ALPHABET LOST IN CHINALAND

The New Phonetic Alphabet Would Do Away With Most of Chinese Chaotic Ideographs.

(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 17.—The complete reorganization of the language of 400,000,000 persons, approximately one-third of the world's population, by the substitution of a new phonetic alphabet of 40 symbols to replace the 40,000 chaotic ideographs now used, and the wiping out of precedents more than 5,000 years old is the gigantic task being undertaken by an American firm in order to open up a new and limitless field for its business.

The country is China and the American firm is the Mergenthaler Linotype company, which found it impossible to adopt the 40,000 Chinese ideographs to the linotype machine.

No over-night conversion of China is anticipated by the American organization, according to F. C. Van Schaick, managing agent of the San Francisco office of the Mergenthaler company who has just returned from an extensive trip through China in connection with the new phonetic alphabet.

"The young Chinese are being taught the new phonetic alphabet in the schools under government control and in the mission institutions," said Mr. Van Schaick. "The name of the new phonetic alphabet is Chu Yin Tzu-mu, and it is through the teaching of this system to the younger generation we hope to arrive at our goal. The new alphabet today is the recognized medium of intercourse in the Mandarin-speaking provinces.

"The idea is not original with the Mergenthaler company. Individual altruists have blazed the trail for the last three or four decades. When China became a republic in 1912, a body was convened in Peking, upon government initiative, to consider the subject of a phonetic alphabet of the Chinese language to the end that a common pronounciation might further education. While written or printed Chinese means the same anywhere to any Chinaman who can read, Chinese as spoken in one province may be unintelligible in another.

"We have been largely instrumental in keeping this work alive, and Miss B. Hoare, in our Brooklyn, N. Y., headquarters, has worked exclusively on the simplification of the Chinese language for the last five years.

"Dr. Sun Yat-sen, deposed president of South China, who has just returned to Canton to again assume charge of the southern republic's affairs, is one of the strongest advocates of the new phonetic alphabet. Dr. Sun originally planned to bring the five provinces of South China together for the universal adoption of Chu Yin Tzu-mu and when he has regained full control in South China, he says, he will carry out this plan as one of his first measures.

"In the meantime, we must educate the young Chinese and teach him the new alphabet. Then, in comparatively few years the press of China may be printed with the 40 characters instead of 40,000 and if the older Chinese cannot read it, the younger generation will be able to read it to them.

PARDONS ARE EXPLAINED BY ROY W. RITNER

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consideration as amounting to anything.

The newspapers which have been criticising me in this pardon business have refrained from also publishing the recommendations from numerous judges, district attorneys, sheriffs and juries who made recommendations for pardons and parsoles. They have also consistently refrained from giving out the information that most of the men released were men who were without friends or influence and who were probably more entitled to pardons than some of those who had friends to intercede for them, or money with which to pay some attorney a fee.

Quite a number of the men whom I set free were ex-service men who had good records overseas. One was a young boy whose right arm was blown off in the Argonne. One was a man whom the immigration officers wanted to deport to Germany. Several were boys under the age of twenty, whom the warden considered too young to be thrown in with hardened criminals.

Mr. Hodgins intimates that I was elected president of the senate by "log rolling and trading off appointments on committees." This time he is more than fifty per cent wrong. The editor of the Observer, who was a member of the senate at the time I was elected president of that body well knows that I was elected without making a promise of a committee appointment and received all but my own vote.

The people of this state have twice turned down the measure to create the office of lieutenant governor and passed by a large vote the measure making the president of the senate successor to the governor. No man big enough to fill the governorship would waste his time running for lieutenant governor. When you consider that such men as Fulton, Simon, Bowerman, Selling and Thompson has filled the chair of president of the senate, it is silly to say that the senate cannot produce men big enough to fill the governor's chair.

Yours truly,
ROY W. RITNER.

FIRST GLIMPSE OF ELEVATORS

(By The Associated Press)

TUCSON, Ariz., Mar. 17.—Tucked away in the hills, near Twin Buttes, thirty miles from Tucson, there is a thriving little community of farmers numbering three families. A rural school has been established there for the seventeen children of these families.

During a talk recently by the teacher, mention was made of the postal card. The remark was met with openeyed curiosity. Questioning revealed the fact that the postal card had never entered their world. Further conversation led, logically, modern conveniences called the elevator. This was too much. These lovable mountain children could not grasp the idea of an entire room being moved up and down, with people in it.

The result was a personally conducted excursion to Tucson, by the upper grades of the school, involving seven children in all, under the guidance of the teacher. The children were taken to the University of Arizona on a street car, then taken through the museum, after which they were shown a postal card. Then came the supreme climax and theirs of the tour—a dizzy ride in a real elevator!

This ended their pilgrimage to the city of strange sights, and the children were safely returned to their mountain home with memories that will gladden their young hearts for years to come.

When You're Right

Suit styles are many this season, but the chosen models are three-piece suits with box or blouse coats. Very rich trimmings are in vogue. Coats are frequently embroidered with a contrasting color. [illegible]

SIERRA BUNGALOWS

(By Associated Press)

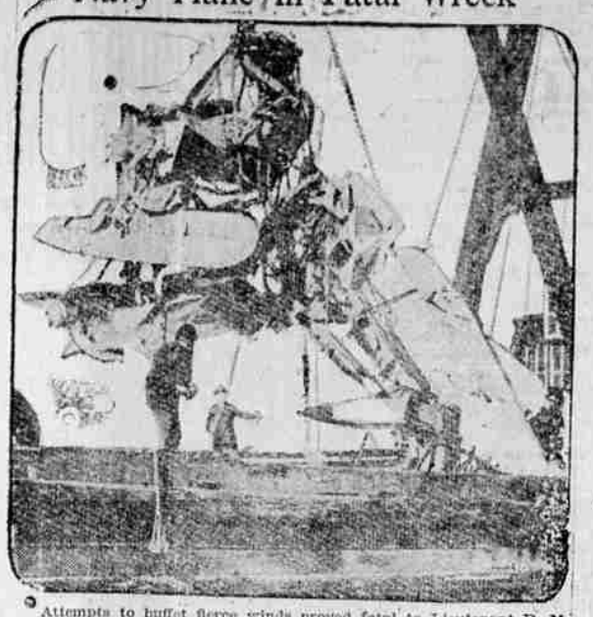
FRESNO, Cal., Mar. 17.—A power corporation, whose activities center in the high Sierras, has supplanted tents and wooden houses of the construction period, hastily thrown up, with modern hollow tile—bungalows costing $10,000 each. These houses, situated on the Kerkhoff lake, are equipped throughout with the latest of electric cooking, heating and lighting appliances and their architecture is of varying design. A wood burning range with fuel supplied ready cut, is an added convenience.

Other conveniences are furnished by the corporation, such as ice during hot months, screen porches and a spacious community garage with separate stalls, a wash room and repair shop.

The bachelors were not forgotten either. They have a large building equipped with the latest in bathing facilities, an immense screen porch and modern electrical appliances.

These homes are available only for employes.

Navy Plane in Fatal Wreck



Attempts to buffet fierce winds proved fatal to Lieutenant R. M. Farrar, naval aviator, and S. F. Sullivan, mechanic, when their seaplane, wreckage of which is shown above, plunged into the Delaware river below Philadelphia Navy Yard.

BALKS DIALECT ENGLISH PLAN

MANILA, P. I., Mar. 17.—Vice-Governor E. A. Gilmore, who ex-officio is secretary of public instruction of the Philippines, is opposed to the plan proposed in a bill introduced in the legislature to teach English in the public schools by the use of Philippine dialect or through an indirect method. In a statement presented to the senate committee of public instruction which is holding hearings on the bill, Vice-Governor Gilmore says to change the direct method of teaching to an indirect method now would be to lose a great deal of the progress already made.

"With regard to the bi-lingual method, I have carefully considered all the material bearing on the subject and regard it as pedagogically unsound, especially in the Philippines," he said. "Its adoption would not improve the instruction in English, but, on the contrary, would produce a very confused and unsatisfactory condition in the schools. The indirect or translation method of teaching a foreign language is highly impracticable, especially in the Philippines where there is such a large number of dialects, many of which do not have a vocabulary commensurate with the foreign tongue being taught. From personal experience in learning a foreign language to others, I am convinced that the most rapid and effective method is the direct one.

"During my stay in the Philippines I have been in forty-three out of the forty-nine provinces and have visited hundreds of schools. In these schools I have paid particular attention to the teaching of English. As a result of my observation, I say, without hesitation, that it is remarkable the extent to which English is used throughout the islands and the facility which the school children display in expressing themselves in this tongue; and all this has been accomplished in a little more than twenty years. The people are acquiring a common tongue. Even though it may not be perfect, idiomatic English, well pronounced, it is English which is generally understood and affords a common medium of communication.

BURNING WATER IS NEW POWER

(By Associated Press)

OAKLAND, Calif., Mar. 17.—Rachele Jacuzzi, of this city, believes he has perfected a device to make water burn. The device yields a flame with a temperature higher than that of the average welder's torch. The water burns in it much the same as household gas, the inventor says.

"Water is fed into a small coil and heated by a gas flame," explained Mr. Jacuzzi. "This latter flame converts the water into steam at first. Toward the end of the coil the temperature has increased to such a point that the water has been converted to a gas and when augmented by a small flame of acetylene, or other inflammable gas, burns with an intense heat.

Behind the water burning process, says the inventor, is the idea to do away with the gasoline motor for airplanes. This, he says, will eliminate the weight of the motor, radiator, and other mechanism on a plane, and apply the power developed from the device directly to the propellor. The gases, whose combustion bring about the rotation of the propellor, are led to the tips of the propellor through tubes, these gases being planned to produce the reactionary effect after combustion in appropriate nozzles. Jacuzzi has constructed a small airplane propellor which works out his principles, he says.

BRITISH TRADE

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Feb. 19. (By Mail).—Sir Montague Barlow, the minister of labor, struck an optimistic note on the prospects of a revival in trade when speaking recently in Birmingham.

"I do begin to see a little daylight," he said. "There are indications that we are weathering the storm. Frankly I do not want the process to be too rapid. If it were I would be afraid that it was merely effervescent. Improvement is going on steadily in a manner which makes me hopeful. No one can tell what the effect of certain political changes on the continent may be, but apart from that it seems that we are climbing the hill steadily and, although the way is hard, we shall safely reach the summit."

The retailers of England also feel hopeful as to the future.

"A state of hope for better things rather than actual fulfillment is virtually the position of trade today," is the way the retailers associations sums up the retailers point of view of the trading outlook. It is added, however, that the optimistic feeling bids fair to be translated into business in the early future.

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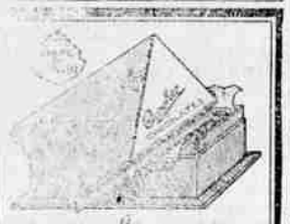

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