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WU TING FANG SUPPORTS BOYCOTT

Former Chinese Minister To United States Interviewed.

SAYS CHINA IS AT A CRISIS

And Country is Passing Through a Transition Stage and that Her Statesmen and People Feel the Need of Reform.

Pekin, Feb. 24.—Wu Ting Fang, former Chinese minister to the United States when interviewed for the first time on the existing situation in China, spoke in support of the boycott.

Wu Ting Fang is now living quietly in Peking devoting his time to codifying the laws of China, one of the numerous reforms under way. He suffered for a long time from deafness from the effects of the explosion of the bomb near him at the railway station last September, but has now recovered. Speaking of present conditions Wu Ting Fang said:

"China is at a crisis and is passing through a transition stage. Her statesmen and people feel that China needs reform, but there are great differences of opinion regarding the means. There are several classes of reformers. There are those who speak foreign languages and who have been abroad and who have had experience on both sides of the question.

"They favor sensible and useful reform, but not too radical, so as to make China first able to stand upon her own feet. The number of these sensible reformers is few. I am one of them.

"The ruling classes also know that something should be done, but they are at their wits' end to know what to do.

"The third class is composed of the young students who are too rash. They need training and experience. Financial reforms should be carried out in the first place, but without foreign advice and capital it would be impossible to do so under present conditions. I was working out a scheme which had to be abandoned because it was necessary to call on foreign advice. The new coinage is a stop-gap.

"One thing upon which the majority of Chinese are agreed is that China has been deprived of many rights by concessions and territorial grants and by the way her people have been treated by foreigners in China and foreign countries.

"Many Chinese who have gone abroad to America, Australia and the Philippines, write home complaining of arbitrary discriminations made against the Chinese, which dare not be attempted against other foreigners. Therefore every one is angry and hence the boycott of American goods, illustrating the feeling against the unjust exclusion laws. It has spread over China, and is solely in retaliation against unjust discrimination, and is not anti-foreign.

"The Chinese people and officials are on good terms with all foreigners, and have no hostile feelings towards them. The Chinese merchants have the best feeling towards foreign merchants.

"The majority of the people in the interior who write that they are well treated, with no signs of hostility against them.

"These rumors of anti-foreign feeling are not well founded. Sensible men advise boycotters and agitators to be reasonable and not to treat persons unkindly, but to continue their friendship as before.

"Unfortunately, disturbances in several places are arising from the boycott, but this is no sign of an outbreak against foreigners."

Sues for Loss of Hair.
Louisville, Ky., Feb. 24.—For the loss of her luxuriant hair Miss Edna May Pitts has filed suit against the Nelson Bethel Clothing company to recover \$50,000. Her hair became entangled in a belt and she was scalped. Dr. Bizot grafted the skin of a sheep on Miss Pitts' head. However, hair did not grow because of the insufficiency of oil in the human system to sustain it. Miss Pitts is confined at St. Mary and Elizabeth Hospital.

DIVORCE LAW IS THEME OF CONGRESS

Resolutions Are Adopted At Washington Meeting.

UNIFORM LAWS ARE URGED

Resolution Cites That Each State Should Adopt a Statute Embodying Principle Contained in the Massachusetts Act.

Washington, Feb. 24.—Before finally adjourning Thursday night, the congress of uniform divorce laws for the several states adopted the following resolution, which seeks to make even more stringent the laws pertaining to the "migratory" character of divorces: "Each state should adopt a statute embodying the principle contained in the Massachusetts act, which is as follows:

"If an inhabitant of this commonwealth goes into another state or country to obtain a divorce for a cause which occurred here or for a cause which would not authorize a divorce by the laws of this commonwealth, a divorce so obtained shall be of no force or effect in this commonwealth."

A resolution was also adopted providing that "fraud or collusion in obtaining or attempting to obtain divorces should be made statutory crimes by the criminal code."

The report of the committee on resolutions on the subject of marriage licenses and marriages was covered by a resolution which declared:

"That while the congress does not regard the consideration of the marriage laws as within the purview of the call under which it assembles, it desires to express its earnest hope that some suitable effort will be made by some other body to secure marriage license law; and it would respectfully recommend the matter to the consideration of the commissioners on uniform or state laws."

Two Lose Lives Playing Hanging.

Colquitt, Ga., Feb. 24.—The coroner has just returned from Babcock, Ga., where he went in response to a telegram from Captain Jackson, captain of the convict camp at Babcock, Ga. The coroner says that he held inquests over the bodies of O. C. Thompson, white, and Dock Gaines, a negro, both convicts. From what the coroner states it seems that Thompson and Gaines were playing, and Thompson threw a rope around Gaines' neck in a playful manner and threw the other end of the rope around a piece of shafting while it was running and the end got caught and began to wind the negro up. Thompson, seeing it, tried to get the rope loose from the shafting and he was caught in it and the result was both parties lost their lives.

Alexander Not Rallying Rapidly.

New York, Feb. 24.—Fears over the condition of James W. Alexander, former president of the Equitable, were expressed Friday by the three physicians who have been attending him since an operation performed Thursday. This was the second operation on Mr. Alexander in the last two weeks, and was performed for organic trouble. His physicians said that he had thus far failed to rally from the operation as rapidly as he did from the first one.

Negroes Start a Bank.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 24.—The solvent Banking and Trust company is the name of a new organization which has been launched here, and is composed of negro stockholders entirely. Robert Church, reputed to be the richest negro in the south, and James T. Settle, an attorney and close friend of Booker Washington, are prominent in the organization. The organization is the first of its kind in Tennessee.

Orchestra Conductor Resigns.

Boston, Feb. 24.—Wilhelm Gericke has resigned as conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, his resignation to take effect at the first of the present season. Mr. Gericke says he will return to Europe.

OUR NEW YORK WEEKLY LETTER

Princess Gowns—Part of Alice Roosevelt's Trousseau Purchased in New York—Oriental Art the Craze—Displayed in Jewelry, Combs, Etc.

By RENE DEVERAUX.

Of course every one is interested in Alice Roosevelt's trousseau, not only because she is the president's daughter and the most talked about girl in the United States, but because her costumes have always stood for what is correct and smart.

Of that part of her outfit which was purchased and made up in New York two of her evening gowns, one pink, the other pale green, are of satin broche and are on princess lines.

Her wedding gown, which is, of course, the most important item of a bride's trousseau, is of white satin broche, the pattern of which is wreaths of flowers and was designed by Miss Roosevelt herself. The silk was woven in American mills, and the pattern was destroyed after the required number of yards was finished. The style of the gown is an empire princess, with an elaborate court train and a yoke of beautiful old lace which was worn by Miss Roosevelt's mother, as was the fall of lace which edges the yoke and which completes the elbow sleeves.

Her traveling dress of tan broadcloth trimmed in velvet, chiffon and soutache braid is also a princess model. A striking yellow satin evening gown, severely plain, with a pointed bodice, has an effective design of silver spangles outlining the low corsage and the bottom of the skirt.

A fetching little dinner gown of pompadour silk is one of the prettiest



CHINESE MANDARIN COAT NOW SO MUCH IN VOGUE.

gowns in the wedding outfit. This exquisite silk, with its delicate pastel shades, is one of the most popular of the spring fabrics.

Another dinner gown is a black net over tulle, with a full skirt and elbow sleeves.

Perhaps the most unique article of Miss Roosevelt's trousseau is an exquisite hand embroidered Japanese tea gown made from a shawl presented to her by the empress of Japan. Among her negligees she also numbers several Chinese coats and Japanese kimonos, splendid with rich silk and gold embroidery.

This craze for the oriental has quite captured feminine fancy, and the most gorgeous Japanese kimonos, Chinese mandarin robes and the short three-quarter Chinese coats, hand embroidered in gold and brilliant silks, ranging in price from \$20 up into the hundreds, are in great demand. They have even been pressed into service as opera coats, and at the theater their rich coloring stands out in artistic relief among the white, gray and more somber hued conventional theater wraps.

The Chinese coat shown in the sketch is of bright crimson silk elaborately hand embroidered in gold. The hand edging is of old blue shades of silk and gold threads on a lighter blue ground, finished with a narrower white band scattered with tiny pink and green flowers. It is fastened at the neck and at the right side with tiny

MRS. W. W. ODUM FLEW THE COOP

Left the Man Whom She Promised to Stick by Through Life.

ODUM MISSED HIS DINNER

His Wife Failed to Show Up With the Noonday Meal, and When He Went Home in Evening Found House Dark. Followed Her to High Springs.

As the result of a runaway match, a home which was once happy in Gainesville has been darkened and W. W. Odum, a young white man, has been left a temporary widower. If he can find his wife, however, there will likely be something doing, as he has declared he will either make the wife come back to his bed and board or will see that she does not reside with the man with whom she eloped.

Odum is a young man and accepted a position a few days ago at Eddine's mill. He appeared to possess a most clever disposition, and his wife, who brought his dinner every day to the mill, was apparently a most affectionate woman.

But Mr. Odum did not get his dinner Friday. The little woman did not come at the usual time and naturally he was disappointed, but thought probably she might have been prevented by illness or some other cause and in the afternoon went to work on an empty stomach.

When the day's work was over Odum, with a light heart and a merry whistle, wended his way home to South Gainesville, but instead of finding a happy, contented little girl to greet him as usual, he was confronted by a vacant home, surrounded by darkness. There was no hot supper, no hot, invigorating coffee—and furthermore, nobody to prepare it. Mrs. Odum had fled.

Mr. Odum believes he is on the trail; he believes that his wife has gone away with another man to High Springs, and accordingly "cashed in" at the Eddine's mill and purchased a ticket for that point Saturday morning.

gold buttons and frogs of red silk cord and is lined with white china silk.

While this is quite an expensive creation, its simple shape renders it delightfully adaptable and practical for home manufacture, and out of plain silks applied or hand embroidered or of soft and artistic Japanese crepe the clever home dressmaker can fashion a stunning negligee at small expense.

It is in the gay jewelry accessories and baubles, however, that oriental art reigns supreme. One sees the most fascinatingly beautiful back combs, belts, necklaces, bracelets and rings richly enamelled and carved in Arabian, Persian, Chinese, Egyptian and Syrian designs. They are all so exquisitely beautiful and alluring that the fair shopper seldom can resist their charm. Even my lady's toilet table revels in the mysterious cold creams, powders, perfumes and soaps of the orient, and her modern Marcelled locks give out the subtle scent that was perhaps part of the toilet of some beautiful Egyptian princess thousands of years ago.

[Our readers may have any question concerning fashions or fabrics answered by Rene Deveraux, the fashion expert, by addressing Rene Deveraux, P. O. Box 22, Madison Square, New York, enclosing stamp for reply.]

Takes Firm Stand.

New York, Feb. 24.—Several hundred prohibitionists, men and women of New York county, at their annual Washington's birthday dinner, heard Homer L. Castle, of Pittsburg, who was on the prohibition ticket for judge of the superior court of Pennsylvania last fall, speak. He took a firm stand on the divorce question and said a national divorce law was needed.

Filibustering Parties Attacked.

Malaga, Spain, Feb. 24.—A dispatch received here confirms the report that the Moroccan gunboat Sidi El Turki has resumed the bombardment of the French filibustering parties at various points along the Moroccan coast.

HIGH IS HANGED FOR MANY CRIMES

Slayer Of Numerous Wives Pays Death Penalty.

TRAP WAS SPRUNG AT 1:34 P. M.

He Held Himself Under Marvelous Control—Attorneys Made Desperate Efforts to Lengthen His Respite Up to Very Last Moment.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Johann Hoch was hanged at 1:34 p. m. Friday.

Hoch slept well all night and when he awoke in the morning he was apparently in a jovial mood. He turned to Guard James Cummings, who was in the room with him, and wished him "Good morning."

Cummings immediately summoned Night Jailer O'Neill, who came at once to the room, and said:

"Good morning, John. How are you this morning?"

"I feel fine," said Hoch. "I had a good night, and was not disturbed. I'm feeling fine."

Hoch then gave his order for breakfast, and while awaiting its arrival was given several papers to read.

"Look here, O'Neill," he called out, "see what one of the papers says about me?" He then read to O'Neill the article which said that he had given up all hope, and was in a state of collapse. "That thing says that I have lost hope," remarked Hoch; "but I haven't. I will keep my nerve to the last."

As the morning passed on and the time for the execution approached, Hoch abated nothing of his good nature. As one of the guards passed before his cell he called him to the door and holding out a five-cent piece, said: "Here, Toney, go and get a glass of beer."

"It is getting close to the time," continued Hoch. "Well, I'm ready. You people won't have any trouble with me."

Despite his brave words, it was evident that Hoch was under a severe strain. He appeared nervous, but his strong will stood in good stead and he held himself under marvelous control.

A short time before the hour set for execution, a petition was filed in the United States circuit court by Hoch's attorneys asking federal authorities to save Hoch. The petition said that the state authorities were about to execute Hoch in violation of the fourteenth amendment of the constitution and without process of law. After filing the petition the attorneys left the federal building immediately, intending, it was stated, to go to the criminal court building to try to get a stay of execution pending action by the federal courts.

The petition by Hoch's attorneys to the federal court was denied.

Killed by Falling Tree.

Lebanon, Ky., Feb. 24.—"That's as pretty a tree as I have seen for a long time," was the remark made by John Smock, as he superintended the cutting of a large sycamore on his place, south of this city. A few moments later he was caught under the tree as it fell to the ground and was instantly killed. Mr. Smock was 50 years of age and a prominent citizen of this place.

Will Transmit Colorado's Energy.

Los Angeles, Calif., Feb. 24.—The Times says the energy of the Colorado river is to be transmitted to Los Angeles, according to plans now being matured by local and Philadelphia capitalists. First the power is to be distributed among the mining camps on the Nevada and Arizona border and ultimately brought here.

Iowa Monument in Position.

Chattanooga, Feb. 24.—After three trials with intervals of months at a great expense to contractors, the Iowa monument in Rosville Gap is in position. It is massive and beautiful, and cost \$20,000. The date for its dedication will be fixed by the commissioners appointed to locate site and erect the shaft.