

## DR. SUN YAT SEN HEADS REPUBLIC

Chinese Revolutionary Convention  
Sitting at Nanking Elects Him  
President of New Nation.

## PEACE CONFERENCE IS STARTED

Five Delegates From Each Side Meet  
in Shanghai City Hall.

## DECLARATION IS SIGNIFICANT

Men From Peking Say They Represent  
Premier, Not Dynasty.

## TUAN FANG IS ASSASSINATED

General Is Hacked to Pieces by His  
Soldiers Who Had Joined  
that They Would Join the  
Revolutionists.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—A cablegram received here today reports that Dr. Sun Yat Sen has been elected president of the new Chinese republic by the revolutionary convention sitting at Nanking. The dispatch was received by the Chinese Free Press.

## Conference Begins at Shanghai

SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 18.—The peace conference between Wu Ting-fang, the foreign secretary in the revolutionary cabinet, and Tang Shao-yi, representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai, and five delegates selected by each side opened in the town hall here this afternoon.

The delegates were welcomed by the chairman of the municipal council, after which they immediately proceeded to business. All except the delegates were excluded from the building, which was guarded by British police. The public is not even allowed on the same side of the street.

One of the notable facts in connection with the conference is that both principal persons are natives of Canton and old friends. On their first entrance into the room the greetings of the delegates was most friendly.

## Declaration is Significant

Tang Shao-yi said he does not represent the throne, but is a personal representative of Premier Yuan Shi Kai. This declaration may be regarded as significant.

Both Wu Ting-fang and Tang Shao-yi privately expressed the hope that some agreement might be reached as a result of the discussion.

Amos P. Wilder, United States consul general here, formally called on Tang Shao-yi and talked with him on subjects of general interest without touching on the subject of the revolution.

The strictest precautions have been taken for the protection of Tang Shao-yi, as an intimation has reached the police that some among the more hot-headed students have been advocating his assassination on the ground that he is supporting the Manchus.

There is reason to believe that this idea is absolutely without foundation. Tang Shao-yi is an advocate of a constitutional monarchy, but does not support the retention of the Manchu dynasty. His sympathies are with the Chinese reformers, but he does not believe in a republic.

Tuan Fang Killed.  
PEKING, Dec. 18.—Tuan Fang, former director general of the Hukwon railway and at one time viceroy of the province of Chi Li, has, according to information received by missionaries at Chung King, been killed at The Chow, in Chan Si province, by his own soldiers.

Tuan Fang, suspecting the disloyalty of his officers, sought to escape with his brother, but the soldiers detected Tuan Fang and one of them slashed him with a sword.

"Would you kill me?" asked the general, and the chorus, "Yes, Kshel," came from the soldiers. To this Tuan Fang answered:

"I shall not kneel. You may kill me, if you choose."

The soldiers then hacked his body to pieces. His brother also was killed.

## Ten Years for Holy Ghost and Us Leader

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 18.—Ten years in the federal prison at Atlanta was the sentence imposed today on Rev. Frank W. Sanford, leader of the Holy Ghost and Us society of Shiloh, for causing the deaths of six persons on the yacht Coronet.

## SUIT FILED TO DISSOLVE WESTERN PLUMBING TRUST

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—The government filed in the federal court here today a suit to dissolve the plumbing trust. The allegations are made in a bill in equity that the Pacific Coast Plumbing Supply association "and others" have conspired since 1907 to restrain trade and interstate commerce.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The civil suit against the Pacific Coast plumbing trust is the direct result of conferences between officials of the Department of Justice and representatives of most of the defendants. An agreed decree likely will be the outcome. The grand jury investigation of the "trust" at Los Angeles will be suspended and probably terminated, although the government has not committed itself to that course.

## The Weather

For Nebraska—Snow.  
For Iowa—Snow.

Temperature at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Deg.
5 a. m.	28
6 a. m.	28
7 a. m.	28
8 a. m.	28
9 a. m.	28
10 a. m.	28
11 a. m.	28
12 m.	28
1 p. m.	28
2 p. m.	28
3 p. m.	28
4 p. m.	28
5 p. m.	28
6 p. m.	28
7 p. m.	28
8 p. m.	28
9 p. m.	28

## Court House Building in Nevada Dynamited

RENO, Dec. 18.—It was learned today that the Lyon county court house at Yerington, Nev., had been blown up by dynamite. The loss will be several thousand dollars. The explosive was placed under the concrete walls of the interior of the building and the entire second floor, which was in course of construction, fell through to the ground. No reason for the explosion is known.

## The National Capital

Monday, December 18, 1911.

### The Senate.

In session at 2 p. m. Foreign relations committee, with all members present, considered abrogation of Hay-Pauncefote treaty, which afterward was taken up in the senate.

President's notice to Russia regarding abrogation made known to individual senators.

Lorimer hearing continued, with testimony intended to refute C. A. White's version.

F. W. Kelsay of Orange, N. J., attributed business troubles to fabulous capitalization of the railroad.

Foreign relations committee reported resolution abrogating Russian treaty of 1832 on January 1, 1912.

Senator Culberson spoke on his resolution, identical with that passed by the house abrogating the treaty.

President Taft's message announcing abrogation of Russian treaty was read. On objection of Senator Heyburn (Idaho) to precipitate action the whole Russian matter went over one day.

House adjourned at 12:29 p. m. until noon Tuesday.

### The House.

Met at noon. Bills considered under unanimous consent privilege.

Sulzer, author of Russian abrogation resolution, agreed to change phraseology to make it less offensive to Russia.

Steel trust inquiry resumed.

J. Cotton denied padding ore railroad figures.

Rules committee heard Representative Humphrey (Washington) on his resolution for investigation of foreign shipping combines.

House adjourned at 12:29 p. m. until noon Tuesday.

## Three Dead, Fifteen Injured in Collision Near Wolcott, Kan.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—In a collision between two trolley cars on the Kansas City-Leavenworth electric line which met head on in a dense fog near Wolcott, Kan., sixteen miles north of this city, today, three persons were killed and nine seriously injured. A misunderstanding of orders is believed to have caused the collision. The dead:

ALBERT LOWE, Wolcott, Kan., motor man on the southbound car.

CLYDE TAYLOR, Kansas City, Kan., an employe.

G. C. ROYCE, Kansas City, a dispatcher in the employ of the electric company.

The injured:

W. M. Woodland, Wolcott, Kan., an employe; right leg broken, injured internally.

Clyde Taylor, Kansas City, Kan., an employe; internally injured.

Raymond Bradley, Wolcott, Kan.; arm broken, back injured.

Homer Ford, Wolcott, Kan., employe; shoulder broken.

Glenn Bradley, Leavenworth, Kan., conductor on the southbound car; internally injured.

Raymond Bradley, Kansas City, passenger; right leg broken.

H. B. Bemis, Kansas City, passenger; leg injured.

Romero Agers, Wolcott, employe; internally injured.

John Adams, Kansas City, motor man on northbound car; back injured.

Through a misunderstanding the motor man of the southbound car failed to wait on the siding at Wolcott for the other car to pass and the two met one another south of Wolcott. Blinded by fog the motor men failed to reverse their motors in time to avoid the crash. The injured were taken to the company's car barn at Wolcott, where they were attended by physicians, hurried to the scene from Leavenworth.

## Desert Basins to Supply Fertilizer

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The conversion of desert basins into fields of supply for the fertilizer industry is part of the scheme of agricultural advancement favored by Secretary of Agriculture Wilson and heartily endorsed by President Taft in a message to congress today.

The message was cordial letter of transmittal of a preliminary report of the fertilizer resources of the United States. The report showed that the use of fertilizers involves an annual expenditure of about \$100,000,000, which is likely to be greatly increased as more modern agricultural methods are adopted.

The report stated that there has been some public alarm, not only on account of the large shipments of phosphate rock to foreign ports, but on account of phosphate lands passing into the hands of foreign owners. The report, however, found that a great majority of these lands were in American hands and that the tendency was distinctly toward an increase in the domestic production.

The American forces an ample supply of both classes of fertilizers can readily be obtained and in the case of potash the supply may be maintained indefinitely by obvious methods of control are adopted. The annual production of ammonium sulphate should be approximately 60,000 tons, valued at \$20,000,000. Actually 35,000 pounds at \$140,000 are being produced, while about 190,000 tons, valued at about \$5,000,000, are annually imported.

## London Banker is Guilty of Fraud

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Alfred W. Carpenter, proprietor and manager of the Charings Cross bank, who was arrested on April 25 last on a charge of obtaining money through fraud and false pretenses, was found guilty at the London sessions at the Old Bailey today and sentenced to two years imprisonment.

## TAFT ABROGATES PACT WITH CZAR

President Serves Notice on Russia  
that Treaty of 1832 Will Terminate  
in Year.

## WANTS ANOTHER AGREEMENT

Present Treaty No Longer Responsive  
to Needs of Nations.

## NOTE IS SENT TO SENATE

It is Cordial in Terms and Refers to  
Long Friendships.

## LODGE PRESENTS RESOLUTIONS

It Amends House Proposition and is  
Not Offensive in Terms—Mr.  
Heyburn Objects and Action  
Goes Over.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—An objection by Senator Heyburn of Idaho, who protests against precipitous action, prevented the United States senate from voting today to approve the action of President Taft on December 15 in notifying Russia that the United States desired to terminate the treaty of 1832 with that country.

The senate went into session at 2 o'clock this afternoon to ratify the action of President Taft in notifying on December 15 the Russian government of the intention of the United States to abrogate the treaty of 1832 with that country.

President Taft sent to the senate a message stating the course he had pursued. Earlier he had advised the foreign relations committee of the senate of the executive steps taken. The senate committee recommended that the senate act with the house in carrying out the abrogation of the pact. Under the notice to Russia and under the terms of the treaty itself the abrogation will be effective January 1, 1912.

## Lodge Presents Resolution.

Immediately after the president's message had been read Senator Lodge presented the resolution agreed on by the foreign relations committee and offered it as a substitute for the Sulzer resolution passed by the house.

The Lodge resolution recited that President Taft had on December 15 caused to be presented to the Imperial Russian government at St. Petersburg notice that the treaty would be abrogated. The resolution approved this action, declaring that the treaty between the two countries no longer was responsible to the political principles or the commercial needs of either.

President Taft, with the idea that his message might be considered in executive session of the senate, sent no copies of it to the capitol and none were given out at the White House.

The committee resolution concluded: "Therefore, be it resolved by the senate and the house of representatives that the notice given by the president of the United States to the empire of Russia to terminate the said treaty is hereby adopted and ratified."

After the message and the resolution had been read Senator Heyburn of Idaho moved that the further consideration of the matter would be in executive sessions. He declared that it was proposed to cancel a contract of great commercial interest to the United States, involving a trade of many millions of dollars, and he thought it should be seriously considered and at length. It was apparent that action on the resolution terminating the treaty would be delayed until late in the day.

House leaders, including Chairman Sulzer, said today that the house immediately would accept the senate resolution. Senator Heyburn objected to the consideration of the resolution today and under the rules of the senate it went over until tomorrow.

Idaho Man is Sarcasitic.

Senator Heyburn spoke at length on his motion and seemed to criticize members who had publicly expressed their opinions.

"I did not vote in the newspapers yesterday," he said. "I do not think the senate should discuss a matter of such magnitude in an offhand manner."

"It looks too much like the steamroller process to bring into the senate a resolution and a message and ask immediate consideration."

"The Russian government is a different government than it was when that treaty was made."

"Whether or not at a moment's notice we should deal with the question as we would with the payment of mileage rather stagger me. It looks too much like sentiment instead of judgment."

The senate will meet tomorrow at noon, instead of 2 p. m. as usual, to take up the further consideration of the matter.

Message of the President.

The president in his message said: "By instructions which I caused the secretary of state to transmit to the American ambassador at St. Petersburg on the 15th day of December, 1911, there was given the Imperial Russian government under date of the 17th day of December, 1911, official notification on behalf of this government of intention to terminate the treaty of commerce and navigation of December 15, 1832, between the United States and Russia on the expiration of the year commencing on the 1st of January, 1912, the notification contemplated by article 12 of the existing treaty having been embodied in the following note addressed by the ambassador to the minister for foreign affairs:—

"Under instructions from my government and in pursuance of the conversations held by the secretary of state with the Russian ambassador at Washington, I have now the honor to give to the Imperial Russian government on behalf of the United States the official notification contemplated by article 12 of the treaty of 1832, whereby the operation of the said treaty will terminate in accordance with its terms on January, 1912.

"Your excellency will recall that our parities between the two governments in the last three years have fully recognized the fact that this ancient treaty, as is quite natural, is no longer fully responsive in various respects to the needs of the political and material relations of the two countries, which grow constantly more important. The treaty also has given rise, from time to time, to certain

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## "Do you see that badge?"



From the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## TAFT MEN ARE GATHERING

Many Already on Ground at Lincoln  
for Meeting.

## SESSION ON THIS AFTERNOON

Ex-Congressman Calderhead of Kansas, Who is to Make the Principal  
Address, Already on the  
Ground.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

LINCOLN, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Evening trains today brought in a number of men from over the state interested in the mass meeting tomorrow to perfect an organization of republicans interested in the renomination and election of President Taft.

Former Congressman E. M. Pollard of Nebraska, secretary of the temporary organization formed some time ago, and Captain C. A. Adams of Superior, selected chairman at the same time, were among the arrivals.

Ex-Congressman William A. Calderhead of Kansas, who is to be the principal speaker at the meeting, which convenes at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the auditorium, also arrived this evening.

Misses Adams and Pollard, conferred tonight with other state leaders in the movement arranging for the meeting. They all say that reports received from all parts of the state indicate that a representative gathering of Nebraska republicans will be present to participate and have every confidence that the gathering will result in the formation of a strong organization which will enthusiastically back the present temporary organization.

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## John D.'s Lawyer Is Reprimanded by Chairman Stanley

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Chairman Stanley of the house investigating committee at today's session sharply reprimanded John D. Rockefeller's counsel, Mr. Murray, for interrupting a witness, J. B. Cotton of Duluth, former counsel for the Duluth, Missabe & Northern railroad. Mr. Stanley also in introducing Mr. Cotton said, "that Mr. Rockefeller curiously declined the invitation extended to appear before the committee, but that Rev. Mr. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's attorney, 'declined and forgot to be courteous.'"

"Mr. Cotton, whose name was involved," he added, "asked to be heard."

Mr. Cotton branded as a falsehood the testimony of C. P. Mats that he (Cotton) had ordered him "to pad the road's cost as high as \$5,000,000 in order to justify rate charges."

## Mayor Shank Has New Ally in War on High Food Prices

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 18.—Mayor Samuel Lewis Shank's personally conducted sales of potatoes and turkeys at cut prices have inspired the formation of an association to reinforce the mayor in his "war on the middleman."

Two thousand shares of stock in the Wage Earners' Co-operative association were put on sale today at \$5 a share. Its organizers plan to open a depot where the ultimate consumer of food stuffs shall meet the producer, thereby eliminating the jobber's profit.

The campaign for intended membership will be made largely through the Central Labor Union.

## Frugal Waitress Gets Many Letters

DENVER, Dec. 18.—Deluged with letters and postal cards and with Christmas gifts pouring in in goodly numbers, Miss Ivy Cole, the waitress in a local cafe who saved 1,000 times received in tips within two years to buy a fur coat, is amazed at the attention her frugality has attracted.

She has received letters and postal cards from many parts of the country, and proposals from east, west, north and south.

The proposals are from bachelors and widowers principally, and the most of these proposals bear a request for her photograph. Several of the most ardent suitors have sent their own photographs.

Miss Cole began saving all of the dime tips she received two years ago last Thanksgiving day. One day before Thanksgiving day of the present year she had saved exactly \$100, or 1,000 dimes. With the money she bought a fur coat, for which purpose she had saved up her dimes.

## Acquitted of Murder Committed Years Ago

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 18.—White-haired and bent, with the weight of 90 years, Donaclo Espalza was today, on the instructions of court, adjudged innocent of a murder which, it was alleged, he committed thirty-six years ago.

Espalza was on trial in the district court of Don Ana county, at Las Cruces. Two eye witnesses of the alleged killing, men who then were mere boys, were among those who testified.

Espalza, after the killing, went to old Mexico, where he remained until a few months ago, when he went to Yuleta, Tex., where he was arrested.

The evidence, as the court declared at this late date, was too incomplete and vague to incriminate Espalza.

## MRS. KELLOGG GETS DIVORCE FROM RICH MANUFACTURER

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 18.—In granting a divorce with \$5,000 alimony and \$4,000 costs and attorney fees today to Mrs. Frank J. Kellogg, wife of a wealthy Battle Creek manufacturer, Circuit Judge Donovan characterized as perjury the testimony of two chauffeurs who gave evidence against the woman. The judge said it had been shown that the young woman was guilty of wrongdoing since her marriage to Kellogg. Both are forbidden to marry within two years.

## HITCOCK PLANS A SPEECH

Senator From Nebraska Puts in Substitute to Lodge Resolution.

## PATTERNED AFTER MR. SULZER'S

Letter is Satisfied with the Joint Resolution, But Nebraska Senator Finds Flaw in It—Grain Men Are Busy.

(From a Staff Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—Senator Hitchcock is not satisfied with the terms or even the verbiage of Senator Lodge's joint resolution relating to President Taft's action of abrogating the treaty between Russia and United States, concluded December 15, 1832, affecting passports. He expressed himself very forcibly in the committee on foreign relations of which he is a member when the action of the president came up and was the only member of the committee to vote against the terms of the resolutions as presented by Senator Lodge.

Senator Hitchcock introduced a substitute to the Lodge resolution today, which follows the Sulzer resolution very closely and he gave notice that he would speak on the resolution tomorrow.

In this connection it may be said that President Taft has had the question of abrogation of the treaty of 1832 under consideration for more than a year and only the form of its abrogation has been the subject of discussion.

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