

Lloyd George has, however, begun an agitation within the Liberal party on his own responsibility, for adult suffrage on a democratic basis. In his speech at the annual meeting of the National Liberal Federation at Bath on the 24th, he devoted half of a long address to an argument, as the cable reports him, for broad democratic suffrage for women, his purpose being to secure a majority of the House of Commons in support of the amendment to the Ministerial bill for which the Ministry has promised, through Mr. Asquith, to provide opportunity. If the majority favors that amendment, the Ministerial bill would enfranchise men and women equally, and upon no other condition than manhood and womanhood together with residence in their respective voting districts.



The Chinese Revolution.

Fighting with heavy loss of life continues at Hankow. The Imperialists claim victory. The Imperialists at Nanking are short of food, with retreat cut off by land and by water. The city was fiercely bombarded all day Sunday by the beleaguers. General Wong, second in command, has been killed. The fall of this city, the ancient capital of China, would be very probably the most decisive event of the war. [See current volume, page 1195.]



The new Premier, Yuan Shi Kai, is practically without a cabinet, only the presidents of the minor boards in the cabinet named by him on the 16th, having accepted office. The Chicago Record-Herald's dispatch of the 26th stated that "the Throne's back has stiffened since Yuan Shi Kai has become Premier, and it now refuses to comply with other demands than those made by him. No notice has been taken of resolutions adopted by the National Assembly with reference to the calendar and the cutting of queues. Unable to induce the Premier to appear before the Chamber and powerless to have its resolutions promulgated in an edict, the National Assembly seemingly has ceased existence." Opinion as to the sympathies of the new Premier varies from day to day, between the extremes of monarchism and republicanism, and between Manchu dominance and Chinese self-government. On the 21st, according to the Chicago Record-Herald, in an interview for the American people, he said:

"I judge from the newspaper reports that the advocates of a republic for China have stirred a sympathetic chord in American hearts. This is natural, but I am sure the most enthusiastic republican, if familiar with conditions in China, would doubt the wisdom of the adoption of such a regime here. The form of government suitable to America, where all the people understand governmental problems, would be a most serious experiment in China, where has

existed through the centuries a crude patriarchal monarchy, whose very slackness has developed in the people little respect for government and less understanding of their responsibilities toward the government. It has been demonstrated that the agitation for a republic has conveyed to the masses only the idea that popular government means no taxes and no government. I fear the embarkation of China on the republic experiment would only lead to the dissolution of the Empire, foreign intervention and the partition of the country. Therefore I believe a constitutional monarchy is best."

Determined to avoid giving any pretext for foreign intervention for financial reasons, the Chinese government has ordered all receipts from maritime customs, including the 1901 Boxer indemnities, to be deposited with the foreign banks to the credit of China's foreign debtors.

NEWS NOTES

—John F. Dryden, formerly United States Senator from New Jersey, died at Newark on the 24th at the age of 72.

—Cipriano Castro, former President of Venezuela, is again reported to be on the borders of his native country with thousands of followers. [See current volume, page 784.]

—Persia has yielded to the Russian demands over a question of the authority of W. Morgan Shuster, the American Treasurer-General of Persia. Apologies will be made, and Russia advances a step further in her domination of an ancient people. [See current volume, page 1196.]

—A mass meeting of women willing "to refuse on moral and political grounds to pay their personal taxes," is to be held from 5 to 7 p. m., December 3, in the Rose Ball Room of the Hotel La Salle, Chicago, under the auspices of the "No Vote No Tax League," of which Belle Squire is president.

—Justice Wright of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia decided on the 23d against the motion of Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison for dismissal of the contempt proceedings pending against them in the Bucks Stove and Range case. [See current volume, page 613.]

—Senator John P. Works of California spoke on the 24th before the Illinois section of the National League of Medical Freedom in opposition to the Owen bill for a Federal Department of Health, arguing that this measure would make an allopathic bureau of medical control. [See current volume, page 1196.]

—"The National Citizens League for the Promotion of a Sound Banking System," incorporated in Illinois on the 6th of June, 1911, has just issued a statement detailing the object and progress of the movement it represents. Prof. J. Laurence Laughlin of the University of Chicago is chairman of the executive committee.

—Chief Justice White of the Supreme Court of the United States denied the application on the 23d of the defendants in the Chicago beef trust case