

### CHINESE REBELS TO RENEW FIGHT

Republicans at Shanghai Will Not Wait Much Longer for Answer from Peking.

### LEADERS ARE AGAIN UNITED

Wu Ting-fang and Sun Yat Sen are in Complete Accord.

### PREMIER HAS A NEW PLAN

Yuan Presents Proposal for Special Assembly to Manchu Leaders.

### EDICT IS EXPECTED SOON

It is Announced at Shanghai that Premier is Personally in Favor of Ending the Monarchy.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 26.—As no reply has yet been received by Tang Shao Yi to his dispatch to Premier Yuan Shi Kai pointing out that the acceptance of the idea of a republic is the only means of securing peace, the revolutionaries are demanding vigorously the immediate election of a president of the republic and asking that the government shall be proceeded with without any further notice being taken of Peking.

The conference held yesterday between Dr. Sun Yat Sen, the proposed president, and Wu Ting-fang, the chief of the revolutionary delegates at the peace conference, resulted in complete agreement between the two leaders, and the revolutionaries are now showing a more united front than ever. Nanking is regarded as a suitable place for the capital of the new republic.

### Yuan's Personal Views

Premier Yuan Shi Kai's decision to submit the proposal for the meeting of a special national assembly to decide on the future form of government in China to the consideration of the Manchus on becoming known here caused considerable satisfaction. According to the revolutionary leaders now in Shanghai, Premier Yuan Shi Kai's consent is tantamount to the admission he himself favors a republic. It is understood that Tang Shao Yi, who is representing Premier Yuan Shi Kai here, had already informed the revolutionary leaders at the peace conference that Yuan Shi Kai personally was in favor of a republic. Tang Shao Yi now admits that Yuan Shi Kai is in full agreement with the revolutionary plan.

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### Steel Companies Given More Time to File Answers

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 26.—United States District Attorney Vreeland in the United States circuit court announced today a further extension of time had been granted for the filing of answers in the suit of the government for the dissolution of the United Steel corporation. The court extended from the first Monday in January to February 1 in the case of the United States Steel corporation itself and for twenty-five or thirty other defendants in the case.

The extension was granted by Mr. Vreeland with the approval of the Department of Justice.

### Negro Paid \$2,000 to Murder Heirs to Valuable Land

MUSKOGEE, Okl., Dec. 26.—Court inquiry into a conspiracy that resulted in the death of two negro children who owned oil lands valued at \$350,000 went forward rapidly today. D. C. Allen, the negro accused of having killed the children, pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to life imprisonment.

### Thirty Persons Fall Fifteen Feet; No One Seriously Injured

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 26.—None of the thirty persons who were on the trolley car which fell from a bridge spanning the Schuylkill river a mile below Pottsville last night and plunged into the bed of the stream is seriously injured. Although all were hurled into the front end of the car, which was left in a vertical position, the worst injuries sustained were fractured arms. The car fell about fifteen feet.

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### Those Volunteer Nurses.



"Six Great Powers are Co-operating to Restore Peace to China."—News Item.

### TAFT MEN WILL MEET TODAY

Plans for Active Campaign in State Will Be Made.

### WILL TALK OVER DELEGATES

Object is to Avoid a Multiplicity of Candidates—Committee Will Probably Attend and Select New Secretary.

LINCOLN, Dec. 26.—(Special.)—The officers of the Taft league, organized at the meeting in Lincoln one week ago today, will meet at the Lindell hotel in this city at 3 p. m. tomorrow, to take up the work for which it was formed. While it is not known here it is supposed the committee of five from each congressional district which is to arrange for candidates for delegates to the national convention has been named and that the members of the various committees will meet with the officers of the league.

It is not thought probable, however, that the delegates will actually be selected at this time, though of course the ground and available material will be canvassed. The object of this method of selecting delegates is to avoid a multiplicity of candidates which, if permitted might defeat the object of all, the selection of delegates for an active campaign in favor of the re-nomination of the president and who would labor as well as vote in the convention to accomplish that end.

While the friends of Mr. Taft have no fears of the result of the primary preferential vote, they consider it important that the delegates should be bound to him by a stronger tie than simply an obligation to vote for him.

The principal business expected to come before the meeting, of course, is laying the foundation for an active campaign which will make the primary expression in favor of the president as strong as possible to show to other states just where Nebraska stands on the question. One problem along this line is the selection of a secretary to succeed E. M. Pollard of Cass, who pleads private business engagements will not permit his giving the attention to the office which it demands. No names have been openly suggested for the place up to the present though several suggest themselves as being both capable and available.

It is expected the members of the old temporary executive committee also will be present to wind up their affairs and lend their counsel to the new organization. These are: C. E. Adams, Superior; E. M. Pollard, Nebraska; A. W. Jefferts, Omaha; A. E. Cady, St. Paul, and A. W. Field, Lincoln.

### Republicans to File

The republican state officers who are serving their first terms and who are candidates for re-election have all of them decided to make their primary filings some time this week. They are Secretary of State Walt, State Treasurer (Continued on Second Page.)

### BONI IS MAKING ANOTHER EFFORT TO ANNUL MARRIAGE

ROME, Dec. 26.—Count Boni de Castellane, the former husband of the present duchess of Talleyrand and Sagan, whose maiden name was Anna Gould, being now in Rome to urge the granting by the vatican of annulment of his marriage, the duchess of Talleyrand has expressed her desire to make public the following statement from Rome:

"I hope the count will succeed, as that would free me from all moral obligations to bring up the children in their father's religion."  
"DUCHESS ANNA TALLEYRAND."

### BARBER CHARGED WITH POSTOFFICE ROBBERY

COFFEYVILLE, Kan., Dec. 26.—Charles Culver, a barber, was arrested here today, charged with connection with the robbery of the Mulberry (Kan.) postoffice October 12, when \$8,000 was stolen. The police say Culver confessed that he and a partner got the money and had spent it all. Later, they say, he denied the confession.

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### William Patterson of Lincoln Kills Self With Razor

PLAINFIELD, N. J., Dec. 26.—William Patterson of Lincoln, Neb., a friend of William Jennings Bryan, who disappeared from his daughter's home here on Sunday morning last, was found dead today with his throat cut near a quarry in North Plainfield. A bloody razor lay by his side and the police say that it is a case of suicide.

### LIMELIGHT PUT ON CONFESSIONS

Marks Defense Seeks to Show Discrepancies Between Documents Signed by Mabray.

### IMPORTANT CLAUSES ARE ADDED

These are Allusions Made to Bluff's Bank and J. J. Hess.

### SECOND ONE MORE COMPLETE

Also Some Matters Omitted in Second Paper.

### STATE RESTS ITS CASE EARLY

Action Taken Unexpectedly and Marks' Lawyers Seek to Show Part Played by Postoffice Inspector in Getting Testimony.

The prosecution in the trial of Benjamin Marks for conspiracy at Council Bluffs suddenly announced that it had concluded the presentation of direct evidence at 5:30 last evening.

The defense attempted to show discrepancies between the two confessions alleged to have been made by Mabray while he was in the Leavenworth prison, with a view to neutralizing the evidence tending to connect all others except Marks with the alleged conspiracy. The state did not intend to introduce the alleged official confession of Mabray after the case had reached an advanced stage.

It was the defense that put Mabray on the rack by introducing the confessions and made him admit that he had written only one statement, but that the one offered was not the original.

When Mabray left the stand on Friday morning it was announced that his direct examination was concluded and he was recalled yesterday as the last witness of the day and required to identify further special documents contained in the mass of stuff asked at the time of his arrest at Little Rock in February, 1908. It was at the conclusion of this testimony that the confessions were sprung upon him by the defense.

It was shown that every allusion to the connection of the First National bank, County Attorney Hess and the specific implication of the Council Bluffs police department, was not included in the confession that Mabray really did make, but these were added as separate paragraphs to the typewritten and alleged official confession brought to him at the prison and signed by him, and with which he showed unfamiliarity when it was handed to him in the witness chair. Mabray's written confession was signed by him on December 2, 1910, and was written on paper not used at the prison, but which, Mabray admitted, he believed was turned over to Mr. Swenson and was taken away by him, and on December 23 Postoffice Inspector Ranger appeared at the prison, and according to Mabray, staid a few hours and departed with the typewritten confession, which is also written on paper not used at the prison. The last page of this confession described at length the uses that were made of the extra 3 per cent added, 1 per cent at a time, at the beginning of the years 1907 and 1908.

The first extra per cent is specifically declared to have been for the purpose of corrupting the officers of the First National bank and to guarantee the bank against possible loss in handling the paper of the mikes, and for the further purpose of paying for the trouble of notifying Marks when the paper became good. Another paragraph describes the use that was alleged to have been made of the 1908 1 per cent in corrupting County Attorney J. J. Hess and his whole office force.

Mabray tried to explain why his original confession did not contain these declarations upon which the whole charge of conspiracy rests, but could not do so beyond saying that he might have told Mr. Swenson about the other things at subsequent interviews, and that there was so much in the case that he could attempt to remember but little of it. Another striking peculiarity of the second confession is the legal verbiage with which it is clothed. In it the word "affiant" repeatedly appears, an expression with which Mabray admitted on cross-examination he was not familiar.

Among the first discrepancies noted in the two alleged confessions was Mabray's statement in the original that he went "from New Orleans to Council Bluffs and Omaha in the spring of 1907." This was cut out of the second statement. Mabray said he had no idea why it was done. Another was his first statement that he first applied to Tom Rattiff as to how he could arrange to have some suitable person close enough to the police department to get his men out of jail in case of arrests.

"I can't say why that was dropped out, I did not make up the typewritten statement," said Mabray.

Another rather startling omission contained in the first, but omitted from the second document, was Mabray's statement: "I paid Ben Marks in the years 1907 and 1908 approximately \$30,000." He could not tell why it was cut out of the second edition.

### Major General Hodges Dies in New York

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Major General Charles L. Hodges, United States Army, retired, died at his home here early today after an illness of several months. General Hodges was born in Rhode Island on March 13, 1847, and entered the volunteer service at the outbreak of the civil war, when he was 17 years of age. In 1862 he entered the permanent establishment and served continuously up to March 13 last, when he was retired.

### ROOSEVELT IS NOT IN NEW YORK STATE POLITICS

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Theodore Roosevelt announced this afternoon that he was taking no part in the New York state political situation and that "not a single human being" had asked him to lend his influence to the support of a candidate for the republican nomination for governor next year.

"I have not been asked because I am not in politics, and nobody expects me to be in politics," said he.

Colonel Roosevelt today had an hour's conference with Darwin H. James, Jr., president of the Young Men's Republican club of Brooklyn.

### Boxes of O'Brien's Candy and Dalzell's Ice Cream Bricks

Given away each day in the want ads to those finding their names.

Read the want ads each day, if you don't get a prize you will probably find something advertised that appeals to you.

Each day these prizes are offered, no puzzles to solve—no subscriptions to get—nothing but finding your name. It will appear some time.