

Four Boys Who Rule five Hundred Millions

FIRST among the four in importance is undoubtedly the baby emperor of China, little Pu Yi, who was born so lately as 1906. Only as may be surmised, the actual reins of state are not held by his tiny hand, but by those of his uncle, who is acting as regent till his majority. Even his power, though he represents in theory an absolute monarchy, is yet in practice, limited by several advising boards, composed of the grand council, the government council, the board of censors and many viceroys, who all have a voice in the settlement of affairs of state.

The three-year-old emperor who holds in his hands the lives and fortunes of over four hundred and fifty millions, is of course, yet in the nursery with his toys, but already a scheme of education upon broad western lines is being planned for him in order to fit him for his position on the throne. Progress is capable of doing strange things in China, and by the time he ascends to the throne, his country may be one for western nations to cope with in the field of industry, or of military supremacy in the east. Already China is making vast strides, and assimilating ideas in every branch of civilization, which cannot but threaten with the passage of years, to put her neighbor, Japan, in the shade. It is to be hoped that the emperor, when he does come to occupy that position, which has proved so often ill-fated to many of his ancestors of the Ja Ching or "Great Pure" dynasty, of which he is the sixteenth in the canonized series; may exert all the influence at his command in the interests of peace.

Meanwhile, he is learning of the wonders of the west, in the shape of toy trains and other mechanical toys sent him by other juvenile royalties, and being taught that to rule well one must learn first of all, to be obedient to the rules which guide man through life.

Next comes Ahmed Mizra, the boy king of Persia, which holds within its 635,000 square miles, a scattered population of 15 millions. He too, is under the care of a regent. VI Mulk, who is head of the powerful Kajar tribe, which the shah's mother was a princess; and to whose influence he owes his position, since he is not the eldest son of the deposed Al Mizra. He is only 13 years old, and another three years will have to pass before he is crowned.

It is no wonder that with the example before him of his father, who was removed from the throne after a brief and troubled reign of two years, that he wept bitterly when the news of his succession was brought to him in the Russian legation, for he was extremely fond of his father, and could not understand why he was not allowed to go to him. It was only after his vizier had scolded him harshly that he dried his tears and prepared to accept the honor which had been done him. Now he is practically a prisoner in his own palace, in the enervating atmosphere of the women's apartments, where his education is being carried on in a way contrary to the wishes of the national reform party, who brought about his sudden change from the position of a spoiled child to that of a king. His native tutors endeavor to teach him Persian, Arabic, history and writing, but his attention is allowed to be distracted by the interruptions of the many chamberlains and courtiers who are permitted to be present. His only companions are a few young slaves and there is nothing being done to prepare him for the lofty duties which he must fulfill at an early date.

The throne and the many attendant ceremonies appealed to him merely as parts of a new game and he soon tired of the obsequious homage with which he was surrounded and to-day he is no more than an unhappy child. A change, however, is promised by the reformers, who are only awaiting the voting of funds to put their intentions in execution. He will be removed from the influence of the woman's apartments; foreign tutors will instruct him in their language; the best of the Persian scholars will be chosen to inculcate in him the precepts which are thought best, with oriental languages and history; and he will be given companions of more suitable birth chosen from the noble families of his kingdom. All these advantages will be used to transform him into a ruler such as Persia ought to have to fitly revive the glories of Alexander and Darius.



AHMED MIZRA THE SHAH OF PERSIA



MANUEL KING OF PORTUGAL



PU YI BOY EMPEROR OF CHINA



DAUDI CHUA KABAKA OF UGANDA

government by a native assembly or Lukiko. Besides that the is a British commissioner, as Uganda is a protectorate of Great Britain, who helps to keep things in order with the aid of a battalion of the King's African Rifles and about a thousand armed constabulary.

The Kabaka, however, is allowed perfect freedom, for the people of Uganda are unique among the native races of Africa. They are an amiable, polite and intelligent race, as is shown by the fact that out of a population of three and a half millions one million are Christians while 200,000 of them can read and write.

The dynasty of Uganda, of which Daudi Chua is the thirty-seventh representative, in its earlier origin was a king to the inhabitants of Egypt, though as intermarriage took place with the native race who have always inhabited the kingdom the present representative is in appearance negro with a slightly paler skin than the average and large, clear eyes. That there is good ground for the belief in Egyptian origin is proved by the fact that a certain portion of his people in feature (though with curly hair) and in their traditions have much in common with the Egyptians. The Kabaka lives in Mengo, a straggling city of about 80,000 inhabitants, built like Rome on seven hills, most of them of great steepness, round which are marshy tracts. The quarter inhabited by the king and his court and the people of higher degree is clean and picturesque, surrounded by trees and gardens, while a cathedral opened a few years ago helps to give it the appearance of a capital city, which it will probably resemble more and more as the improvements now in progress are carried out.

The protectorate administration is carried on at Entebbe, which is renowned for its beauty, surrounded by lofty incense trees, which have always a load of chattering parrots and monkeys in search of the plums they bear at certain seasons of the year.

The boy Kabaka, though his kingdom is the smallest of the four, is probably most to be envied, for his position is free from the many cares which will assuredly beset the emperor of China and the shah of Persia in later years.

SHRINKS FROM POMP

When Princess Victoria of England, daughter of Queen Alexandra, was a girl of 14 it became her duty one day to act as hostess at a juvenile entertainment at Marlborough house. In the middle of it she suddenly disappeared. A messenger was dispatched to Buckingham palace to see if the truant had run away to "grandma," but she wasn't there. At last a letter from her to the princess of Wales was discovered in the school-room, begging "mother" not to be angry; she did "babe parties" so, and she had gone to stay with the duchess of Teck till this one was over.

Not liking parties has been a characteristic of this princess ever since, though, having a strong sense of duty, which developed as she grew older, she doesn't run away from them any more, says the Strand. But those who know her know that if she could choose her life it would be one far from court—a life free from demands of etiquette and spent among the friends she loves. Whenever she can escape from the formalities that surround her she does so. Stories are told of her planning visits incognito with her sisters or other members of the court to some tearoom or shop, where for a little while she can do just as other women do. She likes to drop little anonymous surprises on the children she encounters, as once when she was shopping in Penrith and saw three small boys looking longingly at the toys in a window. The princess immediately took the part of Santa Claus and for once in their lives those small and ragged boys had all the toys they wanted.

Princess Victoria has a good deal of tact, says the Gentlewoman, and while she cares little about court life, her influence has brought about several needed changes there. The queen's ladies in waiting have special reason to be grateful to her. Up to the time of King Edward's accession the breakfast hour for the ladies in waiting was seven o'clock in the summer and 7:30 in the winter. They didn't like it, of course, but in so great a household changes are not easily made. Princess Victoria, however, got the hour changed to eight o'clock for all the year round. It was she, too, who secured a much more comfortable breakfast room for them than the one at their disposal during Queen Victoria's reign.

True to her nature, she has always refused to have a lady in waiting. When she goes to any public function she is accompanied by one of the queen's, as etiquette bids her appearing alone. She has, by the way, several faithful attendants who always like going about with her when they can. They are her nephews and nieces, with whom she has been a great favorite ever since they were little things.

of King Carlos and that he was suddenly called to the throne by the tragic assassination of his father and his elder brother, Luiz. Although his own inclinations guide him toward an artist's life, he was always possessed of a high ideal of the duties imposed upon him by his royal birth and a reserve of will power to carry out his ideals at all costs.

The area over which he rules, including the islands of Azores, covers a total of 35,490 square miles and his people number five and a half millions. Though Manuel ascended the throne at a time when there was nothing but the murmur of anarchy in his ears and his thoughts were assailed by sad recollections, he has come through the events which succeeded his accession with an equanimity and diplomatic grasp of the situation which does infinite credit to him and his training.

As it is the duty of a king to his people to marry, he has lately been going a-wooing in England, but there has been a distinct hesitancy on the part of his princesses to share his fortunes, which may or may not, as time will show, be checked with misfortune, if not with tragedy, and he left England with nothing decided. But sooner or later he must make up his mind, and meanwhile matchmaking Europe is discreetly but earnestly making plans for his future.

His Highness Daudi Chua, Kabaka or King of Uganda, grandson of the celebrated Mutesa, is a minor under a regency of three native chiefs, who are assisted in the

The SULTAN of OMAN



FAVORABLE VIEW OF THE CITY OF MUSCAT CAPITAL OF OMAN



SULTAN OF OMAN AND HIS SON

YOU have heard of the sultan of Turkey, the sultans of Morocco and Zanzibar, but who on earth is the sultan of Oman? If you imagine that his kingdom is bounded on the south by the foothills, on the east and west by the wings, and on the north by the back-

cloth of a Broadway stage you are wrong. He has nothing at all to do with musical comedy. On the contrary, he is a very much alive personage who holds sway over the independent state of Oman, which is set like another Gibraltar at the entrance to the Persian gulf. Though nominally Seyyid Faysal bin Turki, which is the name of the sultan, is a free agent in the management of the affairs of his kingdom, yet the Indian government, in the person of a British consul and political agent, keeps in very close touch with him, and for all practical purposes Oman is a protectorate of India. There is a reason for this. Oman is

In the eyes of the British government, who are presently eyeing askance the German commercial invasion of Persia with the Bagdad railway, as a menace to the safety of India.

The seat of government is Muscat, a picturesque rock-bound port, containing some 25,000 inhabitants, and carrying on a trade in the export of fruit, fish, mother o' pearl and the import of Indian goods including arms and ammunition in large quantities. The sultan, though he nominally exercised an absolute sway over a strip of a thousand miles of coast line, extending along the Persian gulf as far as Katar and containing 80,000 square miles, yet in reality, owing to the mountainous nature of the country, his power is confined to the immediate neighborhood of Muscat.

Oman was once a Portuguese possession but finally became an independent state through the influence of an ancestor of the present sultan in 1741 and added to the domains, taking in territory as far south as Zanzibar. It gradually lost its conquests and Zanzibar is now a separate sultanate under British protection.

There is no danger of the line of sultans or inmans, as they are called, dying out as there is a large royal family, the eldest of whom is Seyyid 'atmur bin Faysal. The sultan is extremely proud of his family of eight youngsters, and is not at all averse to facing the camera in their company. He is a man who though he may not have heard of the originator of it, yet firmly believes in the Roosevelt creed of bidding the stork welcome, and the stork on its Omani equivalent is a frequent royal guest.

A NEW TOWN EVERY WEEK

AND A NEW SCHOOL EVERY SCHOOL DAY.

The above caption about represents the growth of Central Canada. The statement was made not long since by a railroad man who claimed to have made the remarkable discovery that such was the case. There is not a district of a fair amount of settlement in any of the three Provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, but has its school, and the railways have stations every seven or eight miles apart, around which group the towns, some large and some small, but each important to its own district. Schools are largely maintained by public funds and the expense of tuition is but a nominal sum.

The final returns of the grain production for Central Canada for 1909 is now in, and the figures show that the value of the crops to the farmers of that country is about 195 million dollars, as compared with 120 million last year. American farmers or those who have gone from the United States, will participate largely in these splendid returns, and these comprise those who have gone from nearly every State in the Union.

One of the many proofs that might be put forward showing the immense wealth that comes to the farmers of Central Canada is seen in the sum that has been spent during the past two or three months by the farmers who have for the time being ceased worrying over the reaper and the thrasher, and are taking to enjoying themselves for two or three months. It is said that fifty thousand people of these Western Provinces spent the holiday season visiting their old homes. Most of these passengers paid forty and some forty-five dollars for the round trip. Some went to Great Britain, some to the Continent, others to their old homes in Eastern Canada, and many thousands went to visit their friends in the States. The amount paid alone in transportation would be upward of two million dollars. Some make the trip every year. It need not be asked, "Can they afford it?" With crops yielding them a profit of \$20 to \$25 per acre, and some having as much as twelve hundred or more acres, the question is answered. The Canadian Government Agents at different points in the States report that they have interviewed a great many of those who are now visiting friends in the different states, and they all express themselves as well satisfied, and promise to take some of their friends back with them. There is still a lot of free homestead land in splendid districts, and other lands can be purchased at a reasonable price from railway and land companies.



Thief—What's the time, please? Victim—Much too late for you. Your pal just got my watch.

EPIDEMIC OF ITCH IN WELSH VILLAGE

"In Dowlais, South Wales, about fifteen years ago, families were stricken wholesale by a disease known as the itch. Believe me, it is the most terrible disease of its kind that I know of, as it itches all through your body and makes your life an inferno. Sleep is out of the question and you feel as if a million mosquitoes were attacking you at the same time. I knew a dozen families that were so affected.

The doctors did their best, but their remedies were of no avail whatever. Then the families tried a druggist who was noted far and wide for his remarkable cures. People came to him from all parts of the country for treatment, but his medicine made matters still worse, as a last resort they were advised by a friend to use the Cuticura Remedies. I am glad to tell you that after a few days' treatment with Cuticura Soap, Ointment and Resolvent, the effect was wonderful and the result was a perfect cure in all cases.

"I may add that my three brothers, three sisters, myself and all our families have been users of the Cuticura Remedies for fifteen years. Thomas Hugh, 1659 West Huron St., Chicago, Ill., June 29, 1909."

Whiskers.
A Roman poet told of the pride one of the late Caesars took in his great whiskers. On some of the wildwood Hill Billies I have seen beards some feet long, a switch of the loose ends hanging out from under the waistcoat. Others braided the growth and tied it around the neck, while still others braided it around the waist, tying it behind like apron strings. One told me he combed and plaited his every night, and put it away into a long linen bag or nightgown, so as to keep it from getting all tangled up with his wife and his feet.—New York Press.

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LOCAL ITEMS.

The Standard office is now located the first door south of the Chelsea House. Our telephone is No. 50.

J. E. McKune has been quite ill for several days.

Born, Friday, January 21, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. C. Schantz, a daughter.

The Cytmore Club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Geo. A. BeGole Tuesday evening.

The free-seat offering at the Methodist church added \$325 to the treasury of the society.

A Grass Lake man claims to have seen a robin one day last week, and Grass Lake is in a dry county at that.

The D., J. & C. Ry. have just erected a large platform at their station here, which will facilitate the handling of freight.

John Fay, who has been quite ill for some time past, has been removed to the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. Green on North street.

Fifteen from Chelsea attended the production of "The Stubborn Cinderella" at the new Whitney in Ann Arbor Tuesday evening.

Manager Dunn installed a telephone in the farm residences of Christ Klingler Chris. Prenzang, and Fred Welhoff, of Sylvan, Wednesday.

The Queen Esther Circle will give a basket picnic in the basement of the M. E. church on Saturday evening, February 5. Admission 10 cents.

A one-day Farmers' Institute will be held in the Salem German M. E. church Wednesday, February 9. Mr. Vorheis of Pontiac will be the speaker.

Mrs. Fred Houchen and daughter Esther leave tonight for Oshkosh, Wisconsin, where Mr. Houchen has accepted a position in an automobile repair shop.

Next Wednesday, February 24, the solemn blessing of wax candles, used in the divine service, will take place at 8 a. m. in the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

B. Steinbach and Robert Leach took loads of Chelsea young people to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Heim of Sylvan last Friday evening where they attended a party.

The Chelsea Fire Department will give a card party and dance at the Y. M. S. club rooms Thursday evening, February 24. All are cordially invited. Good music and a good time.

Rev. Xavier Sutton C.P. will preach next Sunday at high mass, celebrated by the pastor, Rev. W. P. Considine in the church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart. The service will begin at 10:30 a. m. sun time. All are cordially invited.

Mrs. A. L. Holden, of Sharon, is seriously ill with pneumonia at the home of her son, Ashley, on Garfield street. Mrs. Holden had come for a short visit with her son and his wife and was stricken soon after her arrival.

The banns of marriage of Miss Alice Heim of Sylvan and Mr. Albert E. Forner of Sharon, were published for the first time at the church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart last Sunday. The wedding will occur February 8th. Miss Heim is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. D. Heim.

The Texas Cattle King at the Sylvan theatre Saturday, January 29, carries a first-class band costumed in the full dress of the cowboy as he is seen on the plains of the great west, and no pains or expense have been spared by the management to present the play in a realistic manner true to the environment of the land in which the scenes of the play are laid. The cast of the company is excellent and has received favorable press notices wherever they have appeared. We bespeak a rare treat to those who attend the performance.

Word received this morning by Attorney A. J. Sawyer, jr., from his father who left last week to spend the winter in Florida, is to the effect that the Senior Sawyer reached Jacksonville safely enough but found the hotels so crowded that he was forced to content himself with a bed on a cot. He remained at Jacksonville but a short time and then started on to Tampa where he expected to spend some time in fishing. The weather, however, has been so cold that it was impossible for a man to fish with any degree of success. Mr. Sawyer writes that he is wearing his heavy overcoat and is very glad that he has it with him.—Ann Arbor Times News.

Mrs. Joseph Cavanaugh is seriously ill at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. Boyd.

The new steam heating plant at the school house has been completed and is in first-class working condition.

The Modern Woodmen will give a pedro party in their hall on Friday evening, February 4th, to their neighbors and friends.

Miss Emilie Steinbach left Wednesday for Saginaw where she has accepted a position as music teacher in one of the schools there.

At a recent meeting the Michigan Passenger Association, the Michigan Pathfinder, of Detroit, was endorsed as its official time card organ.

Miss Adeline Spirnagle gave a box social at the home of J. P. Heim of Sylvan last Friday evening for the benefit of her school. Receipts \$27.

The L. O. T. M. M. will have installation on Friday evening of this week. Every member has the privilege of bringing a friend with them. Scrub lunch.

Thursday, February 24, the annual blessing of throats in honor of St. Blas will take place in the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart at 8 a. m., 4 and 7:30 p. m.

Mrs. N. H. Cook has returned from Ann Arbor, where she has been in a hospital for six weeks. Mrs. Cook's friends are pleased to learn that her health is very much improved.

A magazine agent of the faker style has been working cities in Michigan with a vengeance recently. The transient has a magazine offer of three periodicals and gives a coupon with each subscription order, which he says a local dry goods firm will redeem in dress patterns.

The lectures being delivered by Rev. Xavier Sutton, Passionist Missionary, on the doctrines of the Catholic Church are being held at the town hall, instead of the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart, as announced last week in The Standard. The lectures are logical and interesting, and the attendance has been large, the capacity of the hall being taxed to its utmost. They will continue at the hall for the balance of the week with the exception of Saturday night, when the lecture will be delivered at the Church of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart.

PERSONALS.

Jabez Bacon spent Monday in Jackson.

Wm. Kratzmiller, of Dexter, was in Chelsea Monday.

Dr. A. L. Steger was in Ann Arbor Tuesday evening.

Frank Adair spent Sunday with his parents in Utica.

Miss Florence Heschwerdt spent Tuesday in Ann Arbor.

C. P. Steimle, of Ypsilanti, was a Chelsea visitor Sunday.

Mr. Manville, of Ann Arbor, called on friends here Sunday.

James L. Wade was the guest of Jackson friends Monday.

Mrs. B. Steinbach is visiting relatives in Jackson this week.

D. C. McLaren and Howard Holmes spent Wednesday in Detroit.

Miss Lena Foster, of Ann Arbor, visited her sisters here Sunday.

Miss Vina Berry, of Stockbridge, is the guest of Mrs. Ed. Belase.

Ed. Vogel and daughter Margaret were Detroit visitors Wednesday.

Miss Clara Koch was the guest of her parents in Jerusalem Sunday.

Mrs. L. Palmer, of Detroit, was the guest of her parents here Sunday.

Mrs. Emil Kantlehner is visiting relatives in Detroit for a few days.

Miss Clara Oesterle, of Jackson, is the guest of her mother this week.

C. Ulrickson, of Jackson, visited at the home of W. S. McLaren Sunday.

M. Rogers, of Jackson, spent Sunday with Elsa and Ellsworth Hoppe.

Mesdames Myron and Cone Light-hall are visiting in Detroit for a few days.

Misses Hattie Dunn and Mary Spirnagle were Ann Arbor visitors Tuesday.

Dr. Orrin Riemenschneider, of Detroit, was the guest of his father Tuesday.

Wm. Foor and family, of Collin, spent the first of the week with relatives here.

Mrs. M. Grant, of Detroit, visited her daughter, Mrs. C. Schantz, the first of the week.

Misses Mabel and Margaret Dealy, of Lyndon, spent the latter part of last week in Detroit.

Mrs. Arthur Pierce, of Detroit, spent the first of the week with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Hook, of Manchester, were guests of E. Kantlehner and wife Sunday.

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