

YUAN SHI KAI MADE EMPEROR OF CHINA

Peking, Dec. 11.—Yuan Shi Kai, president of the Chinese republic has accepted the throne of China tendered him by the courtiers here.

Long before Yuan Shi-kai was widely known abroad he had been accepted by the Manchus, the Chinese and the foreigners in China as a coming man.

Born in 1859, the son of a district governor in the province of Honan, Yuan Shi-kai aspired to an official position, but the rule was that official life was open only to those who passed in ancient classics. Yuan utterly failed in one of those government tests at which thousands of aspirants are closeted for three days.

He went into Korea as a secretary with the army, and there rose rapidly through his display of military and diplomatic ability. The famous Grand Chancellor Li Hung-chang recognized in him a man of action and appointed him Chinese resident at Seoul. This was the highest post in the empire and Yuan held it when he was only 26 years old. When the Japanese drove the Chinese out of Korea, he was one of the few to return to Peking still in the favor of the court.

With the death of the Empress Dowager and the Emperor Kuang Hsu, almost coincidentally, and possible each by poison at the hands of the other, the child emperor, Hsiao Tung came to the throne under the regency of Prince Chun. Yuan, presumably because he had gained such a control of the army, was dismissed in disgrace, although nominally on pretext of "curling a sore leg."

When the anti-Manchu rebellion broke out in October, 1914, the Manchu regency in despair, urged Yuan to return. The latter replied that his leg was not yet well, but when given authority as supreme commander of air forces of the north, he accepted. He also became the first premier of the "responsible cabinet" which the regency offered the rebels as a concession of peace. But neither the rebels nor Yuan were satisfied. The abdication of the Manchu ruler was forced, and the boy emperor, at the dictation of Yuan Shi-kai authorized the premier to organize with the rebel leaders at Nanking a Republican form of government.

Sun Yat-sen, the provisional president of the southern rebels was forced to retire and Yuan Shi-kai was elected provisional president of the Chinese republic at Nanking on February 15, 1912. He took the oath of office at Peking the following month.

THE EXPECTED HAPPENS

The request for the withdrawal of Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Pape, naval and military attaches, respectively, of the German embassy in this country, is not unexpected. Understanding the rules of the diplomatic game these two gentlemen themselves can hardly be surprised. The diplomatic corps is supposed to be composed of men who are on absolutely good terms with the government of the country where stationed and their expressions and actions at least, must be in accord with what that country is doing at home, what it wants. Otherwise they would not be diplomats, and their usefulness would be all. A member of a foreign embassy or legation does not have to break a law to become persona non grata, no more so than it is necessary for a person to be lawbreaker in order not to be welcome in the home of another.

For some time it had been evident that Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Pape were without this straight and narrow path. The situation between the Washington administration and these two German attaches first became tant some months ago and has since been stretched and strained until conviction of the Hamburg-American line officials caused it to break. In this case a violation of American citizens has occurred, that a law was broken and as it is admitted so that Captain Boy-Ed was the channel through which flowed the money that permitted this violation, without such the law could not have been broken, and as Captain Boy-Ed must have been familiar with the trick worked in order to provide relief for the German cruisers at sea, why then he would be equally as guilty—morally, even if his position immunizes him otherwise—as the convicted men.

It's true the higher court may reverse this decision and, in the end, the men may go forth guiltless, so far as the law is concerned, but the act has assumed sufficient proportions for the American government to take cognizance of, and the grounds are more than sufficient to ask for the removal of those objectionable—and objection is sufficient to prove the case.

Perhaps, Captain Boy-Ed and Captain von Pape can find plenty of satisfaction in the patriotism that beats within their breasts and may console themselves in their conscience, that they did not injure in their day and come the United States. They say all by, so, but they have made a big breach in their duty as attaches of a foreign embassy. Therefore, their friendly association and usefulness have gone. They must follow suit. —Wilmington Dispatch.

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