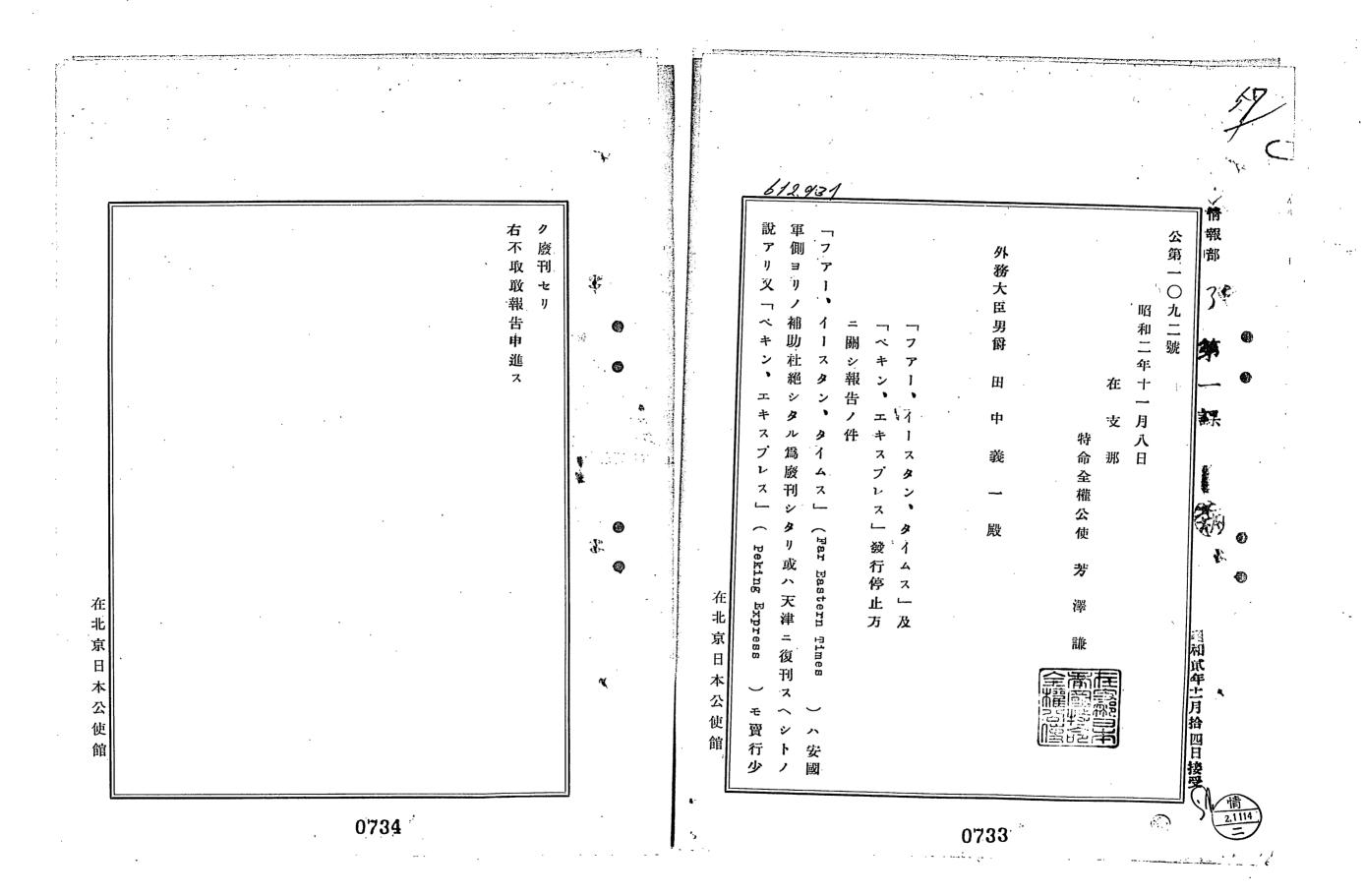
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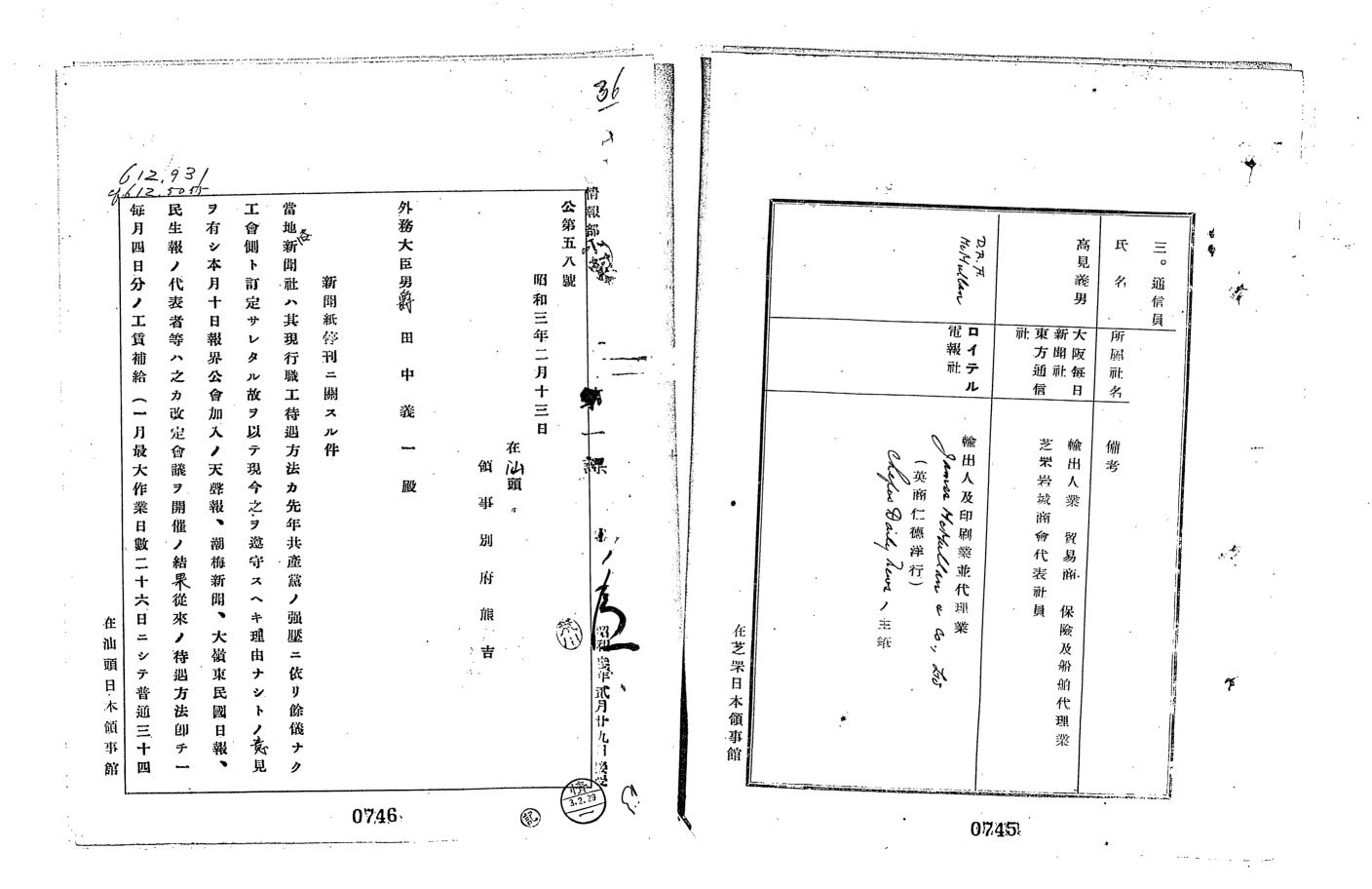
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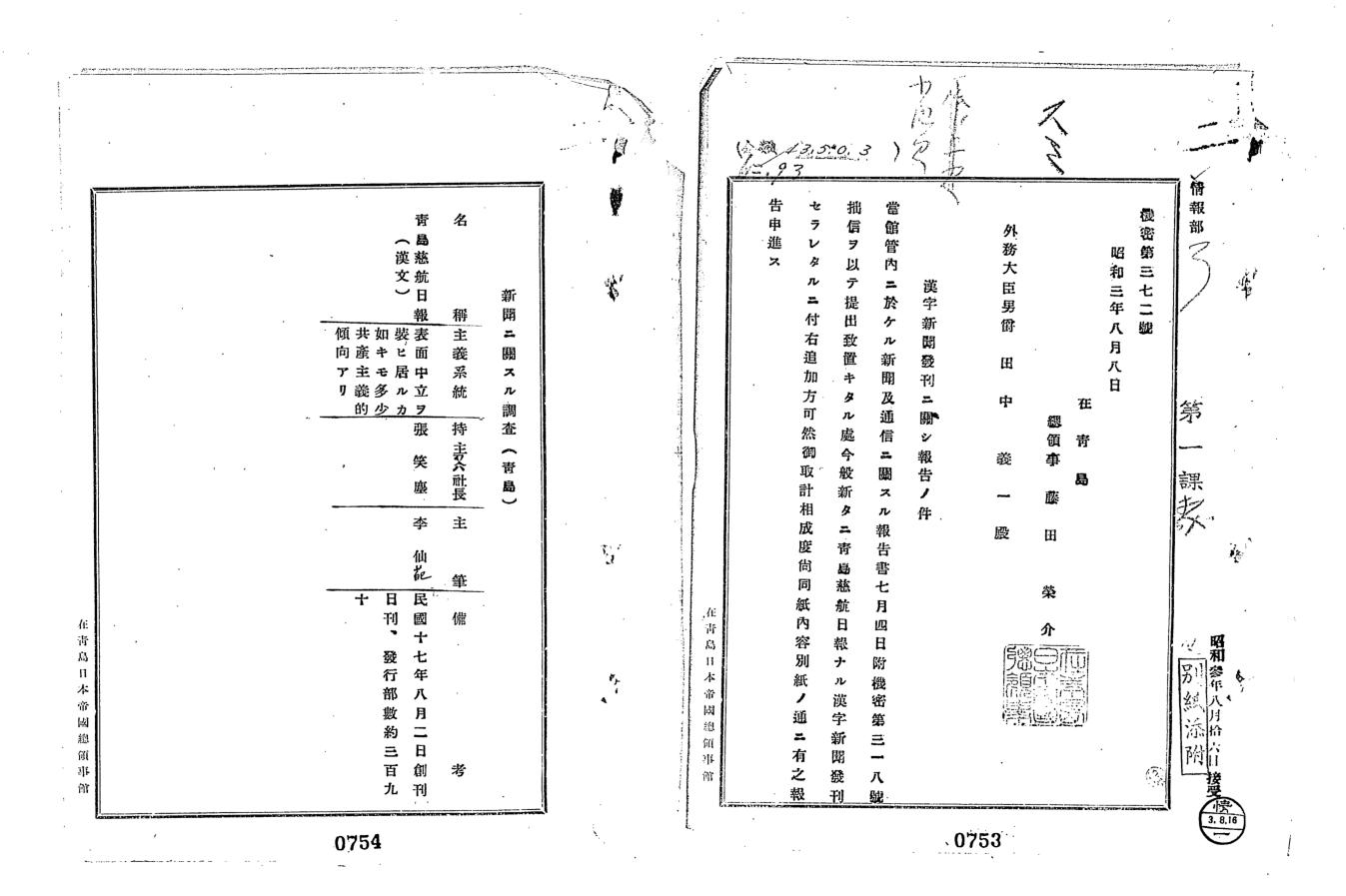
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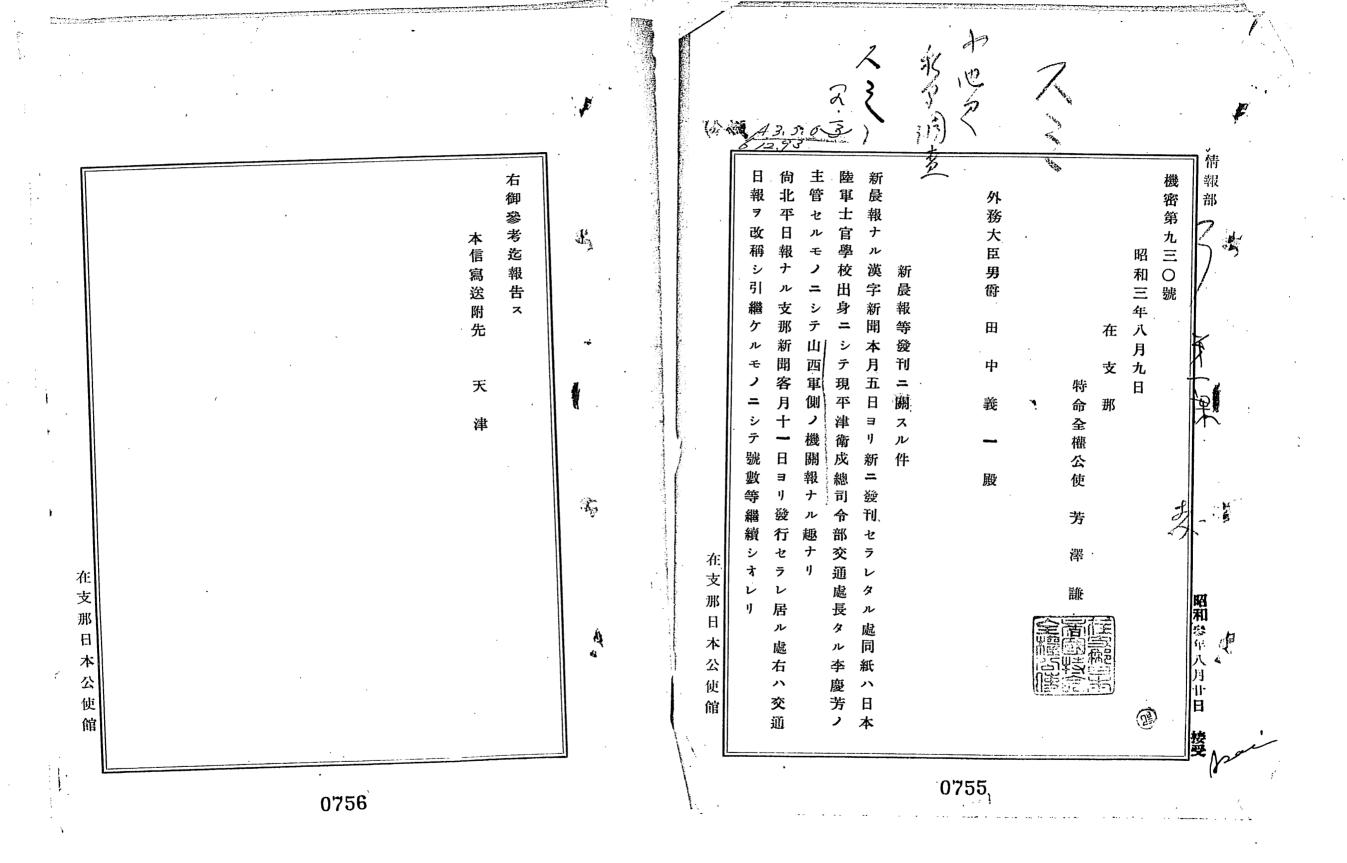
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The production was directed by Edward Sedgwick as, his first Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer picture, and with it he steps into the limelights as one of the foremost comedy directors. Many scenes show marked attentions to lightning, and artistic camera effects seldom found in a comedy which Sedgwick as well as his cameraman Ben Reynolds, are responsible.

Claire Windsor is a vision as the heroine of the story, Elsa Von Bergen. Miss Windsor's regal appearance, which has been lost in the last two or three pictures, is again in evidence, caused principally by the gowns which the actress wears, and the old-fashioned headdress of 1919.

#### Hilarious Team

One of the newest and most recent examples is "The Life of Riley," featuring George Sidney and Charlie Murray, coming next Friday to Embassy Theatre. E. M. Asher, who produced the film for First National Pictures, also produced the film "The Cohens and the Kellys" and the film "The Cohens and the Kellys" and "McFadden's Flats" among other very successful film comedies.

He demonstrates in the Sidney-Murray mirth vehicle the most hilarious possibilities of the cofeatured or co-starred film comedians.

Alone, either George Sidney or Charlie Murray is a great comedian, great enough, at least, to realize on the screen the best possibilities of any story and any character that the ingenuity of the scenario writer can devise. Together, with their ideally contrasting types and methods of making the spectator laugh, their powers are multiplied.

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It happens that a camedy vehicle of unusual color, plot interest and ingenuity backs the efforts of Sidney and Murray in "The Life of Riley." Mann Page, noted playwright, wrote the story especially for the faurous comics, and Howard J. Green adapted it, while a third noted writer, Curtis Benton, wrote the continuity. The writers, director William Beaudine and comedy-constructor Jack Mintz began with an excellent counsely plot fabric and wove into it all the humor any screen laugh picture could bear.

FOR THE WEEK

Thomson Leading Man in "Man Bait"

Plays Opposite Marie Prevost in New Photoplay

Kenneth Thomson, popular screen leading man, appears opposite Marie Prevest in "Man Bait," her latest starring production for Metropolitan, which will be the attraction at the Embassy theatre on Tuesday next. Thomson scored decisively in support of Vera Reynolds in "Corporal Kate" in which he played the male lead.

Thomson is a graduate from the legitimate stage, his first footlight experience having been with Ethel Barrymore in "declasse" six years ago. While appearing upon the stage in Los Angeles

While appearing upon the stage in Los Angeles he attracted the attention of C. B. DeMille and was signed to a long term contract to appear in

With the signing of Thomson the east for "Man Bait" is exceptionally fine. Other players assigned to important roles are Douglas Fairbanks, Jr., Adda Gleason, Eddie Gribbon, Louis Na-theaux, Betty Francisco and Fritzi Ridgeway.

The screen adaptation is by Douglas Z. Doty and Donald Crisp directed.

#### "CORSICAN LOVE"

#### Big Love Drama

"Corsican Love" is a big love drama of the conflict between tradition and progress in that Island and notable for the sumptuousness of its settings, the fascinating atmosphere of its steel settings, the inscinating atmosphere of its steel mill backgrounds and the romantically picturesque environment of the Corsican mountains in which much of the film was photographed. Here we have an essentially modern story, that of the woman who devoted her life to her father's woman who devoted her life to her father's business as a steel manufacturer. In the course of this business, she tries to buy the site of an old castle which she proposes to raze to make room for a new steel mill. But the castle holds cherished memories for its aged and impoverished owner and he refuses to sell. A mortgage on the property falls into her hands, but she is threatened by the old nobleman's son, an outlaw living in the hills because of a vendetta. The outlaw's brave front and winning personality cause her to fall in love, and she not only helps him to escape from the police but changes her mind about the castle site. Her father, however, has the castle blown up, and with the outlaw thinking the castle blown up, and with the outlaw thinking the woman has deceived him, the way is paved for a big climax.

Foreane has the role of the woman. A star cast of Continental artistes assist. The film was directed by Jean de Merly.

China's screen-star, Miss Anna May Wong, is now in England, making her British film-debut in "Piccadilly," an original photoplay written by Mr. Arnold Bennett for Mr. E. A. Dupont Miss Wong is a product of modern American, the Chinese girl with a first-class Western education.

Mae Murray

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#### EDITORIAL NOTES

In speaking of the city they call home people are limited in their comprehension of the multitudinous aspects of it and can only defend or praise features which are familiar because of their environement. Specialists who make it their business to know all about the health, moral, economic, traffic, recreation, sociological and other features of a city's life are, of course, in a position to state facts which often cause oldtimers to raise eyebrows of incredulity because surface observation has not hitherto disclosed them. Newcomers, often justifiably, claim a more intimate and sharper knowledge than is possessed by a political part of the part of th ed by any oldtimer. But there are features of a city's life which give to the oldtimer an understanding no newcomer can possibly have. Though to the oldtimer familiarity may be the means of glossing over deficiencies the newcomer is quickly made aware of, he has in the years gained (what does not adequately describe it but which gives the impression desired), atmosphere. He knows something of the life of the community when the Central Hotel occupied the site on which the Palace Hotel now stands, when a carriage ride to Bubbling Well was an afternoon's outing. And with the march of progress that has not left him lagging he has acquired that familiarity which, as with individuals, is only gained by life-long and intimate relationship.

A walk through a section of the city which he has not seen for perhaps twenty years will reawaken his understanding of

the whims and fancies and peculiarities of the people who have been responsible for the creation of this or any city, an impossibility with any newcomer. After all, the appearance of a city indicates the character of the people who make up its inhabitants, just as the character of certain indefaligable insects is divulgated in the great coral responsible. ed in the great coral reefs of the Southern Pacific. By it the newcomer is able to provide a quick estimate of the strength of purpose and progressive tendencies of a community but he guesses only at the toil and the circumstances and the difficulties that have been surmounted by which the city has reached its present state of growth. His guesses may be reached its present state of growth. His guesses may be fairly accurate because man's problems in civic life are the same the world over, yet he is without that setting to his picture necessary to a full understanding. As he walks through Quinsan Road, for instance, he will not have back of his mind the rural layout of the landscape that pertained thirty years ago, he will know nothing of the Anglo-Chinese College at the corner of Wooding Bood where the ground College at the corner of Woosung Road where the groundwork of civic and national progress was inculcated into the minds of receptive Chinese students by British teachers; of the Public school for boys where many young men received their early training who have been responsible for much of

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the material and spiritual progress of this great city; of the life of Boone Road and of Woosung Road where the Headquarters of the China Inland Mission still stands; of the work done by the Thomas Hanbury School on young lives which have contributed a great deal to the welfare of the city; of that locality between Seward Road and Broadway where the ship-chandlers are located which was the stamping ground, not altogether salubrious, of the men who brought sailing ships to China and were the means of keeping contact with this country, thus being in some measure responsible for the many developments that have taken place during the years. All this is background lost to the newcomer to Shanghai. If he and the specialist do see flaws in this or that feature of the city's life it is all to the good, for criticism designed to be helpful is nearly always helpful, but they need not be surprised if the oldtimer leaves this criticism to those more directly concerned, for he knows that the characteristics that have made the progress of this city possible are not easily dislodged nor demoralized.

THE CHINA DIGEST

The world has not too well learned yet the bitter cost of war, but that it has learned something is evidenced in the firm conviction (and the consequent policy) that force applied to

any country, and China in particular, produces results

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wage it. It is a destructive agency which destroys the agressor or the victor as much as it destroys the defender and the defeated. Unless attacked by the Chinese, whereupon only defensive measures would be adopted, the Powers will take no forceful steps to bring them trade and other benefits. These, it seems clear, will accrue in greater abundance and with greater advantage to civilization, by non-interference and graceful relinquishment of agreements and ordinary rights which are considered by the Chinese as observative to their progress. The Powers are committed obstructive to their progress. The Powers are committed to revise and remove treaty stipulations which are claimed place China on a basis of inequality with the rest of the world, whether they do or not. That being so, and force being unthinkable, the only advantage to anybody of delay or reluctant and halting relinquishment would lie in the strength the Chinese would gain by facing and overcoming difficulties. Immediate surrender to the Chinese would lay responsibilities on shoulders which are not yet sufficiently developed to bear the burden, thus to invite a crash, yet it is what is so urgently insisted upon and cannot be defied except by force which no Power seems anxious to adopt. The Powers therefore have no choice but to conform with their promises with as little delay as possible. China will then only have herself to blame for any attendent crash, for any in-demnities or compensatory exactions which, in the absense of control over vast sections of the country where the people have been taught to oppose everything foreign and to occupy his premises and otherwise molest him, are bound to follow.

The names of the winners of our Missing Words competition appear on Page. No. 272-273

Two new departures appear in this issue,-"The Week" and "A Shanghai News-letter".

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# THE WEEK

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A Diplomatic Discussion
Dr. C. T. Wang, Nationalist Minister
of Foreign Affairs has had a lenghty
conference with Mr. S. Yada, Japanese
Consni-General in Shanghai at which
important questions were discussed. Mr.
Yada later stated that the Tsinanfu
affair was not brought up, but that he
hoped a satisfactory settlement would
soon be reached.

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Young Chang and the Japanese
Chang Hseuh-liang has received a
Japanese ultimatum from Baron
Hayashi, the special emissary of Premier
Baron Tanaka forbidding the allegeance
of the Three Eastern Provinces to the
Nationalist Government. According to
reports reaching Nanking Young Chang
has defied Baron Hayashi and that
despite the ultimatum he would do
what the people of Manchuria wanted
him to do.

Discoveries of Scientific Interest Discoveries of Scientific Interest
Scientists all over the world will find
in the discovery this week by Dr. Roy
Chapman Andrews of a very big fossil,
the head alone of which when alive is
estimated by Dr. Andrews to be about
400 lbs, a matter of great interest. The
members of his expedition are all in the
best of health, and he has left in charge
of the Missionaries of the Swedish
Mission Station at Hattingsume several
cases containing fossils of huge prehistoric monsters.

A Japanese Chinese Brawl in

Tientsin

The Chinese anthorities at Tientsin have sent a circular to the Chinese Chamber of Commerce of a version of the recent conflict at the East Station. The circular states that due to an arguement between Chinese mail coolies and Japanese soldiers, the former were beaten by the later with rifles. The Japanese say that the Chinese obstructed their passage and attacked the unarmed soldiers. It is thought that an early settlement will soon be reached.

Putnam Weale's Amazing Allega-

tions
Putnam Weale (Mr. B. Lenox Simpson)
the well-known anthor and publicist,
has given a startling version of the
assaination of Marshal Chang Tsolin.
He believes that the nurder was committed by a Japanese secret society who
were the tools of certain people in the
Japanese Army. He also states that a
man living in a woodyard less than 100
yards away from the bridge saw a few
figures moving about on the bridge on
the night in question, and thinks it very
peculiar why the Japanese sentries on
gnard never saw anybody. A prominent
official, he says, living two miles away
from the bridge was seen with a pair of
Field-glasses by his servant looking in
the direction of the bridge until after
the explosion. With regard to the conversations between Biron Hayashi and
Marshal Chang Haueh-liang he thinks
that they were principally directed to
determine the re-ations between Makden
and Nanking, and securing the execution of the new Railway scheme projected early this year. The Japanese desired
that the new railway which the Chinese
were building should be consolidated

with the South Manchurian Railway system so that it would establish Japanese paramountey in North Manchuria as securely as in South Manchuria, but the Chinese would not agree to this. Mukden had agreed to hoist the Nationalist flag on the 10 August, but on the 9 August Mushal Chang Houchliang received a fresh note Japan stating that such action would be ensidered a highly unfriendly action.

The British Chinese Nanking Affair Settlement

Affair Settlement

The Notes which were signed and erchanged between Sir Sidney Burton who was acting on behalf of the British Minister in Peking and Dr. C. T. Wang, the Nationalist Foreign Minister with regard to the Nuking Outrage of March 1927, were mude public from Nuking on Angust 19th. The Nanking Gwernment have accepted full responsibility for the affair though they state that it was due to the Ommunists, and offer sincere regrets and promise full protection to Britons and compensation for their losses. They refer also to the punishment already meted ont. Another Note from Dr. C. T. Wang desires an apology from His Brittanic Majesty's Government for the firing npon Socony Hill by a British warship, H. M. S. "Emerald." In reply to Dr. C.T. Wang, Sir Sidney Burton for the British Minister pointed out that the barrage put down by H.M.S. "Emerald" was necessary to save life and protect the property of the British three Another Note from Sir Sidney Burton was to the effect that Great Britain's was willing to proceed with treaty revision which would follow in due course.

Young Chang Will Quit Offices

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Most Probably

Marshal Chang Hsueh-liang in the course of his recent interview with Baron Hayashi is reported to have stated that due to ill-health, his offices of commander-in-Chief of Peace Preservation of the Three Eastern Provinces will be entrusted with the Peace Preservation Committee.

Leading Chinese Merchents seek

Leading Chinese Merchents seek aid from Minister

Sixty of Shanghai's leading Chinese residents were at the reception given in their honour recently oy Dr. Kung, Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour at Nanking. Mr. Yu Yah ching headed the delegation who submitted no less than a dozen memoranda on different commercial and industrial topics of vital interest to the nation. Shortly after four o'clock the delegates were ushered into the Main Assembly Hall and were welcomed by the Minister. One delegate stated that due to the high taxes that the porcelain kilns had cassed to operate with the result that 300,000 labourers had been thrown out of work. A representative of the Flour Mill Owners then said that the merchants could not tolerate the unjust taxes, for instance the Ministry of Finance hale exhausted its excuses for introducing new taxes, so it had now adopted a new form; known as "special tax." The Minister then stated that being a commercial man himself he was quite aware

of the unsatisfactory state of affairs now, but the delegates might rest assured that he would do everything in his power to see that the necessary reforms would be carried out.

The British Boxer Indemnity and the future of Tientsin

the future of Tientsin
Chinese in Tientsin have been suggesting of late that a portion of the British
Boxer indemnity should be used for urgent railway construction in China.
The Associated British Committee stated that so far as the Committee is aware Mr. Wu Ting-chang, who is mainly responsible for the scheme suggested, has not been in touch with British opinion in Tientsin. But it is known that the British Chamber of Commerce in Tientsin was the first British public body in China to propose that a protion of the indemnity be niloted for constructive purposes. The Chamber at the same time proposed the case for the conservancy of the water-ways of Chili. And now the Peiho river is so heavily silted up that the existence of Tientsin as a port is seriously threatened. The Committee points out that the matter is entirely in the hands of the British Government.

Fifth Plenary Session

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Government.

Fifth Plenary Session

If it has done nothing else the recent fifth plenary session of the Knomintang at Nanking has accomplished something very worth while in approving of Mr.

T. V. Song's financial programme. It now remains for the Givernment to put into action the machinery to properly budget national and provincial income and for the unificaction of national revenues and expenditures so that monies will be expended for the purposes for which they will be eillected and not for the enrichment of provincial or national leaders. This is achievement enough snrely, yet it is a matter for regret that the factors which are so much the cause of hindrance to progressive measures were not attended to. The reorganization of the armies and the disbandment of troops are matters which require the urgent attention of the Government, but as no decision was taken at the Plenary session nothing can be done of a really consequential nature until the Knomintang has its next meeting, some time in January, Progress had undoubtedly been made at Nanking and if similar progress is made in the future the world may look for the China so long promised but so tardy is maturing.

There are several other features to Mr. Soong's proposals which have been alopted which, when put into operation will do much to give China the security and the credit needed for her rehabilitation plans.

Withdrawal of Japanese Troops

from Shantung

The withdrawal of the 6th Division of Japanese Troops stationed at Shantung has been Imperially sanctioned. The first detachments have been ordered to sail from Tsingtao on August 20th. The 3rd Division is to remain at Shantung, because the War Office have arrived at the decision to send an engineering detachment there to build winter barracks.

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### Japan in Manchuria and Chang Tso-Lin's Assassination

The startling allegations made by Putnam Weale as reported from Mukden by Reuter make it necessary to examine the position in Manchuria, not in the detail usual in such cases but in its elementary aspects. It is necessary to get at the roots of the matter.

In the first place Japan's investments in Manchuria are of huge proportions. The circumstances by which she acquired her enormous interests there are so well known because of their historical importance that there is no need here to recount them. No matter how or why, the fact remains that Japan's interests in Manchuria are of such dimensions that any suhvertive aftempt to undermine her influence must of necessity combated. Aware as Japan is, and the world or that matter, of what happens to property that has been developed by the foreigner in China, and turned over to Chinese management, Japan cannot endanger her very existence economically, and therefore fundamentally by relinquishing an influence which now prevents complete disintegration.

Writing on Japan's Interests in Shantung Province in the "Daily Telegraph" recently Mr. E.M. Gull, late Secretary of the British Chamber of Commerce in Shanghai says.

"The Chinese, who had been glad enough to see the Germans turned out, did not want the Japanese in their place, and when Articles 156-158 of the Treaty of Versailles transferred to Japan all the rights which Germany had had, China objected. For a time, in consequence, Shantung became one of the most difficult questions of the day, and in 1921 was brought before the Washington Conference, the final outcome being that Japan agreed, upon certain terms, to give up what the Treaty of Versailles had assigned to her.

"As finally arranged these terms included the transfer of the railway, with its branches and properties, to China; China, on her side, undertaking to compensate Japan for their value, which was assessed at 53,406,141 gold marks, a sum reckoned to be equivalent to about Y.40,000,000 (£1,000,000). The terms also included the payment by China of Y.14,000,000 (£1,400,000) in Six per Cent. Treasury Notes, redeemable in fifteen years, on account partly of public. properties, constructed or improved by the Japanese \$160, \$152, \$132, \$152 and \$130). The loss in milway authorities, and partly of certain salt interests of revenue for a year will therefore amount to \$25,-Japanese subjects and companies on the coast; while it 200,000. the payment to the Japanese Government of a sum of of crippling the railways in North China, but the

Y.5,000,000 (£500,000). The greater part of these various sums is still outstanding.

"Thus-Japan has interests in Shantung, which are considerable, special, and entirely legitimate. .. That a simple statement of fact, to which there is nointention of giving the colour of advocacy by reminding the reader that, in the Japanese view, any failure to protect Japanese subjects and property in Shantung would be liable to react psychologically in Manchuria, just as any failure on our part to defend British life and property in Shanghai would sooner or later endanger them in Hongkong.".

If facts are required to prove the devastating effects upon foreign investments in China we may quote the following:-

"Since the retreat of the Fengtien Armies. more than 6,000 goods wagons and 300 locomotives from the Peking-Hankow, the Peking-Suiyuan, the Peking-Mukden, the Tientsin-Pukow and the Lung-Hai railvays have been taken outside of the wall. Calculated at minimum of \$6,000 per wagon and \$60,000 per locomotive, this represents a loss of property to these railways of \$54,000,000 in rolling stock, and a loss incarrying capacity (at an average of 30 tons per wagon) of 180,000 tons. Freight service will be greatly curtailed as a result and trade in general will be seriously affected. The total number of goods wagons on the five railways is about 11,800 and the number of locomotives about 640. Thus the Fengtien authorities have taken away with them half of the wagons and half of the locomotives of these railways.

"The average amount of freight transported yearly per ton of carrying capacity during the past ten years on all Chinese Government Railways is about 50 tons. Calculated on this basis there will be a yearly loss in freight transportation of 9,000,000 tons. Taking \$30 as the minimum cost of each ton of freight, the action of the Fengtien army will therefore result in a loss of a trade of \$270,000,000 every year to the business community served by these railways.

"Railway revenue will also suffer as a result. According to the statistics of the last ten years, the railways earn an average of \$140 per ton of carrying capacity per year, (from 1920 to 1924 respectively,

"For all these the Fengtien authorities are wholly was further agreed to form a Sino-Japanese company For all these the Fengtien authorities are wholly to work the coal mines of Fangtze, Tauchuan, and tresponsible. They had removed as much rolling stock Chingling-chen, the said Company to be responsible for as they possibly could lay their hands on, with the idea

consequences to trade and to the shipping and com-mercial interests are far mercial interests are far greater than any ordinary shortage of rolling stock could result in. The present is the time for public opinion to assert itself to prevent individual groups from detaining railway properties for their own selfish ands in the diverged of ends in utter disregard of the commercial interests of the country and of the masses whose livelihood depend directly or indirectly on the transportation of freight by rail."

Other nations have

Other nations have large investments in China through their people, like Great Britain with large investments in the Shanghai-Hangchow-NingpoRailway-andthePeking-Mukden Railway. These have not taken steps to protect their interests with product their interests. interests with results as shown above. Is Japan to endanger her sound position financially, her vital in-terests, however acquired, by following the example of ready surrender with of ready surrender, with attendant setbacks, instituted by the other major

Powers?

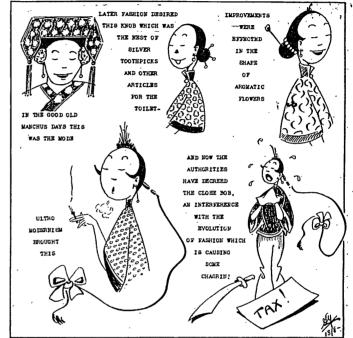
After all is said and like indone Nations, like in-dividuals, live by their strength of character, by their energy, by their economic and moral stability, and like any board of directors concerned with a threat made to the invest-

a threat made to the investment of their shareholders
by a group of would-be
directors who promise well but whose past record is so
unsound as to make the promise empty, Japan is not
going to expose her very existence to what would be a
disintegrating influence if she abandoned the field to
Chinese control.

The industrial and other developments in The industrial and other developments in Manchuria by the Japanese have brought large benefits to the people of the land. Everywhere can be seen the progress made under Japanese initiative, the prosperity enjoyed by the majority, the prosperity that would be enjoyed only by the few in authority if the Chinese Militarists or other aspirants to the board of directorship took charge. took oharge.

These are all elementary considerations, but they are considerations those interested should not lose sight of lest a passioned and prejudiced point of view influence a step which would put back the clock considerably. China cannot do without foreign influence siderably. China cannot do without foreign influence if she is concerned about her prosperity, about the development of the country to the point where the great majority will benefit. And when she is able to do so she can buy out foreign shareholders in their enterprises on her shores and take them over as going and profitable concerns when she is able to maintain them as such, instead of laying herself open to war for the

#### PROGRESS!



NORTHERN papers give further details of the order that Chinese women under 30 years of age must bob their hair within three weeks, failing which they will be subject to what is termed a degeneracy tax. N. C. D.

China Digest Cartoon By Yates.

sake of acquiring influence and control over properties which would unfailingly descend to the point of bankruptcy if she was successful in securing them.

One last point, if, as Putnam Weale alleges, certain Japanese were responsible for the assassination of Chang Tso-lin, and the Japanese Government for that reason is indirectly implicated, the removal of a few men from the world who might have instituted activities to undermine Japan's influence, however high in office they were, is not so great a loss as would be the thousthey were, is not so great a loss as would be the thousands and thousands of lives that would be the cost of a war which the Japanese might have been compelled to wage if Chang Tso-lin had lived. This may be a callous way of looking at the matter, but if all is fair in love and war, as is claimed, then drastic threats require drastic resistance. Of course the actions of the ultra-patriots of any Nation do compel the responsibility of the nation they belong to, so that if it is proved by thorough in vestigation that Japanese individuals were responsible for the bomb outrage that destroyed Chang respinsible for the bombourings that destroyed change Tso-lin and his train, Japan will be forced either to make apologies and compensations, as China has been forced in the matter of the Nanking Affair, or to steps of resistance. Either possibility is governed by her economic interests.

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Who sees the Chinese as Others See Them

If not the only case, at least one of the very few cases that have ever come to our notice in China of a Chinese criticising the weaknesses and frailties and unhealthy peculiarities of his own people, is a discussion by Charles L. Wu in *The China Critic* under the title "A Psychological View on China's Troubles" regarding the root causes of the unhappy condition under which China exists to-day. This frank discussion presages the openmindedness and sincerity which in any country, sincerely concerned about the way in which it is moving, is vitally necessary. Mr. Wu's outspoken views are highly commendable and deserve the widest publicity not, as some think, for the purpose of casting ridicule upon the Chinese people or of hinder-ing in any way the praiseworthy efforts of enlightened Chinese to bring about the rehabilitation of their country, but to open the eyes of those narrow-minded Chinese whose pride and ill-considered views are such a stumbling block to real progress. We have not the space to reprint the whole of Mr. Wu's article but print that part of it which may arouse the ire of certain Chinese but will unquestionably give them furiously to

Mr. Wu says that China is clamoring for superficial reconstruction but she is dolefully neglecting the dynamic psychological side. He proceeds then to discuss a few points as he is not able in so short an article to exhaust the treatment of the subjects. He says that if an unprejudiced sociologically trained tourist from Mars, on one of his hypothetical visits to China, would be able to see the real situation China,

"It would be highly probable that he would be much surprised to find the spirit of defiance prevailing in all walks of Chinese life. Inferior officials may defy the orders of their superiors. Students may challenge the school authorities and often can obtain what they want, Militarists may utterly ignore the decrees of the Government and go by unpunished. Even the dignfied judge of the Provisional Court in Shanghai and a foreign employee in the custom service in a Shantung port recently made efforts to refuse to transfer their offices to their successors duly appointed by the Government. Some time ago two decrees were issued by the Ministry of Education to rename the two government universities in Nanking and Peking but this effort was flatly rejected by the two schools and the Ministry has to withdraw its decrees. Three times the Central Board of the Kuomingtang have despatched political councils to various districts and each time troubles rose between the incoming and the retiring councils, usually the latter refusing to abide with the order. In short, in China at present power is ephemeral and authority is a farce. Many observe that we are actually out-doing the Greeks and Mexicans who are known for their disorderliness and unruliness. If this tendency is not checked, China with her larger population and territory will suffer even more entanglements and turmoil than either Greece or Mexico.

"Then our guest from Mars will soon notice also the spirit of destruction. The Chinese term "Ta tay," of a ministry or any other institution comes to office, a

i.e., down with some body or be gone with some thing is the most popular solgan at present. These words are ubiquitous and can be found in written or printed form everywhere. Many are beautifully written or printed on the placards erected by the Publicity Bureau of the Kuomingtang, while others are merely scribblings by street urchins, by irresponsible persons who wish give vent to their grudges against their enemies, or by over-zealous youths who take such actions as an index to their patriotism. This spirit of destruction and vengeance has so permeated the public that even the young children have fallen under its sway, as manilested in some primary schools where pupils are putting up grievances in order to drive out some of the teachers who they think ought be got rid of.

"Tearing down the old is of course indispensable to the building up of the new. The more thoroughly we destroy the antiquated structures, the purer and higher will be the new order of things. So the spirit of destruction at a transitional period, such as China is entering, may not be altogether amiss. But the process of destruction must be simultaneously accompanied by the process of construction. It is certainly true that Turkey, for instance, has denounced and actually destroyed a greater part of her old social life. But at the same time we must know that she has installed in its place new substitutes. Her action on the whole is orderly and premeditated. With China at present the case is different. Many youths have mastered the subtle technique of destruction without any idea of what and how to install the new. They themselves do not know what is right and what is wrong. Every body has his own standard of judgment in social relationship. Whatever is inconvenient to him must go and be done away with. If this condition continues, the mind of the youth in general will be hopelessly poisoned and the psychological effects will render the preaching of the spirit of constructiveness and tolerance

"In addition to the above phenomena the tourist from Mars will also find that in the mind of an average Chinese loyalty to an institution almost does not exist. A street car conductor in the International Settlement in Shanghai can make twice as much by "squeezing" as from his regular wages. A compradore of any firm can make ten times as much in the same fashion as from his regular salaries. A minister in the cabinet or a head of a government bureau becomes rich entirely by this illegitimate means of securing money. What does all this mean? It means disloyalty to an institution. If one is really loyal to an organization one is apt to identify himself with the organization. If he considers himself as a part of the organization he is naturally unwilling to do anything at the sacrifice of his own institution.

"This universal "squeezing" is further coupled with the spoil system and nepotism. When the head

wholesale dismissal and a wholesal itment are usually the rule. Not that the new comers are more competent or more capable but rather they are the relatives and friends of to the new head. These new job-holders, conscious of their temporary tenure of office as often is the case in China, try their utmost to fatten themselves at the sacrifice of the public. It is conservatively estimated that fully half of the national revenues go into the pockets of the officials and agents of all degrees. Under such conditions do we expect to develon a strong rubble morale and an that the new comers are more competent develop a strong public morale and an esprit de corps which is essential for the solidarity of a people?

"Disloyalty toward institutions is bad enough, disloyalty to self is even worse. The latter condition is most prevalent among the students prevalent among the students. The enthusiastic yearning for intellectual enlightenment that characterized the Chinese students ten years ago is now gone. At present we have nothing but an intellectual lethargy. Any Western professor in most of the Chinese university. professor in most of the Uninese universities and colleges will tell you that scholastic standard is sliding down the slope. With a few exceptions, students, especially those in Shanghai, are unsurpassed in the style of dressing, arrogance, indulgence in fashionable hobbies, such

indulgence in fashionable hobbies, such as ducing or picture shows. As to the real solid studies they evade them as women evade insects and snakes. "Soft" courses with "soft" teachers are flooded with students while strict "sofi" teachers are flooded with students while strict teachers in stiff courses often lament the meager size of their classes. What the most students want is no longer the real knowledge but the academic degree. When they attend the classes they are not aiming at the contents but the credits. If they can secure these by hook or crook, they will not hesitate to do it. In the school with which I am connected we have discovered within a few months more than ten cases of fraud in the transcripts of credentials from other schools or no school at all. This tendency of scholastic of raud in the transcripts of extention from our schools or no school at all. This tendency of scholastic dishonesty and disloyalty, if unchecked, will ruin the intellectual foundation of the Chinese people.

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"Limited by space I can only mention a few of the psychological factors which, it seems to me, are cating up the very calibre of Chinese life. We know that any culture has two aspects—the social values and social attitudes. The former is material and physical in nature while the latter psychological. The two supplement each other and deficiency in either one will hamper the progress of the whole. We might have a perfect system of government, fine equipments in education or strong units of military forces but these will not raise China from chaos if the spirit of deflance, destructiveness, disloyalty to public and inability to destructiveness, disloyalty to public and inability to co-operate in public undertakings are not somehow corrected."

#### NO QUORUM!

By Charles James Fox in the N. C. Star

From the rather meagre news received from Nanking and Shanghai there appears to be serious

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THE CHINA DIGEST

Is the foreigner about to lose his shirt? China Digest Cartoon By Yates.

cause for apprehension that the long planned and well advertised Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang will suffer from the common complaint of Chinese public deliberative bodies of all kinds, namely, no quorum. Intolerance at opinions that differ from their own, and dread of responsibility, are two serious characteristics of many of China's public men, or politicians, and both these political vices have a great tendency to bring about "no quorum" whenever there is something of importance to be undertaken jointly. importance to be undertaken jointly.

Time and time again during the past fifteen years in China we have noticed that many of China's public men seem to have a deathly fear of getting caught in a men seem to have a deathly fear of getting caught in a quorum, where they might be participants in some action that differed just a little from their own personal idea of what ought to be done, and in some action that entailed a little responsibility. The meanest way to guard one's intolerance and the most cowardly method of shirking responsibility is to absent one's self from the meeting and compel no quorum.

We had hoped, and we still hope, that the Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee of the Kuomintang will get together and stay together long enough to accomplish something at least of what is expected of it. There are, we know, still many so-called public men in China whose idea of government consists chiefly in cutting off heads that have ideas different from one's own, and in absenting one's self from every meeting where joint action might entail a little personal responsibility. But we trust that such types are less numerous in the Kuomintang that such types are less numerous in the Kuomintang than they are in other political groups, and that despite what appears to be an inauspicious start, the Plenary Session of the Central Executive Committee will live up to the hopes of its friends.

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# **GENERAL**

#### The Tennis Case in Peking

Last week we printed views on the very close kinship in China between sport and politics in an article headed, "Sport and Politics are Inseparable in China." In fairness to the Chinese point of view we have pleasure in printing hereunder a letter sent to the Peking Leader by that well know tennis player Dr. Philip K. C. Tyau which will be read with interest. Incidentally Dr. Tyao has been connected with the permanent staff of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Peking for many years and is a popular member of the Peking Community, both foreign and Chinese.

I take strong exception to the charges which are being made of unsportsmanship on the part of the members of the Eta Phi Club because of their refusal to play in the matches against the Keio University men and the comment which has been made that their stand has led Mr. Kao to withdraw at the last moment. One person at least has seemed to insinuate that certain undue influence was used to persuade Mr. Kao to withdraw. Nothing is further from the truth.

The reason for the stand taken up by the Eta Phi Club, as I understand it, is found in the War operations of the Japanese troops in Chinese territories. It needs no persuasion to convince any intelligent Chinese that the steps taken by the Japanese government towards China call for high indignation to say the least. I take pride in Mr. Kno's withdrawal, and more so because he saw fit to follow the lead given by the Eta Phi Club whose members are of mature and experienced age.

I love sport but I love my country more. I love my Japanese friends but I want them to know that their government's war operations in my country call for "action" if that "action" were possible. These tennis stars come freshly from a very well known representative institution of Japan and in the absence of guns it is only through them and other unofficial representatives that we can show effectively the people

of Japan that we feel very keenly the humiliation which is being heaped upon the Chinese nation. Japan has violated the very principles of our treaty relations by her action. She it is who has broken the international treaties that bind our country to her and even if there were no other reasons for the annulment of the Sino Japanese treaties, this breach on the part of Japan is in itself a sufficient justification for their denunciation.

The members of the Eta Phi Club have no political fish to fry unless it be one from the international sea. They claim as fellow members men of different political affiliations. The issue is a national one; and this is where I differ from the well considered editorial of the Peking and Tieniian Times. My friend, the editor, is right in all what he says if it were ordinary domestic politics and in ordinary times. Without more comment on this difference, may I remind him of the fact that German tennis players were excluded from English courts and the Davis Cup competitions for more than eight years after peace was concluded? I also remember very well the fury of the English people directed against a leading lady of the land because she had been kind to the famous German player who happened to be found in London at the outbreak of war, and this happened when the German troops were no where near Great Britain. If the members of the Eta Phi Club are guilty of playing politics then it is only of this kind and no other. For this, I must admit I am proud of them.

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As for other charges such as pettiness directed against my fellow members I consider them unworthy for comment. Suffice it to say that I had declined the invitation to select and captain the Peking players.

Yours truly
P. K. C. Tyau
President of Eta Phi Club
Peking, August 4

#### Land Journey to Peitaiho Through Both Military Lines

Mr. E. S. Little, junior, returned on the evening of Aug. 6th. to Tientsin from his visit to Peitaiho. He left Tientsin on August 1st by the 5.30 train in the morning to Tangku, where he engaged a rickshaw and followed the railway line to Peitang station, a distance of about 7 miles, informs the P. & T. Times.

It Peitang station he found an armoured train belonging to General Chang Tsung-chang and there was also an engine with one car which had been sent down to meet passengers from Tientsin who had travelled in the same manner as Mr. Little. He arranged to get a lift on this car but no sooner had he done so than in came another armoured train with General Chang Tsung-chang himself on board. Mr. Little was offered a lift in this armoured train which he accepted and he was taken to Kaiping which is General Chang Tsung-chang's headquarters and where

he is living in a house and has his private train standing in the siding on the main line. At Kaiping, Mr. Little had to leave the armoured

At Kaiping, Mr. Little had to leave the armoured train which was not proceeding any further but he picked up a passenger train after three hours' wait which took him to Lwanchow. Five hours' wait at Lwanchow and Mr. Little then caught a coal train to Anchang where he got upon another passenger train to the railway junction. He slept on the floor of the brake van. At Peitaiho he found the Beach train was running and this took him to the Beach. The total time taken on the Journey was 26 hours with six changes of trains?

#### The Return Journey.

Mr. Little returned from Peitaiho in much the same way. He travelled by donkey to the Junction

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having just missed the Beach train. Then he caught a passenger train with a new Kinhain first-class green car and he had a first-class coupe to himself to Lwanchow. He there got into the brakevan of a train of empty coal trucks to Tangshan, sleeping on the fioor of the van. He got to Tangshan at 8.30 in the morning and heard that an armoured train was going down. It took him until 5 o'clock to find it but when he did the Russian officers received him with great hopitality. They were to start at 7.30 a.m. and they pulled into the main line and were ready to go but as the officer who had gone to buy provisions for the Mess had not returned they waited until 9.30. Then the train proceeded without him. They ran straight into Peitang where there was already another train full of Northern soldiers. From here Mr. Little walked along the railway line to Tangku where he took train to Tientsin.

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Mr. Little says he passed through both the Northern

and Southern military lines without anyone questioning him. A number of rails are missing on the line between Tangku and Peitang but all the bridge are in order. The recent statement that the Northerners had retired to Lutai is obviously incorrect in view of Mr. Little's experiences. Mr. Little noted that there was regular rail communication between Hanku and Mukden.

Conditions are very good at Peitaino according to Mr. Little and there are about a thousand foreigners there. There are plenty of provisions to be had and no trouble is experienced with the military.

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Mr. Little emphasised the kindness of his reception
by the Russians on the armoured trains and said that
the crews were well looked after and had been paid.
He understood—hut of course did not know—that
General Chang Tsung-chang had some ten of these
armoured trains in commission. Mr. Little added that
he saw several trains laden with salt going north.

#### Minister MacMurray's Job A Stiff One

By Hallett Abend

(In the New York Times)

Diplomats of all nations, if they are inclined to be lazy or to care more for the social side of life than for the sterner realities, prefer posts in countries with stability of government and a high degree of civilization; for no matter how important a nation may be, the work will be less arduous and less voluminous than in the capital of an unsettled or backward State.

This admitted fact easts a curious light upon China, where John Van A. MacMurray, the American Minister, heads the llargest and hardest-working diplomatic mission maintained in any foreign land by the Government of the United States.

At a guess one would say that the American Embassy in London would have the largest staff, with Paris and Berlin closely contending for second place because of the great volume of after-war problems still in process of settlement.

As a matter of fact, the London Embassy lists a staff of only seventeen, that of Paris twenty-two and that of Berlin sixteen, while at the Peking Legation the roster totals twenty-five.

The amount of work done at the Peking Legation and the volume of its daily correspondence must be enormous, for Mr. MacMurray and his counsellor, secretaries, military, naval and commercial attaches and minor officials have to maintain contacts not merely with one Chinese Government, but with the Peking and Nanking factions, and, through a multitude of consuls, with the many semi-independent regional and provincial satraps who give at least nominal allegiance to Peking or Nanking.

#### Something New Every Day

In the larger European capitals the embassies have to deal with matters of well-established policy, with matters of trade and with the expected amenities of diplomatic intercourse. In China, however, the legation must face day after day a vast number and variety of problems, any one of which would be a nine-day wonder if it arcse in Europe.

Questions of existing treaties and the persistent attempts of all Chinese factions to violate their treaty obligations are probably the most important. In this field of activity Mr. MacMurray must be ever alert to protect rights which the American Government holds vital and necessary, and which proud and sensitive Chinese believe to be an infringement of China's sovereignty.

The vigilant protection of these rights alone would be a job requiring the utmost caution, coupled with the ability to make quick and sound decisions. But in Peking this task is coupled with the everpresent necessity of seeking to guard and preserve the traditional friendship of the United States and China.

Indeed, Mr. MacMurray's job here may be compared with that of a nurse who must deny a feverish and unreasonable child a greatly desired apple or orange—and still try to keep the child in good humour lest its anger over the denial send the fever up to the point of dangerous delirium.

Tact, patience, forbearance, firmness—these are only a few of the characteristics essential for the task in hand

#### Troublesome Incidents

To these more important questions of general policy must be added a multitude of annoying and offensive "incidents," almost any one of which could lead to a real crisis in relations if it occurred in any well-ordered country and was condoned by the Government there or else ignored, or possibly even insolently defended in language of ignorant truculence.

Imagine the uproar, diplomatic and popular, if British soldiers were forcibly to occupy and thoroughly loot American churches or hospitals in the provinces of England! Or if an American travelling through the Highlands of Scotland were to be kidnapped by bandits who enjoyed semi-official protection from the authorities! Or if a carload of American cigarettes were seized by the Mayor of Birmingham and held for illegal taxes! Or if various British scaports suddenly began

levying illegal and varying taxes upon American imports, and trying to confiscate goods upon which the illegal taxes were not paidl

Then suppose the American Ambassador were to send dignified protests against these practices, and that Downing Street were to evade the issues raised, ignore

#### All in the Day's Work

John Van A. MacMurray has to face complications of this kind as a matter of daily routine, and, though nothing is ever said about it, he must keep a constant eye on the unfolding of international policies and polities in the Far East.

Sudden changes or developments may at any time cause the beginnings of a gigantic new war in the Far East. Washington must be fully informed so as to know instantly the policy to pursue.

The man upon whom these responsibilities rest was born nearly forty-seven years ago at Schenectady, N. Y.. and was educated at Princeton University when Woodrow Wilson was at the head of that institution. He is married and has three children.

Mr. MacMurray's training in the diplomatic service has converged upon Far Eastern affairs and has afforded him a background unique and invaluable for a man destined to be American Minister to China. His first foreign post was at Bangkok, Siam. In Siam most of the work is done by Chinese, and it is Chinese who hold most of the wealth of the country.

Then came a period in Russia, while the Czar still lived and before Moscow had superseded St. Petersburg as the capital. During much of Mr. MacMurray's time in Russia the Knox proposal for the neutralization of the Chinese Eastern Railway was under discussion, so that he is thoroughly familiar with the tangled history of that important commercial and strategic rail system which crosses Manchuria from west to east and is now anneal with the Pursic and China. owned jointly by Russia and China.

#### Back to Washington

The Russian experience was followed by a period with the State Department in Washington, and then Mr. MacMurray came to the Peking Legation for four years under Minister Reinsch.

This first term of service in Peking was followed by six years in Washington, where all of Mr. Mac-Murray's attention was given to Far Eastern affairs. During this period he did a vast amount of preparatory work for the Washington Conference, which shook Japan's hold upon China, ended the "sphere of influence" policies of European nations, and resulted in definite promises to the Chinese people as to their admission to the family of nations upon a basis of equality as soon as they were ready to use and enjoy the privileges of such admission without abusing them.

This Washington Conference, by the way, definitely cheeked foreign policies of encroachment and im-perialism in China, but not until it was over did the "anti-imperialistic" movement gain ground and popularity among the Chinese people.

#### Appointed Minister In 1925

In 1925 Mr. MacMurray was made Minister to China, and since he assumed his post in Peking he has process of disintegration here being rapidly seen the process of dismegration here being rainary accelerated. And in the face of spreading chaos he has had to combat successive irresponsible regimes which

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have quoted the Washington Conference decisions in defense of indefensible acts.

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The Washington Conference promised to gradual relinquishment of treaty rights which the Chinese find irksome, but this relinquishment was conditioned upon the bettering of conditions within Chinese territory. Ever since the conference conditions have become steadily worse, and the worse they become the more persistently do the Chinese try to grab by force those concessions which were promised conditional upon

Once during Mr. MacMurray's years in Peking the fever from which China is suffering reached a delirium dangerous to herself and to her friends. That was on March 24 1927 when Chinese Nationalist troops com mitted unspeakable outrages in Nanking.

#### Atrocities at Nanking

This date is never to be forgotten in the American Legation in Peking. Early in the day wireless messages began arriving from the American naval craft in the Yangtse River off the Nanking Bund. The first word flashed was that the troops had begun looting. Then the anti-foreign character of the movement became prominent. Then foreign consulates were attacked. Then came word of the deliberate murder of an American by Chinese troops.

Soon the American consulate was abandoned and the Consul and many foreigners took refuge in the Standard Oil buildings on Socony Hill, making their way thither under vicious rifle fire from uniformed Chinese troops. Then the Chinese began sniping at the Socony refugees. Next they massed for attack.

The crackling of the wireless in Peking probably sounded as loud as gunfire here while the guns of the American and British naval ships opened fire and laid a protective barrage around Socony Hill so that the foreigners beleaguered there by savage attackers could gain the river bank and the boats in safety.

#### Worry at the Legation

All that day and the next the Legation at Peking was in donbt. Had one American been murdered, or two? Or had there been a general frenzied massacre two? running into scores, or possibly up near the 200 mark?

More than a year after the event Nanking finally made reluctant amends for the atrocities, but any one who imagines that Mr. Mac-Murray had an easy or a pleasant task in negotiating the Nanking Settlement is sadly mistaken.

"Face-saving," which plays such an enormously important part in all Chinese affairs, served to delay the final agreement. In order to "save face," the Nanking Government wanted to link their apologies for murde and rapine and loot with an apology from the Uni States for having opened fire around Socony Hill. More than that, the Nanking people tried to make an incident of bloodthirsty savagery an occasion for bringing up the question of revision of existing

#### Other Nations Have Failed

England has tried to effect a settlement of the Nanking affair—and has failed. Japan has tried—and has failed. But in some manner Mr. MacMurray has obtained from the Nationalist Government an apology, a promise of reparations, guarantees of future good behavior and a pledge of punishment for those of the guilty who are still at large. (Britain has since this was written reached a settlement. Ed. C. D.)

Nanking's contention that the United States must apologize for the bombardment has been answered by Mr. MacMurray with a devastating summing up of the regrettable conditions which left-no alternative course open, and Nanking's insistence upon treaty revision has been answered by a reiteration of America's good-will, as voiced by Secretary Kellogg, and a pithy inference that conditions in China utterly fail to justify any relaxation of special treaty protections for Americans or American interests in China.

Even the Chinese, schooled in twisting facts into imaginary "facesaving" aspects, get cold comfort from these things, but indisputably Mr. MacMurray has made much "face" for Washington and for himself by this diplomatic victory which can scarcely be justly appraised by persons who have no first hand knowledge of the ways of the Orient.

#### Not Always Supported

Unfortunately, there was a long period when Mr. MacMurray not only did not enjoy the support of all Americans in China, but was subject to violent and annair attacks from some of them. These attacks, for a time, not only made his own position here highly uncomfortable but actually hampered the earrying out of Washington's policy in Chinese affairs.

These misguided champions of Nationalism aven went so far as to make open charges that Mr. Macwent so far as to make open charges that Mr. Mac-Murray was secretly working against the wishes and instructions of his own Government and was siding with a supposedly "imperialistic? line-up of European diplomats and that he was to be recalled to Washington because of imaginary insubordinations.

Happily today this sort of thing has ceased. There is now something approaching harmony in the matter of opinions of Americans concerning things Chinese.

Through all this period of storm and stress Mr. MacMurray kept his head—and his temper—even though his whimsical sense of humor is coupled with a carefully reined tendency to "blow up" on occasion.

With courageous inflexibility, but with a mind always open to reason and an ear always ready to listen to any view, he has kept steadfastly at his difficult job of trying to protect American rights in China, and at the same time to retain for the United States the friendship of the Chinese people.

Having no Government to deal with which has anything more than regional and decidely unstable authority, he has slowly been robbed of illusions.

Tenacious where American rights are concerned, yet tactful in consideration of Chinese sensibilities, refusing to be misled by will'o-the-wisps of Chinese politics, yet always hopeful of valid evidence of China's politics, yet always noperful of valid evidence of China's ability to set her own house in order, he has kept at his hard task and has always remembered the ultimate aim of American policy toward China—patience with the growing pains of a nation with which it is essential that, in the long future, America maintain the most cordial relations

#### A "PIDGIN" CLASSIC.

"Pidgin-English" is to have an official status in New Guinea, and this induces a "Manchester Guardian" writer to suggest that the educational authorities there might do worse than introduce "Hans Breitmann" to their schools. The creator of that delectable balladry, Charles G. Leland, acquired a remarkable mastery of

the lingua franca of the East, and Sir Robert H. Douglas, whose knowledge of Chinese was second to none, declared that his "Pidgin-English Sing-Song" reproduced the tongue to perfection. Leland aimed at giving samples of all grades of "pidgin"—and they are many—and, as an essay in the higher or mandarin variety, translated "Excelsior:"—

That nighye-tim begin chop-chop, One young man walkey, no can stop, Maskee snow, maskee ice, He cally flag with chop so nice Top-side galow!
That young man die, one large dog see
Too Muchee bobbely findee he, He hand blong colo-all-same ice Hab got he flag with chop so nice Top-side galow!

#### AN ARTIST ADVENTURER PAINTING. IN TIBET AND MONGOLIA

Mr. Roland Strasser, an Austrain painter of European repute, has been showing his pictures of Mongolians and Tibelans at the Paterson Gallery, says the C. E. &. Telegraph.

Mr. Strasser's recent Journey to Tibet was fraught with perils. All he had besides his canvases and kit was a gnide of sorts and a word of advice to "Keep clear of the bigger cities."

"In both Tibet and Mongolia," he says, "It is most difficult to get the natives to sit, because they believe that a portrait places them at the mercy of evil spirits." Despite this, the artist contrived to get some lamas, Despite this, the artist contrived to get some lamas, soldiers, and even women, to waive their scruples. While he was completing one fine study of a lama, the chief lama bundled the artist, pack and baggage, out of the temple. Another lama, as soon as the portrait was finished, insisted on inscribing a prayer upon it, to ward off unfriendly spirits. A study of devil dancers was cut short by Mr. Strasser being foreibly ejected. The women, he could only get by going to the a lama first and obtaining his blessing on them. Without that they have considered it an evil thing.

His most startling adventures occured in Mongolia It is most starting adventures occurred in Mongolian and China. Immediately he crossed the Mongolian frontier he was arrested by soldiers, who suspected him of being a spy, taken to Urga, the capital and thrown into a filthy prison with twelve Russians. After six days in it he managed to get out through the efforts of the Russian Consul. After that, however, life was a torment. He was watched all the time, never allowed to move about freely, and forbidden to work.

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Crossing into China with his pictures in packing cases, he found himself in the thick of the Chang Tsolin and Feng Yu-hsiang fighting, but managed to get safely to Kalgan. Then followed a journey to Peking with the first train which had run there for eight months. The cattle truck in which he travelled was packed with soldiery, who robbed a peasant and flung him dead beside the track, and repeatedly intimated by gestures and glances that they thought it possible they might do the same thing with him. At Peking the worst happened. When he went to collect his packing cases he found they had been rifled of a few silver ornament souvenirs he had collected, and 180 of his precious pictures were smashed and ruined beyond precious pictures were smashed and ruined beyond redemption!



# ITERATURE

#### Japanese Flappers on the Kamakura Beaches

By J. H. Kerr.

The Hot season has hit Kamakura earlier than usual this year and the Tokyo and Yokohama flappers usual this year and the Tokyo and Yokohama flappers are out on the beaches in force. Each new summer is an advance on the last one in chic and dainty creations in the way of bathing costumes. "Lighter and less" would appear to be the sentiments that are animating Miss 1928 around 'Zaimokuza way this summer. Three quarter way open back, with the front down (and up) to the limit; is the thing this season. Tokyo's Ginza flappers are putting it over with a bang and the local Police have given them up as a bad job and ceased censoring. ceased censoring.

From amongst the youth and beauty on the sands it is easy to pick out the Tokyo Dance Hall girls from their deportment and calves, which, by the way, are now a days generally encased in high knee boots made now-a-days generally encased in high thee books much from silk in the same colour as the bathing costume. Often a sunshade of same tint and a long ivory eigarette holder completes the picture. It was Kimi-ko, the Nihonbashi artistes model, that set the fashion in the high silk boots. Kimi is credited with having the mgs silk boots. Kimi is credited with inving the most perfect female figure in the Japanese Empire and commands a wage of Yen 7.00 per hour while the artist boys are giving her the once over in "the altogether" and registering their impressions on canvas. She is said to work not less than eight hours a day. Middle of last month one of the vernacular papers came out with scare headlines to the effect that Kimi was going to pose for a Roumanian artist on the Kamakura beach "in the altogether" and it was emphasized that as it was ART, and, in the exercise of her profession as an artist's model; that no cop would dare to interfere.

#### Kimi Puts a Kink in Kamakura

The Scribe that put that in print ought to go down The Scribe that put that in print ought to go down to Kamakura and collect from the Restaurants and Ice Cream shops along the beach. He filled the sands with such a mob as has never before been seen there. Needless to say that most of these storks were in trowsers, although there was a big crowd of modern girls out to look over Kimi's magnificent figure and witness her hard neck. The paper said that Kimi would go over the top at 3 p.m. and long before that the beach was packed. A few minutes before zero a flivrer full of Police drove up and unloaded themselves along the sands and looked around as if expecting someone. Next thing that happened was the arrival of along the sands and looked around as if expecting someone. Next thing that happened was the arrival of a Ford Sedan in a whirl of dust, the door flew open and out tripped Kimi followed by "Boris from Bulgaria" in his velvet coat and big black tie. Kimi was dreesed in her knee high silk boots and around her amidships she wore a strip of pink Crepe-de-t hine. The cops were by this time buried in the seething crowd and they had elbowed their way towards the road, Kimi and her artist boy had jumped back into the flivver and were specing. "Home Jeames." She had put one over on the cops. For the past hour she had horrified the missionary crowd five miles down the beach at Zushi by posing on top of a rock, minus her beach at Zushi by posing on top of a rock, minus her boots and strip of Silk, while Boris smeared her all over his canyas. The show-up at Kamakura was only one

of her daring publicity stunts. An American theatrical man who is in Japan at present from New York to select a troupe of Japanese actresses for Broadway is credited with the intention of including Kimi in the bunch, if he does, he will fulfill his wish to stop the traffic on Broadway, that is, if he will only give Kimi a little of her pretty bobbed head.

#### Travelling Bathing Booths,

You never know what you'll see these days when a Sedan pulls up near the beach. The latest stunt amongst the Japanese flappers is to get into their beach. The girls are generally those of the Ginza ultra-modern set (where they spend their evenings is their own affair). They hire the sedan for the rest of the day and bring their own chaffeur, a boy after their own heart, and they see to it that he does not too offen consult his rear their own chaffeur, a boy after their own heart, and they see to it that he does not too often consult his rear view mirror whilst the transformation is taking place. A couple of weeks ago a motor cycle cop landed a couple of fish between Hayama and Kamakura at about 9 p.m. He plinted himself, after a smart chase, in front of a speeding Sedan and when he pulled the door open there were a couple of High School Jazz babies getting the last of their clothes off. The Sedan was headed for the beach right enough but the cop had probably at some time had "affairs" of his own. He paraded them in the Police Station in their two ounce bathing costumes and set the telephone to work to verify their story of Rich and Almighty Papas down Diplomatic Alley in Tokyo. The two flappers were quickly bowed out of durance vile and the driver warned "if he only so much as opened his" "mug."

#### What Shall we do With our Girls

Not so long ago it used to be, with harassed Papa, scratching around for a living, "what shall we do with our Boys." To-day his worries and responsibilities are doubled when he has also the girlies to place in careers. Formerly, cooking the rice and slapping scapsuds over a washtub in the backyard was the logical occupation for growing girls. Times have changed. They've quit marrying and Oka-san and the old man have simply got to find them a job of some sort.

#### The New Mannequins. Tickle and Slap.

Those Department Stores on the Tokyo Ginza that are specalizing in "Lighter & Less" for the beach parade have opened a new occupation for the smart kids with good figures and calves. To-day we have the Mannequin at large amongst the crowds of water nymphs. A close observer can quickly pick them out through their readiness to enter into conversation and tell about the other fine costumes in the shop where she through their readiness to enter into conversation and tell about the other fine costumes in the shop where she bought her's. The Stores insist on a smart make up with plenty of powder and lip stick and sometimes the other girls on the beach (generally the flat nosed dishwipers and students) form wrong impressions of

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#### This is the Correct Solution of

#### THE CHINA DIGEST MISSING WORDS COMPETITION

#### WHERE TO SPEND A HOLIDAY

Tsingtao is a superb holid y resort. It offers everything that an indulgent nature can bestow. Young pine trees that were planted during the German occupation and which were well cared for when the Japanese held the port are as yet but little affected by the destructive practices of Chinese settlers. Fine walks abound all over the hills where these fragrant pines grow, affording splendid views of the bay and coast to those who like to gaze upon an extensive panorama. The Hill tops are crowned by old dismantled German forts which are of interest to those who are concerned at all about the history of the place.

After a fine walk over the hills the splendid beaches offer themselves to the individual with aquation propensities, and here the water is always fresh and invigorating despite the warmth of the day, clear and colourful in the sun. The Strand Hotal is right on the most popular beach of all and affords every comfort and the most excellent cuisine, and the other hotel under the management of the Grand Hotels, Limited, is the Grand which is situated in the bay opposite the island which gives the port its name. Here there is a beach below a fine bunding which affords promenaders the quintescence of their desire. This hotel is as comfortable as the Strand, rooms possessing their own bath-rooms, and has a culinary department which gives the utmost satisfaction to the most fastidious epicure.

And the streets and the buildings,—these are unequalled anywhere is China so far as cleanliness and architectural excellence are concerned. It is hot, of course, in the summer, (where is it not hot in the Far East in the mid-year?), but it is always cool at night and breezes are more than frequent. Altogether the Riviera of the Far East offers holiday makers everything they may all want out of a holiday and more besides. There is no

Those who know the coast line of the gulf of Pechili which harbours several well known walering places need no description of the beauty that is its chief characteristic. Ruggedness is softened by soft sands and, in Tsingtao by trees which afford shelter and delight with the frangrance of their aroma. You who now fill in the words that are missing in these sentences may be the one who is to enjoy the splendid holiday afforded

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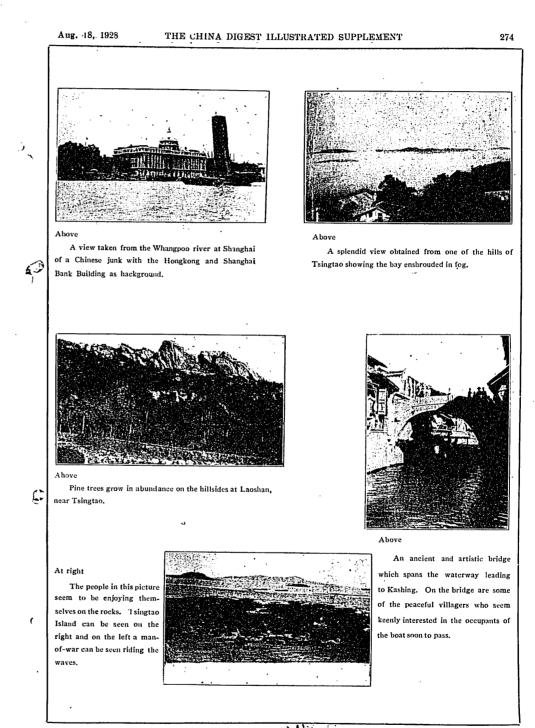
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### A New Competition to Commence in September

Our readers and contestants of the Missing Words Competition just concluded will be interested in learning that the success of this competition has encouraged us to inaugurate a new competition to commence in September and to end some time early in November. The first prize we shall offer will be something more substantial than a trip to Tsingtao, perhaps a motorcar, but of this we shall divulge particulars later.

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# A SHANGHAI NEWS-LETTER

Business people in Shanghai are greatly encouraged at the stand recently taken in Nanking by the delegation to the Minister of Industry, Commerce and Labour, Dr. H.II. Kung. Headed by the veterau Shipping magnate, Mr. Yu Ya-ching, the delegation submitted no less that a dozen memoranda on various industrial and commercial questions of vital importance to Chinese merchants and to the whole country. Grievances were fully aired and it was requested of the Minister that steps be taken as soon as possible to bring about relief measures. Minister Kung expressed his sympathy, and as a husiness man at one time himself fully understood the difficulties that had to be overcome. He promised every assistance.

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The case in which an American charged with attempting to kill his wife came to an end on Monday last when Judge Purdy sentenced Clifford C. Elrod, Tax Collector of the Shanghai Municipal Gouncil. to two years imprisonment at McNeill Island. Mrs. Elrod made au eloquent hut unavailing appeal for her husband.

Armed robbers in Shanghai must be getting greatly discouraged for in nearly every instance lately in which they have attempted robbery some one or two of the gang meet with death or are captured. A case this week in which two were shot dead by a Chinese Police sergeant who, with two policemen cornered the men after following them for some distance, adds to the losses in robber circles which must be putting a decided wet hlanket on the profession. The police are doing excellent work for which the community is no doubt duely pleased.

A strike of about three thousand employees of Chinese Drug stores in Shanghai occurred several days ago. They wanted increased wages, shorter hours and improved conditions generally on their work. Mediation is being attempted by the Chinese authorities.

The affairs of Whangpoo Conservancy Board are no longer to be submitted to Peking but to the Municipality of Greater Shanghai which, Mr. Wunsz King, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, must be kept regularly informed regarding the progress of conservancy matters. These, it is claimed, come within the scope of the numicipality.

Chinese boatmen are waiting patiently beside the Garden Bridge for another deluge of straw hats. A few mornings ago several men of the merchant marine were crossing the bridge, when one, not realising how the boatmen below would profit by his act, playfully tossed another's straw hat into the water. Before long straw hat any secretary who less than the straw hat the straw hat hat were scattered wholesale.

On Monday last the pickets of the anti-Japanese boycott committee continued to make seizures. About 500 pickets and members of local organiza-

The annual polo match between the representatives of Great Britain and the United States of America will be played off on Saturday at the Race Course. The trophy is the Comingham Cup which has been won hy Great Britain on two occasions and by America once. There always has been friendly rivalry to obtain possession of the coveted cup, which is held by Great Britain at the present time.

The Scots in Shanghai must have felt very proud of the way the 2nd Battalion of the Scots Guards and the 1st Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderes played the pipes on the Race Course last Wednesday Evening. The crowd which heard them was composed not only of Scots but of many different nationalities.

It seems that the Nationalist Government are determined not to let 'Dr. F. Ramondino sit at the Provisional Court. A compromise was arrived that Dr. F. Ramondino sat, not as an Italian Consular official, but as the Senior Consul's Deputy. When Mr. J. Van den Berg, who shares Room No. 6 at the Provisional Court with Dr. F. Ramondino arrived last Tnesday and found that Judge Kuh was not to appear on the plea of the room having been closed, Mr. J. Van den Berg went into the Court and ordered a remand in the cases that should have been heard. In some of the cases the police recommended that the accused persons should be let out on bail. In these cases Mr. J. Van den Berg simply wrote on the charge sheets, "Suggéstion of the Police endorsed," Judge Kuh says that the closing of the Room was due to the scarcity of Judges, whilst Dr. Ho Shilh-isung says that the room is to small for the amount of work which has to be done in it,

The affairs of the China Merchants Steam Navigation are at long last to receive the helpful attention of authority. For years and years the Company was mismanaged, as a matter of fact since control was taken out of the hands of the Canton group by the Ningpo crowd it has been going steadily from bad to wrose until now it owns and operates, when civil war does not prevent, a fiect of old ships which cost a good deal to maintain in sea-worthy condition, and a few fine river steamers built when foreign influence was more felt than it is today in the councils of the board of Directors. A comprehensive scheme for a fundamental reorganization of the company with a view to improv-

inquirles from foreign sources, to discard the old steamers which are more of a financial burden than an asset to the company, to get the Company semployees to regain and extend our shipping rights and to enable all grades of the Com-pany's employees to devote their atten-tion to their work is our purpose. "It is to be hoped that their endeavours in these directions will be successful.

learned that contrary to the usual summer situation, residences and apartments fulfilling modern requirements are completely filled and that monthly rentals are showing a tendency upward. In regard to building the publishers say that the month past has shown a continuation of the amount of building work that was the feature of the months of May and June.

ceremony which concluded ceremonial bows towards a Sun Yat-sen, Madame Hsian the wife of a former Comm Shanghai District christenee

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# **MISCELLANEOUS**

#### Notes Written in a Moment of Depression Consequent Upon My Return to England

BY BEVERLEY NICHOLS\*

(From "Now & Then")

The road of letters is heavily scored with ruts, and one of the deepest ruts of all has been formed by the wheels of an endless succession of English diarists on 'Have you read the latest Locke, Mrs. Higinbotton? Of their way home from America.

They chatter along the English lanes, noting the promiseuity of the primroses and the domesticity of the sheep. They trundle past ancient churches, and revel in their antiquity, they pause before the same inns and drink the same ale-not without a reference to bootleg gin. And so they arrive, by easy stages, in London, where they finish their last chapter as the chimes of Big Ben sound darkly through the night airs. And over and over again they write the same sentences, heaving a sigh of relief that they have returned from the ugly land of Main Streets to the serene beauties of England.

I like travelling in ruts, because it saves me a great deal of trouble. But this particular rut is one which I cannot follow. I have just returned from America myself and more than ever am I reinforced in my opinion that if Sinclair Lewis had been an Englishman and if he had placed his sensitive Carol Kennicott in almost any provincial town in England, he would have had a far greater scope for satire than he found in

How any Englishman can scoff at Main Street when he is within a day's journey of the esplanade at Bognor is, to me, a mystery. How he can point a finger of scorn at the hideousness of an American drugstore when he daily fills his motor-car at the terrifying petrol when he daily his his his his hotor-car at the terrilying petrol stations which stand, like monsters, along the high-roads of England, is yet another mystery. Nor do 1 understand how he can sneer at distant cafeterias when the odour of an English tea-shop is poisoning the air, nor complaint of strident American voices when the wail of Cockney English drifts down the wind, nor close wan of cocard languages and the volgarity of Atlantic City when the massed horror of Southend is ranged, like a silent witness, along the cliffs of . . . wherever it is ranged.

You see-I know both Main Streets pretty well. I was brought up in the atmosphere of what is known as the "British Riviera." Year after year I pressed my small (but straight) nose against iey windowpanes in June, watching the grey clouds eternally folding and unfolding, like waving hands, adove me. Year after year I went to parties where I was regarded as a freak because I perferred playing the piano to playing tennis. Year after year I walked through streets of unparalleled ugliness, past dreary shelters, filled with bluenosed morons, past rows of penny-in-the-slot machines filled morons, past rows of penny-in-the-slot mechines filled with damp and deadly sweetmeats, past white cinema palaces, which looked like lavatories, and respectable villas which looked like mausoleums. And I realized, with a chill in my hear that they were mausoleums-

\*Author of Twenly Five, Are The they Same at Home? etc...

nave you read the latest Locke, Mrs. Enginpotton: Of course it is said, but—''. No, Major Jewfish, there hasn't been another Edgar, Wallace since last week.'.

As a respite from this exhibitarating existence I had

my school—a typical Engish public school—the greatest Main Street in the world, run on Main Street theories to suit Main Street people, and suiting them excellently

Very well. If I have to choose between my two-Main Streets, I would take Gophir Prairie. Æsthetical: It between is little to choose between them: The only difference of which I am aware is that Gophir Prairie is alive while-the other place-is dead, And if I had to choose between Babbitt and the chief estate agent of the other place-I should choose Babbitt. other place-I should choose Babbitt,

Babbitt was a profound man. Babbitt was a charming man. Babbitt was-to me, at least-a romantic man—a fighter, crusader: I wish that England could be invaded by a horde of Babbitts. I should give them a free hand. I should let them tear down our railway stations, and put Ford motors into our bath-chairs, and paint our A.B.C. shops purple, and electrocute our headmasters, and hold religious revivals in our city churches, and cover the vileness of Regent Street with a whirl of glittering lights.

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#### FOREIGN MISSIONARY A BANDIT VICTIM

News was received last night by the Milau Mission here that another foreigner has fallen victim to the bandite. This is the Rev. Father George Frowis, Superior of the Southeatt Honan Missions, who was captured by the brigands about six o'clock on Monday evening at a place which is about only 20 li from Sinyangchow. The Rev. Father is about 70 years of age, he was born in Austria and has been thirty years doing missionary work at Chientong. He has held the position as Superior of the Southeast Honan Mission from 1923: Details of the outrage are being awaited anxiously. The victim is a well-known figure at Sinyangchow for it was largely through his instrumentality that the seige of the place two years ago was lifted. News was received last night by the Milau Mission

The capture of Father Frowis is only illustration of the utter chaos into which Honan bas fallen. The district in question is under Yueh Wei-chin's forces and these pay no attention to the rights of others, not to say foreigners. Practically all mission property is occupied and the countryside is crushed under military occupied and the countryside is crushed under military taxation. It so happened the other day that an attempt was made to levy one of these on the Bishop of south Honan, whose palace is outside Nanyangfu. The imposition was resisted with the result that the magistrate has been sending out runners to try and apprehend the Bishop or one of the foreign fathers to stand trial before him in the city. Thus not only is there an attempt being made to confiscate foreign property by filling the houses with soldiers, who refuse to clear out, but the rights of extraterritoriality are gnored. C. C. Poet.

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the daintily dressed highstepper. Generally it is "Aral Tomi-chan, asko" "meti. Daijobu......." ("Oh! my. The yulgar slutt. Betch'er life that bird never bought "her fine feathers")

With the decline in favour of pug noses and black teeth the Modern Beauty Parlour is being well patronized, especially near the beach resorts. The slim craze is here, as it is everywhere else. When the girls were content to hentoe around in wooden geta and girls were content to hentoe around in wooden geta and loose Kimonos, "forty above zero" did not matter much but it don't get by in an eighteen inch sheath skirt. The waistline's got to come down. Food fads are the order of the day, generally it is a seaweed breakfast with a mouthful of weak tea. A boiling hot bath follows a massage that would make some girls think they had been through a rough house fight. No false modesty about the girls in Kamakura when they take the slab in the Beauty joint. And her masseur! He's usnally been one of those guys who was a back scrubber in a bath honse before and he's not encumbered with any unnecessary clothes that will prevent the laying on of hands. The rougher the fist the quicker the fat flies. Giv'er Gas.

#### LONGING FOR MORNING!

#### A Talk To The Sufferer From Insomnia

With what satisfaction you have retired after a particularly fatiguing day! "A good night's rest and I shall be as fresh as a daisy in the morning," you say to yourself. But sleep refuses to come. The hours seem interminable as you toss and turn longing for slumber, and your brain works as if on wheels, puzzling out problems, magnifying troubles, giving you no rest or peace. May be more than once in the night you rise in despair and look at the clock, longing for daylight to appear.

What is the cause of these attacks of insomnia? What is the cause of these attacks of insomniar The answer is to be found by studying for a brief while the condition of your general health. You have felt tired and dispirited during the day, work has been a trouble, people have seemed vexatious, you have not found enjoyment either in food or recreation. The fact thus becomes obvious that because of overwork, worry, need of a rest and change, or some other reason you have drained almost to the limit your reserve of nervons energy.

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#### Items About China People

Mr. A. M. Chapelain, Postal Commissioner at Hankow, has been created Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur by the

Mr. and Mrs. Randall Gould, now at Manila, have written friends in Peking telling of the arrival of a baby daughter. Mr. Gonld formerly was Peking United Press correspondent.

The death is announced in Hankow of Mrs. Walter C. Jenkins who died very suddenly on the morning of August 3, at the International Hospital.

Mr. R. A. S. Waters of Peking is entering the service of The China Electric Co. Ltd. and will be leaving Peking next month to take up his new duties.

By mntual agreement the partnership between H. St ir Smallwood and R. A. S. Waters in Peking will be terminsted as and from the 31st day of August 1928.

Mr. J. V. A. MacMurray and Mrs. MacMurray and their family have left Peking for a trip to the Diamond Mountains in Korea, says the "N. C. Standard".

News has been received from New York of the death of Mrs. N. S. Marshall, formerly of Shanghai, who has been known by her triends to have been in poor health for several

Mr. Albert Pullen, late of the Works Dept., Customs, has returned to Shanghai as general manager of Associated Agencies (Far East) Ltd., a new company operating a number of agencies in building materials and engineering products.

His Majesty the King of Gt. Britain has approved the appointment of the Hon. Mr. B. D. F. Beith, to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. W. E. L. Shenton.

Mr. Charlton Thorne, of The Ridge, Petersfield, Hants, for 36 years in the Chinese Customs Service, who died on January 27, left estate of the gross value of £63,369, with net personalty £58,803.

Havley Morriss, of Pippingford Park, Sussex, who was sentenced to three years' imprisonment at Lewes Assizes on December 17, 1925, was released from Pentonville Prison on July 19, having by good conduct earned full remission marks.

People who remember Mr. Henry Kittredge Norton when he was in China or who know him through his interesting writings on China will be interested in learning that he is now associate editor of that well known American publication, "World's Work".

On August 3 at Tsingtao a popular wedding took place between Miss ("Bobby") Dorothy Gertrude King, daughter of Mr. H. F. King (British Consul at Tsingtao) and Mrs. King, to Mr. Wilfrid Pryor, of the Kailan Mining Administration,

Among the crowd of pleasure seekers on the Thames on July 21 Lord Bingham was to be seen endeavouring to manipulate a sampan lately brought from Shanghai by one of the officers in the Coldstream Guards. Lord Bingham, who is Lord Lucan's son, not being an expert, was prudently wearing a bathing costume.

Mr. Essson M. Gale, late of the Chinese Government Salt. Administration, has been appointed lecturer in Oriental languages and chairman of the Department at the University of California, During the past year Mr. Gale conducted conrses in the history of China at the University of Michigan, from which institution he obtained his degree of Master of Arts in 1908, proceeding upon appointment to the Americau Legation at Peking as a student interpreter.

Sir Robert William Buchanan Jardine, who died at Castlemilk, Dumfries, on January 30, last year, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$5.634,200 while other estates amount to

The will directs that a legacy of £50,000, free of duty, be paid to Lady Jardine and that, during her life, she shall receive an annuity of £20,000, in addition to an annuity of £1,000 by a contract of marriage. The trustees are also directed to hold the sum of £100,000 sterling, free of duties, for his daughter. Mrs. V. M. F. Buchanan Jardine (or Peel) and to pay to her the income.

The death is announced of Mrs. F. C. Banham, which occurred at Bournemouth on August 11, after a long and ainful illuess

Mrs. Banham, who was the wife of the manager and director for the Far East of Messrs. Wilkinson, Heywood and Clark, was compelled by ill-health to remain in England after she went home in 1921 to take her son to school, and although it was hoped that she would be able to return to Shanghai with Mr. Banham when he was home about two years ago, 'Mrs. Ranham's health was such as to make this impossible

The late Mrs. Banham was socially a very active woman until her health broke down, and was specially popular among musical people. She also identified herself with charitable work in Shanghai, and was a keen participant of British women's activities on behalf of service-

A large circle of friends will extend their sympathy to Mr. Banham, his daughter, Mrs. H. H.-Lennox, of Hongkong, and Master Bruce Banham, who is at school in England.

By permission of the Warden and Fellows of New College Oxford, a tablet was dedicated on July 23 in the cloisters of Oxford, a tablet was declared on July 25 in the colleges of the nemory of Frank Basil Riley. Mr. Riley was Special Correspondent of "The Times" in China and disappeared from Chengchow, Honan, on July 23 last year. Inquiries left no doubt that he was murdered on the morning of his disappearance. Various Chinese at Chengchow agreed in saying that he was killed by Feng Yu-hsiang's soldiers. The menorial tablet is inscribed with his degrees and his war service, and leaves it on record that "his friends remember him as fearless in the cause of righteousness and unfailing in daily kindness."

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First Sergeant Bertram Follansby, fortysix years in and with the army and one of the heroes of the capture of the Forbidden City in Peking during the Boxer uprising of 1901, has left Governors Island, retired both as a soldier and a civil service employe.

For twenty years he served with Battery F of the 5th Field Artillery, better known as Reilly's Battery, in honor of its commander, Captain Henry J. Reilly, who died in Follansby's arms while his field pieces barked atop the Peking wall. Major-General Charles P. Summerall, now chief of staff, was

a Lieutenant in the battery. Follansby enlisted as a cavalryman in 1882 and rode after Anaches with the rest of the old 4th Cavalry for five years. The rest of his service was with Battery F. Since 1909 he has been on duty at Governors Island as a civil service employe. Now 64, he is going to Elmira to spend the remainder of his days with two married daughters.

Mr. George B. Cressey, Professor of Geology at Shanghai College, who left Shanghai early in June at the head of a party organized to investigate the strata of certain Mongolian districts, has returned to Shanghai, after a number of exciting experiences. The party did not achieve their objective, having been restrained by bandits in the neighbourhood of Paotowchen. Much scientific data of interest, however, was

In the wonderful new home which she is designing for herself Mrs. Arthur McGrath (Rosita Forbes), explorer, big-game hunter, lecturer and novelist, includes a Chinese room where the curtains are never drawn. At night arclights shine as in China, and the effect is always as of sunshine. The roon s also lit by four innettes and two standard lamps—placed leither side of tie green marble mantelpiece—and made from bedposts from the Imperial Palace in Peking. Red lacquer chairs with tarnished gold seats and a black lacquer table and sideboard furnish the room.

The decease has occurred at The Hague, at the age of 72, of Jhr. R. A. J. van Citters, former Dutch Minister in Peking. Jhr. van Citters completed his studies at Leyden University, and in 1837 entered the Department for Foreign Affairs. After occupying the post of Attache at Paris and Berlin, he became Secretary of the Legation at Rome in 1894, and afterwards at Vienna in 1895. In 1899 he was appointed Counsellor of Legation at Berlin. In 1933 he was appointed Minister to Peking, from which post he retired in 1908. Jhr. van Citters was Knight in the Order of the Netherlands Lion, and Officer of the Oranje Nassau Order. He was also the recipient of

#### WOMEN FORCED TO UNBIND THEIR LILY FEET IN PUBLIC

Old-fashioned women in Pingku Hsien, a district in the province of Hopei, are up in arms against members of the district Kuomintang because they halt them on the streets and force them to take away their foot bandages. These the members carry to the headquarters of the party, and make a public bonfire of them on every Sunday.

The women say that they have no objection to unbinding their feet, but that they cannot stand the humiliation of doing this in public. "They do not respect our feelings," one of the representatives of the gentler sex complained.

In case a woman refuses to unbind her feet she

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#### MOTORCAR AND MOTORCYCLE PRICES IN SHANGHAI

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For the benefit of our readers who will be convenienced by seeing at a glance what motorcars and cycles cost in Shanghai Taels we have pleasure in printing hereunder prices we have obtained from the various agents. Prospective purchasers will be able to make comparisons and for the many details they will wish to have they can approach the distributers.

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9. Hb	sedan		,,	1,600.00
11 HP	touring			1,800,00

Prices of other makes of cars will appear in If tage a woman to the rule, that will be subject to a heavy fine.

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"Responsions (made far more impressive than mere entrance exams by virtue of their name), responsions in the grim, solemnly responsions in the grim, solemnly paraded examination schools where the sight of owlish done swathed in flowing gowns did more to carry on the terror I had felt the first day than any mere examinations, came into this first impression," she says. "I re-member well the little slips of paper with their printed directions as to costume for responsions.

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"The American in me rebelled I wore a green necktie and with trembling knees and defiant chin

"The hour boomed out, reverberating and resounding around our heads. Slowly figures of dons were set in motion, distributing paper and questionnaires, blotters and low-ried time." ters, and low-voiced direction I shivered, waiting for the moment when the don would approach my desk, and notice the heretie in the throng. Would he come behind me and overlook the green tie? Or would he walk at me accusingly from the front and point

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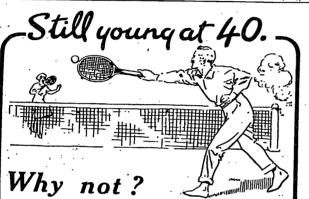
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chosen victims.

"The fates were kind. The don I had hoped for, ruddy of face and snowy haired, approach-ed my desk from the rear. He ed my desk from the rear. He laid the papers on my table. I waited, almost patiently. First he drew his-prows together and scowled at my tie. I know my lips quivered. Then creases came around his eyes and a smi touched his mouth just faintly.

"So you are still rebels,' he said, and passed on."

Does Increase in Church Membership Mean Anything?

The Reverend John Richelsen, pastor of the Kenmore Avenue Presbyterian Church of Buffalo, is skeptical concerning increased church membership as a basis for

In an article "What's Happen-ing in protestantism?" in the July Scribner's Magazine, he

says:
"If becoming a church-member meant the same thing, or anywhere near the same thing as becoming a Christian; this age is undoubtedly a saintly one, for nearly every denomination is making noteworthy additions to the number of adherents. Churchthe number of adherents. Church membership is to-day the best-sold commodity in America More people join churches between Christmas and Easter between Christmas and Easter than there are hotdogs sold between the 4th of July and Labor Day. And why not? Nobody now bothers with the inconvenience of getting converted before joining a church, especially in the cities. Nothing could possibly fluster a metropolitan church so much as to have some one catch religion in it. That would be like having a Bolshevik join the Manufacturer's Association. It isn't being done. Also there are no initiation fees Also there are no initiation fees in joining a church. There are no dues, or collect them if you can. The easiest way to get rid of church people and forget all about the church is to join one."

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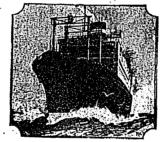


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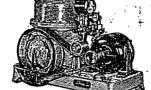
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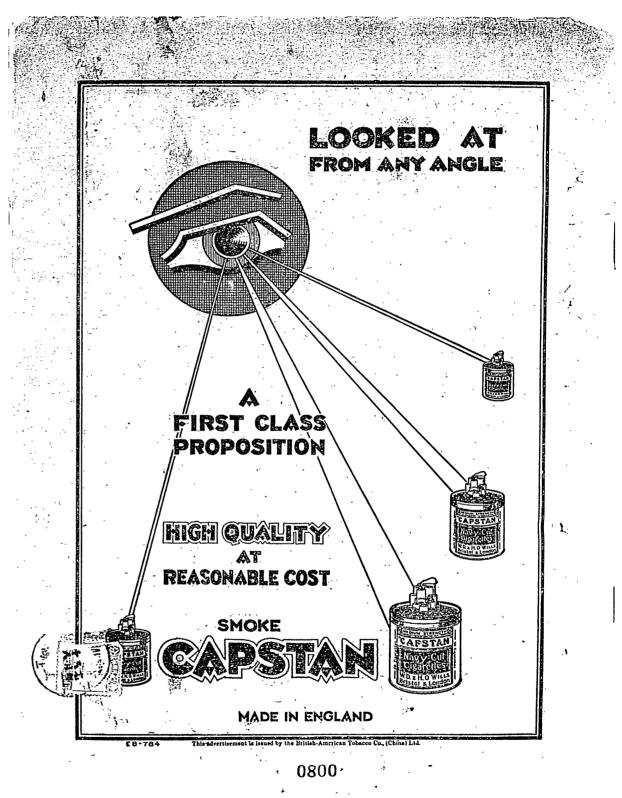
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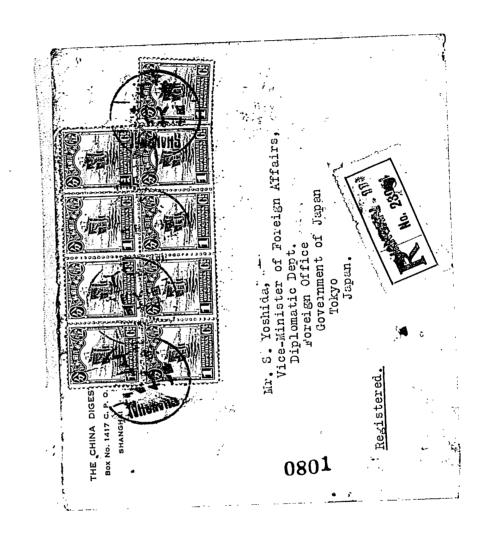
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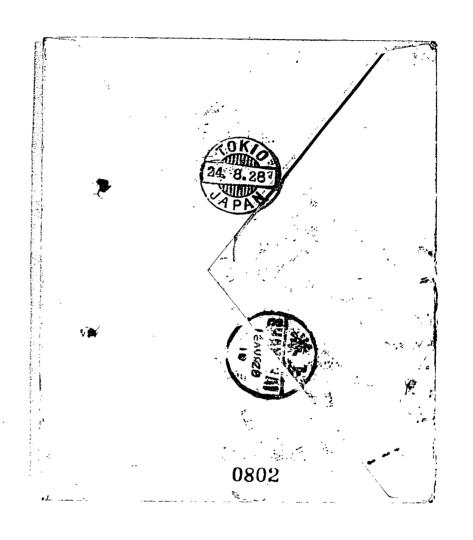
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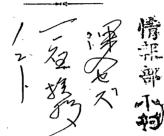




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As a firm believer in the influence of the great Powers over smaller nations because of the benefits that accrue to all concerned by the development of their natural resources and their industries, I am influenced to the support of the progressive activities of Japan in Manchuria.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Yours respectfully,

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