appointed to receive and pass in a preliminary way upon all requests.

Breach in Missouri Democratic Ranks.
St. Louis.—The breach between the forces of Speaker Champ Clark and former Governor Joseph W. Folk, who are striving for the Missouri delegation at the democratic national convention has been widened by the democratic state committee selecting February 20 as the date for holding the state convention at Joplin. The Folk adherents fought for a date in March for holding the convention.

Nebraska Man Out on Bail.
Milwaukee, Wis.—John F. Rowell, the Denver mining stock salesman and former Lincoln, Neb., resident, arrested here for perjury in connection with the death in his rooms of Mrs. Ida B. Nelson of Lincoln, has been released on bail which was furnished by his company, after he had consulted with its attorney, who came here from the west to investigate the case. Bail was reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,000.

Troops Leave Manila.
Manila.—The United States transport Logan has left this port with a battalion of infantry and other troops on board for China. The troops, after they have disembarked, are to be employed in guarding a section of the Peking railroad from Tang-Shan to Lanchow against the possible attack of either imperialists or republican troops.

Dallas, Tex.—Three deaths and three new cases within the last twenty-four hours summarized the meningitis situation here Sunday. Physicians assert the outlook is bright for an early suppression of the epidemic.

Bank Robbers Frustrated.
Shawnee, Okla.—Two men entered the Dale State bank at Dale, Okla., Friday, and at the point of revolvers demanded that the cashier turn over the bank's funds. While he was reaching into a drawer for the \$17,000 therein, Vice-President Patten, who was in the rear of the building, and who had overheard the demands of the men, began shooting at the robbers, who ran from the building and escaped.

Many Democrats Will Be There.
Fargo, N. D.—Prominent democrats of the United States will be present at the "get together" meeting which is to be held here this week. Among those who have signified their intention of being present are William J. Bryan, Governor Judson Harmon of Ohio, Governor Edwin L. Norris of Montana and Governor John Burke of North Dakota. The latter it has been said is an aspirant for the position of vice-president upon the democratic ticket if Governor Harmon is nominated.

TO RETIRE TO JEHO.

PRINCES SEEK SAFETY FOR EMPEROR OF CHINA.

WILL LINE UP FOR THE TREATY

Suggested Retreat at Jehol for Chinese Emperor—Senator Brown Says Opponents of Treaty Will Soon Be for It.

Peking.—The Manchu princes of the imperial clan met Thursday and resolved to advise the throne to retire immediately to Jehol, about 120 miles to the northwest of Peking, where the members of the imperial family have usually gone during the summer.

The decision of the princes has aroused apprehension of a possible transfer of the Chinese capital to Nanking, which would open up a wide field for foreign adventure in northern China. It is hoped that in event of the downfall of the imperial government the foreign powers interested in maintaining the integrity of China will point out that the transfer of the capital to Nanking will be harmful to China's interest, and the general situation become more disturbed. The patriotic fund being raised among the Manchu princes to carry on the campaign to suppress the rebellion has reached \$50,000 (approximately \$545,000). It is stated in authoritative circles that Dr. Wu Ting Fang, minister of justice in the republican cabinet, has telegraphed Premier Yuan Shi Kai proposing an extension of the armistice for twelve days.

Says Resolution Clears Situation.
Washington.—Speaking of the resolution introduced by Senator Lodge in reference to the proposed arbitration treaties now pending, Senator Brown says:

"Public sentiment has forced the senators, headed by Lodge of Massachusetts, who opposed the peace treaties, to invent a soft place for them to light. The invention consists of a few sentences added to the ratification resolution which in no sense or in no way changes or modifies the treaty as negotiated by the president. The entire treaty is left in the language as negotiated and it will no doubt be ratified without serious opposition from the Lodge coterie. The Lodge resolution is merely explanatory, and has greatly clarified the whole situation."

Elections Favorable to Socialists.
Berlin.—The expected swing towards socialism in the reichstag elections held throughout the empire, has been realized, but early returns, to the surprise of most persons, showed that it was accomplished far more at the expense of the radicals and liberals than of the centerists and conservatives. The members elected include four conservatives, thirty-nine centerists, two liberals, no radicals, thirty-eight socialists and one Dane.

Germany Excited Over Election.
Berlin.—Germany is on the eve of the most portentous parliamentary election ever held since the establishment of the empire in 1870. It is not surprising, therefore, that the whole country is in a state of ferment quite unusual with Germans, who take politics and elections coolly and deliberately, as a matter of fact, and are not given much to election demonstrations.

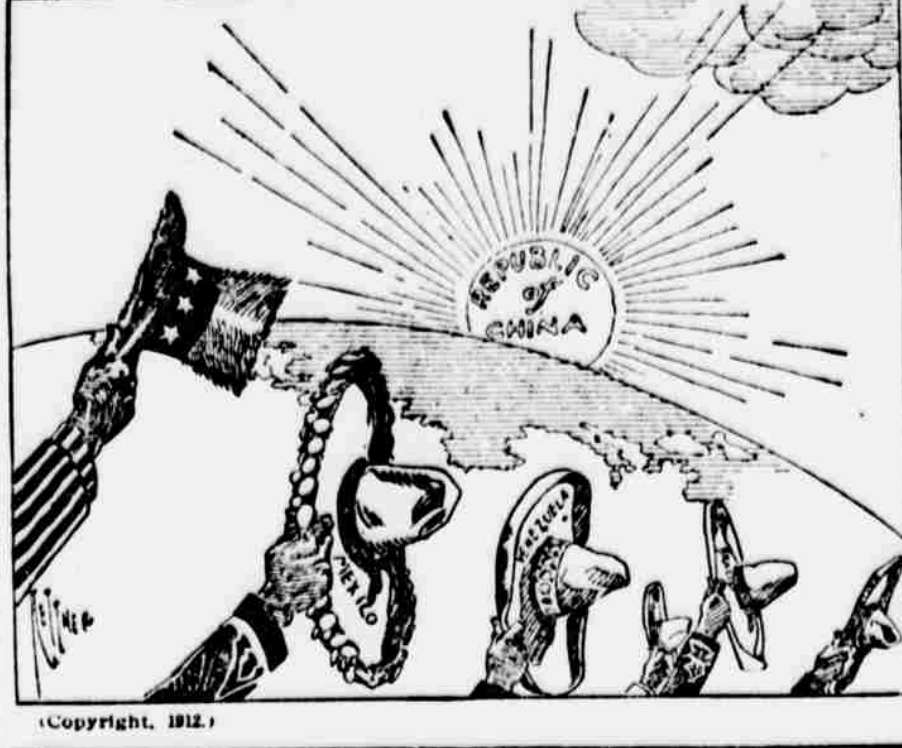
Risk Lives for Big Wages.
New York.—Two hundred and fifty desperate men, warned in advance that their lives would be in constant danger, Friday accepted the tempting wages offered and entered the skeleton of the Equitable Life building, in an effort to brace up the tottering walls and clear a path toward the immense vaults that contain \$2,000,000,000 in securities.

Sink Seven Turkish Gunboats.
Rome.—The first important naval battle in the Turko-Italian war occurred in the Red sea on January 7, with the result that an Italian cruiser squadron sank seven Turkish gunboats after a sharp conflict. A large number of Turkish seamen went down with their ships.

Retrenchment Delays Census Work.
Washington.—The discharge of 1,100 clerks from the census office because of lack of funds has so crippled the thirteenth decennial census work, according to a report from Director Durand to Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, that it will be impossible to complete a number of important subjects by June 30, the date set by law for the publication of the results.

Ambassador to France Resigns.
Paris.—Robert Bacon, ambassador of the United States at Paris, confirms his resignation. Ambassador Bacon said he wished his friends to know that there were no ulterior motives for his resignation. He had been for seventeen years a member of the board of overseers, and could not, he said, decline the honor of becoming a fellow of Harvard, to which he has been chosen to take the place of the late Judge Lowell, and which he considered to be the best single influence for good in America.

HATS OFF TO THE RISING SUN



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SHOW OPPOSITION TO TREATY

Detective Burns is Complimented for Rendering a Service to His Country—Opposition to Arbitration Treaty.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Complimented by the federal court for having "rendered a great service to his country," William J. Burns, the detective, has been released from the charge of having kidnaped John J. McNamara, the confessed dynamiter. All the charges in the indictments against Burns for having captured the labor leader in Indianapolis last April and taking him to California for trial were held to be null and void.

"If I or this court had had anything to do with the arrest of Mr. Burns in this instance, I should certainly now tender him an apology," said Federal Judge A. B. Anderson in dismissing the indictments brought by the county grand jury under which the detective had been held in \$10,000 bail.

Democrats Oppose Ratification.
Washington.—The Lodge amendment to the resolution for ratification of the arbitration treaties with Great Britain and France has stirred unexpected opposition from democratic senators. It is favored, however, by three-fourths of the republican senators who accept it as a happy compromise of all differences.

Nebraska Man Killed at St. Joseph.
St. Joseph, Mo.—The body of Lee Foster of Lincoln, Neb., a Burlington brakeman, was found, horribly mutilated in the ditch beside the railroad tracks near St. Joseph Thursday morning, after the authorities had been led to make an investigation following the arrest of William Thomas, a negro, who was exhibiting a piece of the dead man's skull on the downtown streets. Foster was brakeman on train No. 169, which left at midnight for Omaha, and it was not until two hours later that the conductor discovered that he had disappeared from the train. He wired back, but Foster could not be found.

To Discuss Reclamation Law.
Washington.—A conference of the Nebraska delegation will probably be held within the next ten days to outline a program of amendments to existing reclamation service law as it affects Nebraska. Water users in the western part of the state want the term of payment extended to twenty years. The delegation will probably unite in favor of this.

Governor Appoints N. P. Hansen.
Lincoln, Neb.—Nels P. Hansen of Lincoln was Thursday appointed deputy state food commissioner by Governor Aldrich to take the place made vacant by the death of W. R. Jackson.

Nebraska Sheriff Killed by Train.
Grand Island, Neb.—James Dunkel, of Grand Island, sheriff of Hall county, and president of the Nebraska Sheriffs' association, was struck and instantly killed by Union Pacific train No. 17. The accident occurred at Chapman.

Chicago.—Pat Crowe, kidnapper, evangelist, promoter for a sanitarium for inebriates, and police character, has made his appearance in court here again. This time his brother wished him sent to the county hospital. He was suffering from exposure. Crowe identified himself as an "author" saying he was working on a book. Though he had been "banished" from Chicago some time ago, by a municipal judge, he was sent to the hospital.

Warmer in Texas.
Delhart, Tex.—Hope for the lives of thousands of starving cattle on the ranges is now held out by a sudden rise in temperature to 40 above zero. This is the first thaw in the Texas Panhandle for three weeks.

Bank Robber Under Arrest.
Chicago.—Frank Holloway, under arrest here, has confessed that he was concerned in two bank robberies—one at Panama and one at New Westminster, B. C.—in which \$450,000 was stolen.

Coldest Place in Country.
Duluth, Minn.—Cook, Minn., with a record of 56 below zero, was the coldest place in the country Wednesday.

INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By Rev. William Evans, D. D., Director Bible Course Moody Bible Institute, Chicago.

LESSON FOR JANUARY 21

THE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-30. MEMORY VERSES—19, 21. GOLDEN TEXT—"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."—Luke 2:11.

Almost twenty centuries ago, in an obscure village in Palestine, an event occurred which has had more influence upon the history of the human race than any other event since time began. A child was born—not an unusual event surely. He was no child of distinguished parents, nor a prospective ruler of a world's empire. He was born in a stable, and cradled in a manger. And yet around that lowly crib and humble birth, the life, thoughts, and love of millions have from that day to this been centered. During these two thousand years many noble births have been registered, but none so great as this. Emperors, monarchs, and mighty men have lived and died, and are forgotten; nations have risen and waned; but the birth of the Christ child is more influential in this day than on the first birthday of our age twenty centuries ago.

The announcement of Christ's birth was made by angels. What more fitting accompaniment could there be to such an august event! How interested angels are in the welfare of mankind! How gladly they told the Christmas story to a handful of poor shepherds! How free from pride they were! They were not content that one of their number should tell the story—they all broke out in that great Christmas anthem.

Do we believe in angels any more? We used to. We used to sing "there are angels hovering round." If we believe the Bible, we still believe in the ministry of angels.

Onward we go for still we hear them singing; Angels sing on, your faithful watches keeping. Sing us sweet fragments of the song above.

The announcement was made to a small band of shepherds. No angels host went to the Sanhedrin, or to the palace of Herod and broke the news of the birth of the Christ child. Is there not a lesson here? Does not God have special regard for the lowly and the humble? Hath not God chosen the weak things to confound the mighty? If angels were willing to preach to a few farmers, should the preacher be ashamed of ministering to a small and humble people, or the Sunday school teacher to a small class?

The scholars of the land were also notified of Christ's birth. The Scripture does not say—"not any wise men are called," but "not many." It is a mistake to say that religion is good enough for women and children, but not for strong, brainy men. The brainiest men of the ages have been Christian men.

That the birth of Christ was mysterious and miraculous need not disturb us. How Christ's body was prepared, how the divine and human could become one—who can tell? We do not even understand our own birth, let alone His. If ever anything of a miraculous nature should take place, when should it be if not now when the King of all laws is coming into the world? Let us be careful lest in denying the virgin birth, we challenge the purity of the Virgin's life.

The birth of Christ was the coming of God to and in man, not that God had never come to man before, for he had. But he had come only as a sojourner. In Christ he came to abide. His name is "Immanuel"—God with us. Whatever else the incarnation may mean, it certainly means that God took our nature and became as one of us—he came unto his own.

The birth of Christ brings to us good tidings of great joy. If the angels sang, should not we? He came to save not angels, but men. The first note of this angelic song is a note of gladness, and song has characterized Christianity.

This birth in Bethlehem shows God's attitude toward men. God has good will toward men. He is not the hard, severe judge that men so often wrongly picture him to be. Sinner, you have cursed God, but he has not cursed you back; you have lifted your hands against him, but he has not destroyed you. He has thoughts of kindness, and of love toward you. If you have wrong thoughts of God, let them die away in the music of that first Christmas anthem, "good will toward men."

The Christian story brings to us also a Savior. Jesus Christ was born with reference to sin. He was the only man that ever was born with reference to that great fact. Other great men were teachers and reformers—he alone could save men from their sins. His name shall be called Jesus and he shall save his people from their sins. This is good tidings of great joy to a sin-stricken world. Christ the Lord cannot save you from your sins, no one else can. He is a personal Savior—unto you he was born; he is a mighty Savior—he is Christ, the Anointed.

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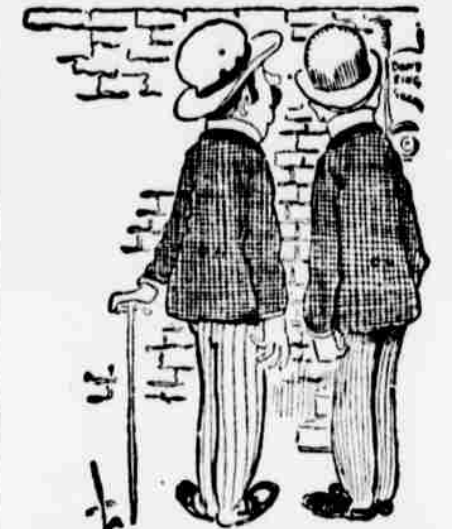
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High Aim.
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