BABY EMPEROR ASCENDS THRONE

pi Yu Becomes Ruler of the Chi-Nese Empire Under the Name Of Hsuan Tung.

CEREMONIES ARE VERY BRIEF.

Performed by High Officials, Coolles of Humblest Classes Brought Into Palace to Act as Witnesses.

Pekin, Dec. 2.-The strict mourning which has been observed in this city since the death, a fortnight ago, of Emperor Kuang-Hsu and the dowagerempress of China, was suspended long emple this morning to permit the ascension to the dragon throne of the laby emperor, Pi-Yu, who becomes ruler of the kingdom under the name

f Hsuan-Tung. The ceremonies were brief, lasting The ceremonies were brief, lasting enly half an hour. They were performed by efficials of the highest rank, and a number of coolies of the most humble classes in the emptre were brought into the palace to act as witnesses. Following the ceremony an imperial edict proclaiming the ascension was issent This communication contains also edict proclaiming the ascension was is-sued. This communication contains also a granting of amnesty. The date upon which the new emperor will receive the members of the diplomatic corps will

be fixed later.

The ceremony of enthronement was one of striking interest. It included obeisance to the tablets of the dead emperor and empress-dowager and emperor and empress-towager and prestrations before the infant em-peror, the 3-year-old son of Prince Chun, who today formally took the

The imperial program for the function was arranged at the palace yesterday. It ordered that music for the occasion be prepared, but that not a single note be played; this because of the mourning of the court for their late maje-

THE CEREMONY.

Troops entered the eastern gate of Thoose entered the castern gate of the palace at 4 o'clock this morning. They took up their positions inside, and the high officials of the empire began to arrive. At 1 o'clock not less than 35 carriages, together with a vast number of sedan chairs resplendent and brilliant in the winter sunshine, were waiting outside the palace for the nies to come to an end. The function began by the princes of the imperial family and the high ifficials of the empire kow-towing to

he memorial tablets of their majes-les. After this they all kow-towed in turn to Pu-Yi. Pu-Yi then offered a surfice before the tablets of the emperor and the dowager-empress. After this he was relieved of his dress of mourning and clad in a diminutive imperial garment embroidered with the mperial dragon. His nurses performed this duty with great attention and care. Thus arrayed, the toddling emperor as-cended the throne amid a fanfare of drums, bells and firecrackers. He made fram, tells and infectactors. He frade his way alone, and showed no need of the assistance that willing hands would have given him had his little feet faltered. From the throne Pu-Yi kow-towd to his step-mother, the Dowager Empress Yehnala. He then received the kow-tows, while still on the throne, of all the princes and officials present. This over, he descended and was again clad in his little dress of mourn-

COOLIE WITNESSES.

The ceremony took place in the throne half of the Forbidden City. The officials present were selected with great care, and were the highest men in the empire. According to an old established custom, a number of humble cooles, men, from the lowest works. lies men, from the lowest walks of life, were brought into the sacred pre-clacks of the Forbidden City to act as chats of the Forbidden City to act as wilesses. The soldiers played but an inconspicuous part in the proceedings. At half-past 11 the officials began leaving the palace. Traffic outside the Forbidden City was at no time impeded. The scene was enlivened by a sumber of ularims, who had come in peded. The scene was enlivened by a number of pligrims, who had come in on camels all the way from Mongolia. All yesterday sacrifices were made to their late majestles by the highest dignitaries of the empire at the five most important temples of Pekin, the temples of heaven, of the ancestors, of the earth, of agriculture and of contucts.

The edict setting forth the accession

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amnesty was carried with much cere-mony to the throne hall. It was escorted by all the members of the grand council, who were in turn accompanied by the members of the board of rights. In the throne hall it was given the official vermillon seal. This observance concluded, it was carried out of the Forbidden City, and thence to the office of the board of rights, where it was proclaimed and put in circulation.

AMNESTY GRANTED.

In addition to granting amnesties for certain specified offenses, the edict rewards all the imperial princes, princesses and dukes; it promotes all officials by one degree and bestows honors on their parents; it erases the demerits entered against upper officials merits entered against minor officials, advances the degree of scholars, dis-misses all pending petty criminal cases, excuses certain liabilities and grants

excuses certain liabilities and grants bounties to the soldiers in the service of the empire.

The fact that the enthronement of the new emperor has taken place has in part re-established confidence here and has resulted in the prophecy in various official circles of an extremely conservative rule. The dowager-empress has reinstated the notorious eunuch, Li Llen Ying, as head of the palace administration. Prince Chun's first appointee was a personal friend.

The best informed ministers, however, are inclined to think that the outward sign of calm has been bought with promises, which, if kept, will completely change the personnel of the Pekin government, immediately the 100 days of mourning are ended.

UNITED STATES' COURSE.

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telegr hs are still in a very unsatis-factory condition.

The action of the United States is regarded as a sequel to the fleet's tour, whereby China is in a measure compensated for what has been considered a snub on the part of the Unite States in sending only eight warships to Amoy, and it places moral strictures upon Japan with regard to any designs that country may have head in China that country may have had in China. Notwithstanding this, however, Tang Shao Yi, who is now on a mission in the United States, will carry out the plans originally arranged for bringing matters of impotance to the attention

of the American government. Some of the foreign officials call the agreement a "Rooseveltian" display. The opinion which hitherto was held here that the American naval pretensions were something in the nature of a "bluff," has been greatly changed since the announcement of fixed policy in the Pacific and the agreement has had the effect of nullifying the exertions on the part of the representatives. tions on the part of the representatives of the powers to make political capital out of the present situation. Japanese representatives are earnest in their endeavors to ascertain the exact situa-tion, because China's extraordinary and faultless management during the crisis has had the effect of tranquilizing con-ditions, at least, on the surface.

A notification was received today from Tokio that full mourning was being observed and that Japan had ordered that her legation guard be immediately reduced by one-half, thereby giving expression to her confidence that the Chinese government could maintain leter. Russia also notified the government that similar action would be taken with regard to her legation guard.

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Chicago, Dec. 3.—Two robbers walked into the house of A. Vanderkloot in the north shore suburb of Lake Bluff yesterday afternoon and beat and kicked Mrs. Vanderkloot, a frail woman of 55 years, into insensibility, and then leisurely ransacked the house for diamonds which they supposed to be there. Failing to find the diamonds the men appropriated \$85 in money and several pieces of silverware and walked away, leaving their victim unconscious on thu leaving their victim unconscious on the

The attack on Mrs. Vanderkloot and the audacity of the men aroused the citizens of the suburb, who as soon as they learned of the crime, started an organized hunt for the robbers. More than an hour later Mrs. Vander-kloot regained consciousness and crawled to a telephone to summon as-

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BEEKEEPERS' CONVENTION.

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Secy, Herman H. Moore of Parkridge explained that queen bees were already valued at about \$10 each. Mr. Moore said there are more than 35,000 beekeepers in the United States. About 1,000 of these are located in Cook county and 300 in the city of Chicago. western Beekeepers' association is hold-

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Late Emperor Wishes President Good Health and Americans Blessings of Peace.

SCENE AT THE WHITE HOUSE

Room by Ambassador Tang -A Happy Reply.

Washington, Dec. 2.—"Long may your excellency enjoy good health and happiness; may the American people be ever blessed with prosperity and peace; these are our heartfelt wishes."

These are the sentiments expressed in the concluding sentences of the letter.

These are the sentiments expressed in the concluding sentences of the letter from the late emperor of China to the president, handed him today by Tang Shoa Yi, the special Chinese ambassador, thanking the United States government for the remission of \$14,000,000 of the indemnity guaranteed by China for damages resulting from the Boxer debellion.

The presentation of the letter took place in the blue parlor of the White House at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon. Tang, who was accompanied to the White House by Prince Tsai Fu, as first secretary, and a dozen other members of his suite, was introduced to the president by Acting Secy. Adee of the state department, in the absence of Mr. Root, who was confined to his home by in-disposition. The letter from the late emperor was as follows:

THE LETTER.

'The Emperor of China to the President of the United States, greeting: "Mr. President-China has always maintained the most friendly relations with the United States since the estab-lishment of intercourse between the two countries. By taking the initiative in proposing remission of a portion of the indemnity as provided by treaty, your excellency has won the respect of mankind for magnanimity and just dealing Furthermore, the Congress has given signal proof of friendliness by giving effect to your excellency's recommenda-tions. In sincere recognition of this generous action, we hereby appoint Tang Shoa Yi, an official with the rank of president of a ministry and governor of the province of Fengtlem, as special

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ambassador to proceed to the United State fetter. We have always placed entire confidence in his eminent abilientire confidence in his eminent ability, clear perception and sterling integrity. We have specially commanded him, in the discharge of his duties, to convey to your excellency the expression of our grateful thanks and testify to our lasting friendship. It is our hope that the relations of the two countries will be further strengthened by mutual confidence. Long may your excellency enjoy good health and happiness; may the American people be ever blessed with prosperity and peace; these are our heartfelt wishes.

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In presenting the letter, Ambassador Tang recalled that it was the last official act by his late majesty, and said

cial act by his late majesty, and said every line of it breathes friendship and good will for the government and people of the United States, and voices the sentiment of all China. He continued:

"Scarcely had our people recovered from the shock occasioned by the loss from the shock occasioned by the loss

of our universally loved emperor when the demise of her late majesty, the dowager-empress of China, sank the country in deeper sorrow. It is in the midst of deep national mourning that I have to discharge the duties of my mission on this occasion.

mission on this occasion. "The action of the United States in remitting a portion of the indemnity as provided by treaty has touched the government and people of my country with a deep sense of gratitude. In the name and on behalf of the government and people of my country I have now the honor to thank your excellency and through your excellency the government and the people of the United States for this generous and friendly act. In thus executing the command act. In this executing the command of my sovereign I avail myself of this occasion to offer to your excellency my best wishes for your excellency's continued good health and happiness and for the welfare and prosperity of the people of the United States."

PRESIDENT'S REPLY.

In reply the president said:
"The letter which you bear I receive
with great appreciation and on behalf with great appreciation and on behalf of the government and people of the United States I accept it with its exceptional sentiments as a message of special friendship from your august sovereign whose death and the demise of her imperial majesty the dowager empress we lament. I receive it with the most profound sentiments in that you bring it now no less from the emperor, the celebration of whose accession makes this day doubly auspicious. sion makes this day doubly auspicious, and from that enlightened government which all the world feels will add new

which all the world feels will add new luster through his reign to the immortal history of China.

"It is very gratifying to me to receive as his imperial majesty's special ambassador so distinguished a statesman and so worthy a representative.

"I ask you to express to your august sovereign and to the Chinese government my appreciation, and that of the government and people of the United government and people of the United

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emperor of China ascended the throne, official mourning for the late emperor was put aside by Ambassador Tang and his suite and they wore at the receition

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