

REFORM EDICTS IN CHINA

Indications That Modern and Progressive Government is Intended.

POISON THEORY IS ABANDONED

Death of Emperor Due to Neurasthenia and Heart Trouble, and of Dowager Empress to Apoplexy.

PEKING, Nov. 20.—An official of the Foreign board of the government in reply to a direct request today, gave formal assurance that the new administration would promote with vigor the reforms inaugurated by the late Emperor Kuang-Hsu.

An edict ordering posthumous honors for the late dowager empress was issued today, and it enumerates a fourth time since the death of her majesty the program of reforms to which the new regime is committed.

These political edicts first began appearing four days ago, when, in the name of the emperor and the grand council, two decrees entailing upon the infant emperor, Pu Yi, the carrying out of the reforms already inaugurated by his predecessor were published.

The edicts, taken together, are considered to commit the new regime conclusively to a program of reform and progress. Prince Ching was present at the palace both yesterday and today.

The forbidden city is crowded all day long with officials of various degree and throngs of mourners, and notable in the gathering is the Dalai Lama of Tibet and all his disciples.

Accurate information concerning the last days of the emperor and the dowager empress was obtained today from officials of the palace. The various foreign legations in attempting to determine the causes of death of the emperor and dowager empress, have abandoned the poison theory and have concluded that the symptoms of the emperor indicate that the death resulted from neurasthenia and cardiac weakness, together with other complications.

The foreign board denies emphatically and without qualification the rumors that either of their majesties was poisoned. The emperor made a speech less than one hour before his death. He passed away during a period of the greatest excitement and confusion. His native physicians had been temporarily dismissed under the impression that there was no change of the condition of his majesty and that he might live for some time.

There was a sudden turn for the worse, however, and they were quickly recalled. They at once gave orders in accordance with a custom of the imperial family, observed for centuries, that the emperor be dressed for death and that the empress be dressed for mourning.

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At the same time an imperial conveyance was made ready to convey the dowager empress to the death chamber.

The last illness of the dowager empress dated from November 11. On that day the court was terrified by an outbreak of uncontrolled temper from her majesty. On November 12 she suffered a paralytic stroke upon being informed of the precarious condition of the emperor.

On November 13 Prince Ching returned from her mausoleum in the eastern hills, whither she had sent him to make a religious offering in the hope of propitiating the ghost that in her dreams had beckoned her to follow him out to the hills.

An official of high standing said today that the empress had died of apoplexy and that she was able to talk, and did talk, up to within a few hours of passing away.

Both their majesties waited the coming of the grim reaper clad in their full official robes and surrounded by hundreds of court officials and followers. It was a barbarous exhibition of the soulless and inhuman formality and etiquette of the court.

Soon after the deaths were announced hundreds of men, including everybody attached to the household departments, collected in the palace and remained there for five days.

The members of the grand council, in a testamentary statement written expressly for her majesty, have drawn a pitiful picture of her last sufferings. This account reveals the feelings of an eye witness who stood awe-stricken in the crowd at a prescribed distance from the bedside of the dying woman.

On the night of November 16 the dowager empress called the members of the grand council together and talked with them for some time. She was lying prone, but fully dressed. After one hour's consultation the councilors were dismissed, but they were told to return at 2 o'clock in the morning with the edicts prepared to announce the succession of the throne.

It is reported that her majesty was able to signify her assent to these particular edicts, but immediately after having done this she declared: "I can bear no more," and lapsed into unconsciousness.

The emperor and the dowager empress were dead or moribund when the regency edicts were issued.

As soon as it was actually known throughout the palace that their majesties were dead a condition of panic ensued. The widow of Tung Chi attempted to commit suicide because she perceived she would not be made dowager empress.

There was an outbreak of walling and general pandemonium. Many of the palace eunuchs fled, carrying with them such valuables as they could lay their hands on. Dowager Empress Yehonala was one of the few who retained presence of mind. She ordered that the gates be guarded and gave other instructions for the maintenance and restoration of order.

Today the eunuchs have returned and have been reinstated and, except for the continuance of funeral obsequies and observances, conditions at the palace are normal. The principal consulates of the late Kuang Hsu have been pensioned.

Pu Yi, the baby emperor, has been taken from his family and cared for within the palace precincts. He is popularly reported as crying day and night for his old nurse.

Letters Friendly to Powers. Prince Ching, president of the Board of Affairs, has sent President Roosevelt a letter in the name of Pu Yi, the infant emperor of China, setting forth the crisis through which the throne has passed during the last week.

Several of the foreign legations here have expressed the surprise and gratification at the manner in which the government is managing the situation. It had been expected up to the present time that the death of the dowager empress would precipitate trouble, but the way in which the new government has assumed its responsibilities has created confidence among the diplomatists, and many of the foreign observers declare today that China has done as well under these trying circumstances as could any other government confronted with similar difficulty. The provinces still are quiet, and the governmental machine continues to work well.

Englishman Predicts Trouble. LONDON, Nov. 20.—An Englishman at present in this city, who has a most complete knowledge of China and Chinese conditions, expressed the opinion today that the chances of trouble resulting from the change of regime at Peking were far more serious than generally thought.

"Few people outside of China appreciate the relative position of the Manchus and the Chinese," he said. "While the present dynasty is Manchu the population of the country is Chinese. The desire of the Chinese for a share in the government proportionate to their numbers is today the strongest motive behind the revolutionary movement. As soon as the period of mourning is over the new regime undoubtedly will make many changes among the high officials, who, in their turn, will make changes among their subordinates. This will have a vital bearing on the peace of the empire, and unless the Chinese are given greater representation in the government serious trouble may be expected."

"The Chinese revolutionists are well organized and they have plenty of arms and ammunition. The attitude of the foreign powers will exert a strong influence on their actions. If the Manchu dynasty commands the support of the powers and particularly armed support, a revolution is hardly probable, but if the Chinese are assured that the powers would remain neutral they might make short work of the Manchu dynasty."

Of the really efficient men in high governmental positions less than half a dozen are included in the present cabinet. Almost all the effective work of the government is being done by Yuan Shi Kai, with the assistance of American educated Cantonese like Tang Shao Yi, who is now on a mission to America and other countries of Europe, and his associates."

Police Testify That Pistol Was Not Concealed in Would-Be Murderer's Shoe.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 20.—The inquest on Morris Haas, who shot Francis J. Heney in Judge Lawler's court room last Friday afternoon, was begun today before Coroner Leland and a jury. The most important witnesses examined were Captain of Police Duke and Detective William H. Burns.

Both testified to having made a thorough search of Haas in the court room after the shooting and failed to find the pistol with which he committed suicide at the jail on Saturday night. Captain Duke said that though the shoes worn by Haas were not removed, he felt down the tops. He and Detective Burns stated with great positiveness a pistol could have hardly been concealed in one of the man's shoes without having been found.

The bullet taken from the wounds in Mr. Heney's head was placed in evidence by Dr. S. O. Bealy. The doctor said that he had been asked by the police department for the bullet and he had shown it but he had been instructed by Mr. Heney not to hand it over to the captain of police or to any one else but District Attorney Landon.

When asked why he had been so instructed Dr. Bealy testified to say that he had read in the newspaper that the honesty of the police was questioned, but at this point he was stopped and answered no further. The inquest will be resumed tomorrow, when a large number of witnesses will be examined.

Young Women's Christian Association Sale of Fancy Goods.

The Young Woman's Christian association are holding a big sale of fancy goods on the main floor at Orchard & Wilhelm's. This sale for Friday and Saturday. Now is an excellent time to pick out desirable articles for gifts.

By using the various departments of The Bee want ad pages it is easy to reach the people who have money to spend.

If You've an Eye for Bargains

just let that eye linger for one brief second upon the offerings illustrated and described below. If you don't find yourself completely convinced that it is to your interest to "let Hartman feather your nest" then we're very much mistaken about people desiring to save money. These offerings are bargains—great, big, heaped-up, shaken-down and running-over bargains. And what's more, they're only a few out of thousands. They should direct your steps straight to Hartman's store tomorrow, whether you've need of a single article or furnishings for a complete home.

SPLENDID OAK HEATER—They are made with heavy gauge and guaranteed for durability. They are of handsome proportions, beautifully ornamented with nickel trimmings. It's unquestionably the best oak heater that ever sold in Omaha at the price. Every stove is thoroughly guaranteed for absolute and complete satisfaction. Special for this sale only at—4.69

Credit To All Open Saturday Evenings. MASSIVE DRESSER—Made in polished oak or mahogany finish. Large French beveled mirror and brass handles. Extra special for this sale at—8.40

5.50 HOT BLAST HEAT-ER. 7c per day payable by week or month as you choose.

QUARTERED OAK SIDE-BOARD—Very elaborate design—has serpentine front, magnificent carvings and carved claw feet. Has large French beveled mirrors. You can't match this bargain elsewhere in Omaha. 18.80

Big Bargains. HANDSOME BASE BURNER—One of our many base heaters extraordinary bargains—such bargains as are positively unobtainable anywhere in Omaha. These heaters have return flues and other improved features. They are beautifully trimmed in nickel, have large coal magazine and automatic feed. Hartman's price... 28.50

PEDESTAL EXTENSION TABLE—Made of solid oak, has large round top and is brilliantly polished. Has massive pedestal and carved feet. Sale price, only... 11.95

BRUSSELS RUG, size 6x12 feet—Again we offer this high grade Brussels rug at the amazing low price of \$11.95. There hasn't been a rug of equal quality offered in Omaha in years at anywhere near the price. These rugs are made without mixer seams—full woven rug. They are made of the best all worsted materials. at... 11.89

HOT BLAST HEATER—It burns coal, wood and slack coal or rubbish. Most economical heater on earth. Burns its own gas and smoke. Our price... 5.50

WILTON VELVET BUGS, size 8x12 feet—Another rug value that has made Omaha buyers open their eyes in amazement. You positively never saw its equal. These rugs are made of selected materials, firmly woven, have high pile and are recommended for extraordinary durability. Hartman's special price is only... 18.75

BRASS BED SPECIAL—The biggest brass bed bargain in all Omaha. It's just as illustrated above, heavily lacquered and guaranteed for ten years. Special price... 18.75

SANITARY STEEL COUCHES—Made with angle steel frame—strongest and most durable construction. Has finest patent couch fabric and spiral spring supports. Makes an exceedingly comfortable bed. Specially reduced for this sale... 3.75

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NORTH AMERICANS BANQUET

United States, Canada and Mexico Represented at Feast in New York.

BRYCE AND HILL SPEAKERS Railway Magnate Pleads for Free Trade Across Canadian Border

NEW YORK, Nov. 20.—In a distinctly new world atmosphere the fortieth annual banquet of the New York Chamber of Commerce was held tonight in the Waldorf-Astoria.

It is a physical impossibility for me to do that with the amount of work I have on hand. Believe me that it is with the utmost regret that I refuse. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

At the annual meeting of the Iowa Society of New York tonight a committee was nominated to act with any committees appointed in Iowa to arrange for the erection of a suitable monument to the memory of the late Senator Allison in his home state and also to see to the erection of a monument in honor of Senator Allison in the city of Washington.

THE WHITE HOUSE, WASHINGTON, Nov. 19.—I wish I could accept, but it is simply an impossibility. I should particularly like to come but even though I should only speak in brief, I would not be willing to speak to you unless I should prepare something worthy of your body, and

throughout the country, concluded a two days' session here today. O. P. Briggs of Minneapolis, for the last five years commissioner and president, retired from office and W. A. Carpenter of Providence, R. I., was chosen as his successor.

Real Estate Man Kills Himself. Charles E. Keniston, head of a large real estate concern on Fifth avenue, committed suicide tonight in the Hotel Seville by shooting. The only motive for the suicide known is that he was suffering from a nervous disease. Keniston was prosperous in business.

Republican Campaign Contributions. A campaign fund of \$1,000,000 contributed to the national republican committee in the recent campaign will be shown when the list of contributors is filed at Albany next

Monday, according to the New York Evening Post. It was said that there are 15,000 names on the list.

DULUTH & WINNIPEG SOLD Line Bought by Canadian Northern Which Will Get Trackage Right to Chicago.

WINNIPEG, Man., Nov. 20.—It is announced that the purchase of the Duluth & Winnipeg railway by the Canadian Northern railway involved a cost of \$6,000,000. It is said that the Canadian road will secure running rights over the Wisconsin Central road later.

The Bee Want Ad pages offer the best advertising medium.



Oh Sam! I am so glad that you have decided to get your suit and overcoat at Bourke's. The clothes from that shop have a decidedly clever appearance. My brother got a swell suit there for \$25.00.

All right Sam, we'll be glad to see you. Drop in and talk it over.

W. T. BOURKE, Men's Fashion Shop, 319 South 16th St.

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Delicate enough for the softest skin, and yet efficacious in removing any stain. Keeps the skin in perfect condition. In the bath gives all the desirable after-effects of a Turkish bath. It should be on every washstand.

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Pure in the can—Pure in the baking. Never Fails. Try it.

Kilpatrick's Opening Sale of China

Commences on Saturday morning, November 21, at 8 a. m. Much in this display is our own importation, covering purchases made by Wm. Koenig while in Europe early in the year—exquisite Dresden China, fancy Plates and many novel and odd pieces, exclusive designs from Carlsbad, decorated French China, gold encrusted, new and popular; new line from Sweden, exceedingly serviceable.

Royal Doulton Tea Pot and Pitcher, quaint and beautiful; New Bavarian China in blue underglazed designs; Baccarat Glassware in rock crystal, gold encrusted and fine etched designs, justly celebrated and confined to our store; novel and unique Jardinieres and table decorations; imports from Haviland & Co., cups and saucers from 25c upwards; Plates of all kinds, the lowest priced even, are unique, and the elegant service plates, as high as \$60 per dozen, are works of art. Perhaps no trade event in Omaha possesses greater attractions for ladies of refined taste and lovers of the beautiful in China.

To add to the interest and in perfect keeping with this attraction—we start at the same time

A Very Special Pre-Thanksgiving Sale of Fine Linens.

Those who know our linen reputation realize that it pays to attend a Kilpatrick linen sale. This will be no exception. We have a lot of pattern cloths, bought under exceptional conditions. You will get all the benefit on Saturday.

40 cloths, 2 yards square, worth ordinarily \$3.75, will go at \$2.49.

38 cloths, 2 yards by 2 1/2 yards, worth ordinarily \$4.00, will go at \$3.19.

33 cloths, 2 yards by 3 yards, worth ordinarily \$4.50, will go at \$3.49.

Larger sizes at similar reductions and napkins to match at same basis.

50 dozens napkins, 5-8 size, worth \$3.50, will go at \$2.59 a dozen.

50 dozens napkins, 3-4 size, worth \$4.50, will go at \$3.49 a dozen.

A large variety of odd pattern cloths, in all sizes and various qualities.

Remnants of table linens and odd half dozens of napkins at very low prices.

Our east window has displayed some exceedingly pretty Scarfs, made from crepe de chine and filmy, spiderish silks. These are part of a special purchase usually sold at \$3.75, will be sold on Saturday at \$1.89 each. We think you'll want at least one.

Thos. Kilpatrick & Co.