

18th September 1917.

The local press states that Lu Jung-t'ing has wired to Peking undertaking to settle the trouble in the South, but as financial difficulty exists in the Treasury, Ch'en Tschün has no means of obtaining funds for paying the Kwangsi troops remaining in Kwangtung. Therefore a remittance is urgently required. The Central Government, upon receipt of the above telegram, decided to remit \$250,000 (Hongkong Currency) to Canton to assist Ch'en Tschün.

Lu Jung-t'ing telegraphed to the Nine Charitable Institutions announcing that he has absolutely nothing to do with the recent grant of Fan Tan monopoly, and nobody is allowed to use his name in this connection to squeeze the people.

The new Civil Governor telegraphed to the Central Government informing them that he protests against the Special Parliament, and that a proper Parliament should be formed in Peking without further delay.

Commandant Li Fu-lin - in charge of troops on Honam - wrote to Sun Wen declining the appointment of Commander of the Generalissimo's body guard.

Sun Wen requested Admiral Ch'eng Pi-kuang to instruct the two gunboats - "Wu Feng" and "Fei Ying" - to anchor off the Cement Factory for necessary protection to his office.

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gratitude for his past benevolence and stating that they are loyal to him as before. The local leaders anticipate that there will soon be another change in the Yunnan situation and that T'ang will soon return to power. He, however, is still in Hongkong. There is no news of his coming to Canton.

28th March 1921.

The National Assembly here opened a joint meeting on the 24th instant. The members decided to dismiss Lu Yung-t'ing and Lin Pao-yih from their posts of Administrative Directors of the Military Government so as to show that the cancellation of the two Kwangs' independence is unauthorized and the Peking Unification Mandate unfounded. The discussion then turned on the question of the Customs surplus upon Delegate C. C. Wu of the Military Government attending. The Delegate gave an account of the negotiations and reported that at present the matter was practically at a standstill, although a telegram had just been sent to the Inspector General of Customs protesting against the injustice of the Diplomatic Body towards the South-west. There ^{was} ~~now~~ some subsequent discussion on the matter but the meeting closed without result.

T'ang Chi-yao telegraphed to Director Sun Yat Sen and Generalissimo Ch'en on the 25th instant stating that he would return to Canton within three days.

The various Reformation Bureau (善後處), formerly scheduled to be abolished after three months from the date of their establishment, will be continued for an indefinite time until it is deemed necessary to abolish them.

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Commissioner.