

Koreans Ready To Fight and Die For Independence

Minister of Labor Declares Nothing Short of Full Freedom Will Be Accepted From Japan.

By J. B. POWELL. Chicago Tribune Foreign News Service. Peking.—Japan may make reform after reform in Korea, may remove all her harsh restrictions, and may agree to give us something in the nature of home rule, and it will make no difference in the matter of undying Korean hostility. Nothing short of absolute independence will satisfy us in any way. It is not reforms we are ready to fight and die for, but freedom.

So declares Mr. Chang Ho Ahn, minister of labor in the provisional government of the Korean republic, whose seat of government is just now at Shanghai, at a shifting address in the French concession. Mr. Ahn is now in Peking, heading a delegation which has just had a long conference with Representative Stephen S. Porter, chairman of the foreign affairs committee of the United States house of representatives. This delegation went to Hongkong to meet the American congressmen now touring the orient, but was disappointed in that the transport on which they were traveling did not touch at that point. The Koreans hurried back to Shanghai, but could not edge their way through the numerous engagements made for the visitors by the Chinese and American organizations, and the same disappointment awaited them in Nanking. They determined to follow the American lawmakers to Peking, although somewhat nervous about crossing the Japanese concession in Tientsin, and here they have presented their case.

Keep Movement Alive. What they have told Mr. Porter, who received them in his official capacity, is, in short, that the Korean movement for independence is to be kept up indefinitely, with the independence desire nursed and kept alive until some auspicious moment arrives. Korean hope centers in the continuous migration in certain circles in China that eventually there will be war between Japan and the United States, and on this is pinned the Korean program.

"Immediately Japan gets into a war with a first class power Korea will rise against her," explains one of the delegation, "and we will be a factor in Japan's defeat. Should that war never come, we will keep up our agitation both in and out of Korea that Japan will eventually find that holding our country is a losing game which Tokio cannot afford to keep up."

Mr. Ahn, the minister of labor, heading the delegation, who has spent some years of his life in a Korean prison, sent there by the old, corrupt Korean government because of his advocacy of reforms, and who has traveled extensively in America, has issued a statement furnished by Mr. Porter. In this statement he says:

"The treaty of commerce and amity made between Korea and the United States pledges American support to Korean independence and American sympathy with Korea, and on the strength of that treaty pledge of the United States we are now asking that America give recognition to our provisional government as it exists."

Want U. S. to Understand.

"We want the world, and particularly the United States, to understand this: That the United States is no longer an isolated nation, but is a world's power in the truest sense and as such is keenly interested in the preservation of peace of the orient, and one method of solving the Chinese question is to assist the movement for Korean independence. When Japan annexed Korea it became at once a menace against the peace of Asia, and, consequently, a menace against the peace of the world."



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Convalescent Soldiers Are Made Ill by Fake Whisky

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 13.—A campaign has been started to wipe out soft drink establishments in the vicinity of the United States hospital here, where, it is charged, poisonous concoctions are being sold convalescent war veterans under the guise of whisky. A number of the 532 veterans at the hospital have been made ill it is charged by Maj. L. P. H. Bahrenbrug, the commandant, from drinking the concoctions.

The first arrest in the campaign was that of John Wetzel, charged with selling a concoction of sweet spirits of nitre, alcohol and other

undrinkable ingredients to a prohibition officer who entered the place accompanied by a soldier. Wetzel denied selling drinks to soldiers. He was held for violation of the prohibition laws.

Mexican Merchants Hit Hard by Falling Prices

Mexico City, Mex., Nov. 13.—The sudden fall of prices in many lines of goods has hit some of the Mexico City business men hard. These ordered heavy stocks when prices were high. They now face the prospect of large losses because it is impossible for them to sell at the prices existing when they made their purchases.

Southland's Super-Soil Is Beckoning Farmers

New Wonderland Created Along Lower Mississippi By Huge Reclamation Program in Fertile District Along "American Nile."

By SAM D. TUSON. International News Service Staff Correspondent.

Memphis, Tenn., Nov. 13.—The tide of immigration, which has been westward for centuries, is beginning to swing southward. Homeseekers are finding the newest wonderland along the lower Mississippi river, in the "American Nile valley." Remarkable population growth, indicated in the late census returns, shows that this new general farming region is in its boom infancy.

Greatest interest of farmers centers in the alluvial or deposited soil region, which embraces 25,000,000 acres, starting at the mouth of the Ohio river, in southern Illinois and southeastern Missouri, and extending to the Gulf of Mexico, with great areas of richest bottoms in eastern Arkansas, Western Mississippi and eastern Louisiana.

Practically the whole region—as big as the combined areas of Delaware, Maryland, Rhode Island, Connecticut and then some—has been a wilderness until the last few years. Levees to protect it from high water stages of the Mississippi river; drainage ditches to carry off surplus surface water, and the discovery that artesian wells can be "brought in" anywhere in the region are the three great factors that are paving the way for development.

Drainage Districts. The Mississippi river finally has been controlled by levees or earthen

embankments, so that no floods in the lower valley are now feared. Drainage districts, organized like road districts, handle drainage problems. These undertakings have had the support of the United States government, which has contributed some \$200,000,000 to the nation's greatest reclamation project.

Effective protection against water and the excellent water from artesian wells for drinking purposes have contributed enormously to improvement of health conditions, so that the region now has none of the dangers that it had 10 years ago or even five years ago.

Immigration has increased steadily, and thriving new towns now exist where there were timber tracts 10 years ago. Towns 20 years old have had phenomenal growth, and the farms about them have been settled and put under the plow in proportion.

Mississippi county, in the north-

eastern corner of Arkansas, was once practically a wilderness. Its development started 20 years ago. Blytheville, Ark., its largest town, was 20 years old last spring. In 1910 it had a population of 3,849. In 1920 the population increased 67.5 per cent, now being 6,447. The county's population grew from 30,468 in 1910 to 47,320 in 1920, or 53.3 per cent.

Crittenden county, nearby, gained 30.6 per cent; Craighead county 23.9 per cent. The "bottom land" or alluvial soil counties of Arkansas made the greatest population gains of any counties in Arkansas.

Among the towns, few of which are more than 20 years old, population gains showing a tendency toward development include the following: Luxora, 76.8 per cent increase; Manila, 72.8 per cent; Durma, 116.6 per cent; McGehee, 105.3 per cent; Eudora, 97.7 per cent; Helton, 42 per cent; Lake Village, 34.9 per cent; Earle, 35.6 per cent.

What is true of the Arkansas alluvial counties also is true of the Mississippi "delta" region and the Louisiana alluvial soil region. The settlers are becoming more and more numerous.

Greewood, Miss., in the heart of the famous "Yazoo Delta" of Mississippi, had a population growth of 33.5 per cent. Crandall, Miss., which boasted 27 people in 1910, now has 507. Charleston, Miss., grew 64

per cent. Tallahatchie county, a "bottom county," gained 23.5 per cent in population.

Exodus of Negroes.

The figures are considered striking in view of the small per cent gain in total population for the states as a whole, due largely to the great exodus of the negro population. Whereas Mississippi's 1920 population shows a decrease since 1910, the "bottom counties" show big gains, indicating that the rich soil of the bottom counties is attracting large numbers of white farmers, many of whom are from northern states. They are finding that a growing season of 10 months each year makes it possible to raise live stock at a minimum cost of production and that two crops of many products, such as clover after wheat or oats; two yields of corn, etc., are assets of tremendous worth. They are finding also that the land values are much below those in the older farming regions while, on the other hand, the soil is of such quality that its earning capacity is certain to make the land more and more valuable.

"An alluvial empire of super-soil" is the way the folks of the lower Mississippi valley refer to the country.

Mexico's Debt. Mexico City, Mex., Nov. 13.—Mexico's debt has been swelled to \$546,249,468.88 by the addition of \$122,509,667.51 unpaid interest.

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