

WHAT IS WHAT IN CHINA

Conditions as Seen by Chinese Student at Willamette University Are Given in Essay

John Tsai, a Chinese student at Willamette university, has written an article stating clearly and boldly the situation in China at the present time from the viewpoint of the Chinese. Mr. Tsai is a junior at the university, and is majoring in philosophy and sociology. He plans to study at Columbia university after he has completed his course here, and upon completing his studies there, he plans to return to China to take an active part in shaping the political and diplomatic affairs of his country. Following is the Chinese viewpoint as expounded by Mr. Tsai:

From a stage of isolation and tranquility, that has existed for more than three thousand years, China has been thrown into international entanglements and has been exposed to foreign aggressions. So, entangled and so victimized by aggressions, she can only breathe miserably. For whenever she starts to murmur at wrongs done her or appeal for justice denied her, immediately she finds herself arrested, shot down in the back and threateningly reminded of her obligatory protection of foreign life and property—arrested, shot, and reminded by the so-called "Christianized" and "civilized" nations. With her faith in the West thus paralyzed, she questions the trustworthiness of the confession of the Christian nations, preaching, teaching, annexing territories, and securing unfair treaties.

For was it not by the military efficiency of the Western traders that China was forced open to commerce? Again, was it not by force that China yielded to the international scramble for concessions?

Thus unprepared militarily to check the Western tide of aggressions, China wonders whether she should follow the example of the advanced nations by equipping herself with a strong army and navy. Or, self-preservation or whether she should take the initiative to make more effective thus far the much preached Christian principles by resorting to peaceful means for solutions of problems affecting her. Upon this choice that is to be made between the only alternatives depends much of the future of the world. For it is incredible that the Chinese people, outnumbering the population of any single nation of the world, equaling other peoples in mental capacity, surpassing them in physical endurance, and having an ethical culture when the West just barely entered the pale of civilization, should remain dominated and exploited forever. The reaction is inevitable.

China "Disturbed" Rather Than

Disturbing. The long enjoyed unfair treaties have developed in the foreign residents in China a certain psychopathic condition that always manifests itself in an exaggerated manner whenever moral justification is demanded of such treaties. Instead of giving the facts as they are, these privileged psychopathic foreigners exaggerate a bare industrial awakening and a peaceful national aspiration for justice as something alarming, something threatening their very life and property—a real red campaign and an anti-foreign outbreak. But, what an absurdity this psychopathic manifestation is when viewed in the light of concrete, historic facts!

About "four scores and seven years ago," to use the expression of Abraham Lincoln, England, then as now, by virtue of her na-

val strength, "disturbed" and victimized China by sapping out of the unfortunate portion of the Chinese people both their mental and physical vitalities and more-over by annexing territories and imposing indemnities when the Opium trade ripened into the Opium War. Forty years or so later, France, following England, both in aggression and in military operation enlarged her colonial empire at the expense of China's dependencies and territories. Thus, again was China "disturbed" and victimized.

But this was just the beginning. Following England and France, came Japan, Russia, Germany, and a lot of other aggressive and military nations, impairing her sovereignty and threatening her integrity.

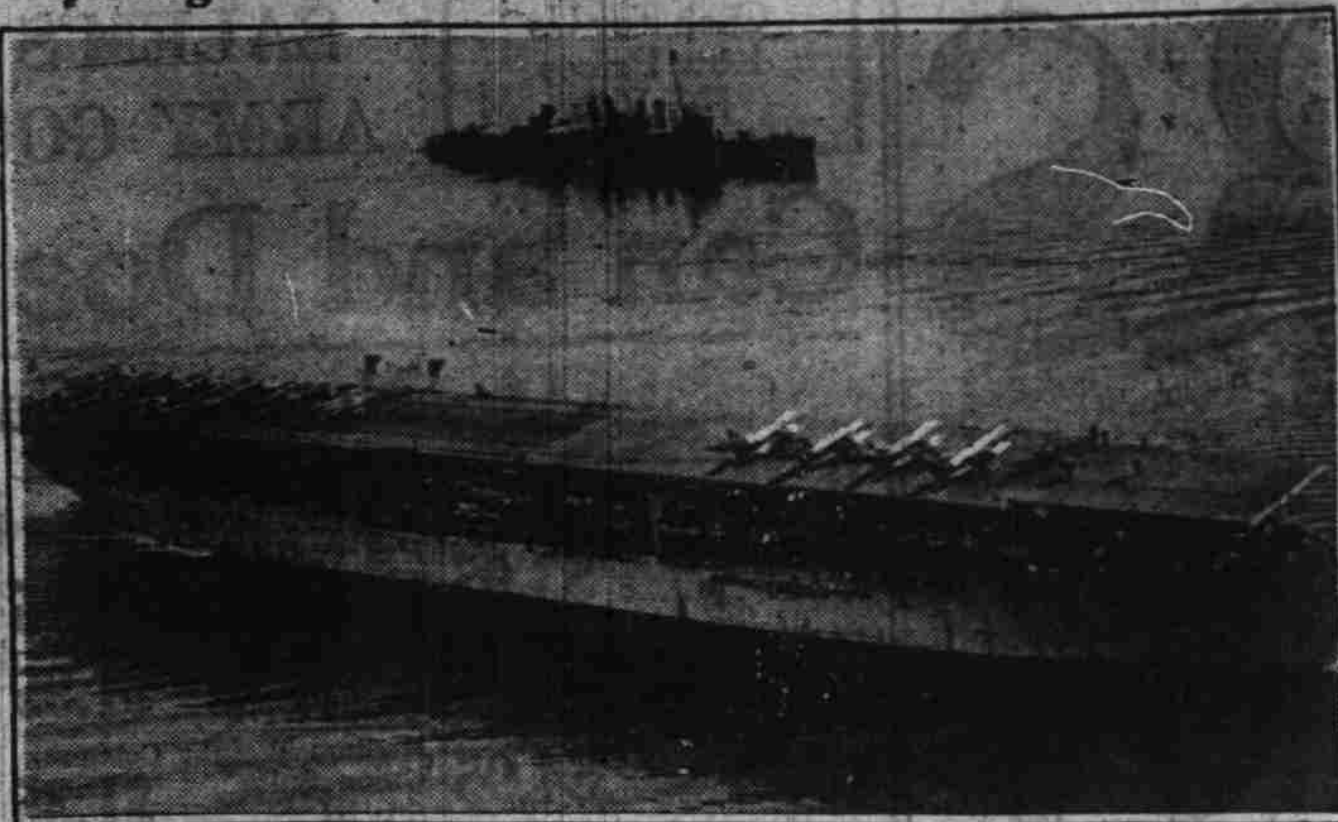
Even the Boxer Uprising, including the siege of the Legations and the persecution of the missionaries, was to be justified in the sense that the foreign interferences, intrusions and encroachments—imposed on the 400,000,000 people and almost casting an ever darkened future on the fate of them all—were more inconsiderate, more inhuman, and more unjust than the uprising which affected at most a few thousand foreigners and which lasted at most a few months! Balancing the 400,000,000 against the few thousand people and balancing the who future against a few months, who, then, can we say were "disturbed" and victimized?

After this epoch-making uprising, all seems to have quieted down for awhile, but only so to burst out more furiously and more disastrously. On Memorial Day of this year, as a protest against the brutal treatment of the Chinese strikers and against the actual killing of one by some Japanese mill owners, and as an appeal to the reason and sympathy of the world to justice, hundreds and thousands of students and laborers paraded on the streets of Shanghai. But instead of justice, that parade and a few subsequent later ones cost hundreds of Chinese lives and hundreds of wounded ones when a one-sided battle was fought between the foreign police armed with rifles and justifying their shooting on the "never-threatened" order and the unoffending Chinese paraders armed only with souls yearning for their rights of life! Thus, again balancing souls against rifles and right against might, who can say were "disturbed" and victimized?

The Clash of Cultures. Besides this clash of national and economic interests as manifested in a series of "disturbances" and victimizing processes, there has been going on in China another clash of cultures so to speak which, though hitherto unnoticed, is becoming more and more extensive in its scope. This cultural clash results either from the cultocratic attitude of the West toward the East or from the former's ignorance or false faith that there is such a thing as the Eastern culture.

Since the expansion of Europe into America, Africa and Australia, the West, encountering many a race but meeting none equal in its culture, has long regarded itself as the only undisputed possessor of civilization and has long closed its mind against the achievements of any other race that it might encounter from then on. Even its missionaries, with all the noble motive and all the sympathetic spirit that they can possibly have, not infrequently find themselves possessed by a preconceived

Congress to Be Asked for More Plane Carriers



Advocates of a huge American air fleet are marshaling forces for a drive in the new congress for increased appropriations for the air service, in the face of President Coolidge's economy drive. More airplane carriers is one plank in the program. This is a new photo of the U. S. S. Langley, first U. S. plane carrier, showing her in the Pacific with 14 planes on the take-off deck.

sense of pity on the so-called "poor, ignorant, heathen Chinese." Unfortunately, this pitiful attitude toward the culture of the people to whom the missionaries are devoting themselves wins no respect and gratitude, but only indifference and pugnacity instead.

Undoubtedly, some Chinese are prejudiced, but even more so are the great mass of the Euro-Americans. Satisfied with their own philosophies of life and refusing to look beyond the limits of their own history, these average Westerners "don't want to know" nothing about any Chinese history, philosophy, art, statecraft, or religious literature.

But this is a pathological attitude and it tends to broaden the gap of misunderstanding and to intensify the hostility engendered from this gap. The world is an economic unit, so is it a cultural one. No longer can there be any isolation of cultures; no longer can there be any paradox, such as "West is West and East is East!" But rather there must be a more conscious exchange of the best culture that each has developed out of its own peculiar environment. To the American alertness, the English breadth, the German depth, and the French acuteness, there must be added the Chinese ethical sagacity and the Indian religious subtlety. Also to the materialistic naturalism of the West, the inevitable consequence of the exact sciences, there must be added the human naturalism of the Chinese, the intimacy of the human with the natural. For only so will a world culture be possible and only so will that culture be richer, more vital, and more beneficial to mankind.

Nation-Wide Movement Not Anti-Foreign

While the present movement is directed against foreign injustice made possible by the "unequal treaties," by no means is the movement anti-foreign. In its broader phase, it includes as its purpose far greater ones than the mere removal of such treaties. It is the creative spirit of the Chinese people—so long recuperating after periods of brilliant expression—bursting out again to revive and enrich the intellectual and religious forces of the past. For this, the movement is called "The New Tide," bringing with it an irresistible force and being itself pushed ever onward by the inexhaustible resources of the ocean of one race. The now-attempted removal of the unequal treaties which form the basis of foreign exploitation and injustice is but one of the many phases of the new tide.

The most outstanding achievement of the new tide is perhaps the linguistic revolution. Far more important than the political one, this process of revolutionizing the unusually difficult classic language in which have been written the best philosophy, literature, and religious experience of the past has unveiled to the general public an immense cultural wealth that has held China together when other nations have been appearing and disappearing on the stage of history and has standardized the common speech as the recognized language of thought and of all intellectual activities.

Not dogmatically unveiling the past heritage for a wholesale acceptance, the new tide has ushered in a remarkably scientific spirit, challenging every tradition—literary, political, social, religious, or ethical—and attacking every form of authority and every accepted standard until a sound rational basis is given for its existence.

No elements of western culture and not even of organized Christian institutions are to be passed unchallenged. Instead of asking for instruction in Christian theology, in stead of relying on religious rituals, and instead of asking for help by affiliating with this or that denomination, the urge of this scientific spirit has sent hundreds and thousands of the best minds of China to directly knock at the door of Jesus, asking for His great and lofty personality, and His rich and warm affection.

Further than this, the new tide has awakened and inspired the youth of China, in time of any political, diplomatic, or social crisis, to render China the most appropriate and the most sacrifi-

CAPITAL POST IS READY FOR CORPS

Horde of Legionnaires Expected in City Monday for Drum Competition

Committees of the local Legion post, Capital No. 9, are busy completing arrangements for the entertainment of the horde of legionnaires who are expected to attend the big all-Legion day at the Oregon state fair, Monday, September 28. Legion members from all parts of the state will be here to take part in the day's program.

The big feature of the day will be the drum corps competition, band, quartet and stunts contest to be staged in the stadium at the fair grounds Monday evening, the State fair board has set aside \$1000 in cash prizes for these events. Salem's Capital post drum corps, 1925 state champions, will not enter the competition for prizes as the members feel that inasmuch as they are to act as hosts to the visiting organizations it will show a better spirit of sportsmanship to stay out of the prize contest, though they will give exhibition numbers.

Stunts of all kinds will be staged by the visiting Legion posts both on the down town streets and at the fair grounds. The official 1925 convention band from Sheridan post will be on hand to dispense music and the Hood River, Silverton, Dallas, Portland and Eugene quartets will enliven the occasion with their songs. A big dance will occupy the evening after the drum corps contest.

At its first meeting in Portland last month, the department executive committee of the American Legion gave its unqualified endorsement to Legion day at the State fair, and urged that all Legionnaires who could leave their

cial service as is best fitted in that particular situation. This emergent phase, as we may call, of the new tide has pulled down from the cabinet three pro-Japanese ministers, has caused a nation-wide anti-Japanese boycott, has directed itself recently against economic exploitation and extra-territorial justice, and will, in case peaceful means unfortunately fail, develop China into a militaristic nation, though much against her will.

We can only hope that there will be fairness and justice rendered in dealing with her problematic foreign relations; and we still can trust that the best elements in every nation and of every race will eventually stand up as partners in a great human undertaking for the ultimate salvation of mankind. When that hope and that trust come into reality, there shall be no East nor West—but all baptized in the One Spirit of Jesus, realizing in the fullest sense the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man.

business, attend and make the occasion one to be remembered, as

well as show the appreciation of the Legion for the generous prize money offered by the fair board. The department executive committee of the Legion will hold a meeting at the Elk's club in Salem at 10 o'clock Monday morning which will be followed by a luncheon for commanders and adjutants.

The list of prizes to be competed for are as follows:

Drum Corps Competition
7:30 p. m. sharp. in Stadium—rain or shine. Prizes:

First \$300.00
Second 200.00
Third 125.00
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Stunts—Any Post May Compete
1:00 p. m. to 10:00 p. m.

Stunts to be staged at least three places, namely, in front of Executive Offices, before Grand stand during races (or if later in the day, in the stadium) and in center of grounds. Prizes:

First \$50.00
Second 25.00
Special prize of \$25 for the best stunt held on State street, Oregon Electric depot to Commercial street, Salem, during the day.

Bands and Quartets

Bands—Best musical entertainment by American Legion band for the day.

Prize \$100.00

Quartets—Prizes to be given for most entertaining during the day and evening. Serenading to be done in important buildings, before executive offices and in stadium between competition events in evening. Prizes:

First \$25.00
Second 15.00
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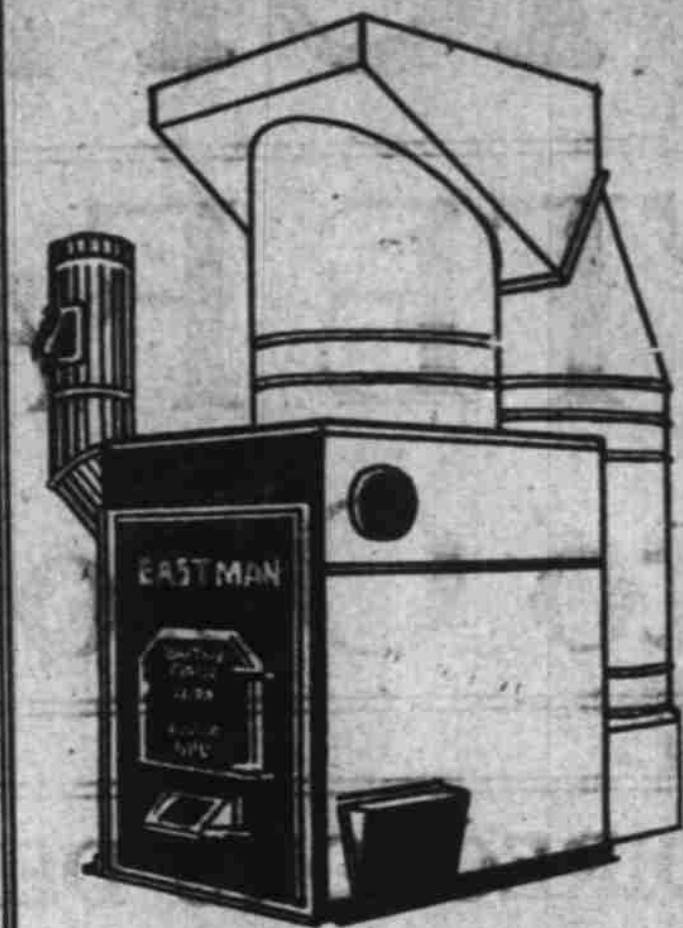
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