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The uprising in China is against the white man, or the "foreign devil." Deep seated in the Asiatic brain and heart are contempt and hatred of the European, and while the habit of mind and sentiment does not forbid intercourse with its object it easily passes into ungovernable passion when conditions are favorable.

Pritchard Morgan, member of parliament, just back to London from China, says the only possible policy is to employ Li Hung Chang as an intermediary, with the other enlightened viceroys, to bring pressure to bear or restore order. The alternative policy, subjugation of China by force, is a criminal chimera which would produce only blood shed, never peace. The "Yellow Peril" threatens the whole world.

Mark Hanna talked quite freely of Candidate Roosevelt's peculiarities, and even went so far as to refer to his vanities to a number of newspapermen. They, of course, printed his remarks, and Roosevelt was angry with Hanna. When Hanna saw the "stuff" in print he immediately declared it was a "fake," but the newspaper men came back and say every word was as Hanna uttered it, and for once the republican boss finds himself in a deep hole.

Upon the issue of imperialism and its corollary, militarism, Mr. Bryan's platform appeals with equal force to the intelligence and the conscience of the American people, says the New York World. It is an eloquent and fearless statement of the principles and policies of civilized conduct, of the principles and policies that arise naturally from the three great bases of our democratic republic—right, justice, freedom. But after "The World" says these nice things it still hesitates to support him for the presidency because Bryan persisted in making free silver an issue in the platform.

Just prior to the Kansas City convention the leaders of the Illinois democracy turned down Adlai E. Stevenson for delegate at large. Now that he is the vice-presidential candidate they regret the action. For the first time on record Mr. Stevenson's case furnishes an instance of a man being denied admittance to a convention which was to give him a place on the national ticket. The Illinois managers are kicking themselves for their grievous blunder and devoutly wishing that Mr. Stevenson will forget their unkindness at Springfield and remember only their support of him at Kansas City.

The cause of the American wheat shortage is disquieting, for it is drought. The crops in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, the Dakotas, Nebraska and all that group of states which get their moisture from the Great Lakes depend upon the spring thunder showers. These distribute the moisture to the growing fields. Its first source is the lakes. It is brought in snow in the winter and in the November and March rains. In its primitive physical condition that whole country was dotted with sloughs, swamps, ponds and lakes. These were the secondary reservoirs for water. Evaporation from the Great Lakes filled them; evaporation from them distributed the water to the land to supply the growing crops. The draining of these sloughs, swamps, ponds and small lakes has added to the area of tillable land but decreased its fertility by destroying the

has never at any time been more than a figurehead on the throne, a puppet in the hands of the astute dowager empress. He is a son of the seventh Prince Chung, of the house of Tsungkuang, and therefore a nephew of the late Emperor Tung-Cheo. Tung-Cheo was completely under the influence of his mother, the second slave-wife of the Emperor Hsinfung, seventh monarch in the present dynasty of Tsing. It is customary in China for an emperor to name his successor. Tung-Cheo toward the close of his short, wild life, named the infant Kwang-Su. This was the empress dowager's choice. She selected Kwang-Su as the youngest and sickliest of her nephews. She had ruled her husband, she had ruled her son, she means to rule a third emperor. The edict of late January pointed to the conclusion that she was desirous of ruling a fourth, but from what Prince Tuan has shown of his mettle it seems likely that if his son ever comes to the throne of China Prince Tuan will be desirous of doing something to avenge his own account. But then no one knows that he and the empress dowager have not been playing into each other's hands.

Kwang-Su, at all events, has led a miserable life. He has had no shadow of authority—not even of liberty. When he succeeded to the throne he was only four years old. From that moment he was a prisoner in the imperial palace at Peking. The empress dowager administered the empire and moulded her nephew's character to suit her own plans. It suited her that he should be sickly, self-indulgent, of feeble will, given over to gross pleasures, timorous of responsibility, dependent upon her in everything. So she bent the twig, and so the tree grew. The emperor of China was a mannikin. His aunt was the ruler of the empire. He had been described as a small, delicate, intellectual looking youth, with large black eyes and a thin, pale face. His grand tutor for many years was Ung Tung Hoo, a bigoted Chinese mandarin, strongly opposed to foreigners and Western ways. His enforced resignation two years ago was immediately followed by the proscription and flight of the leaders of the "Reformers," who had prematurely hailed with satisfaction some indications of imperial intentions to welcome European civilization.

Kwang Su's marriage in 1880 was the first occasion of fatal variance between the young emperor and his aunt, the dowager. He had chosen the daughter of a high Manchurian military officer, but the empress dowager had already made a match for him, having chosen her own niece for the honor, and her will prevailed. The emperor submitted.

In the edict by which he appointed Prince Tung's son his successor the emperor—assuming that he really signed it—referred to the fact that when he was appointed successor to Tung-Chi it was in the expectation that he would raise up heirs to that monarch. "Now because of ill health I am childless," the edict continued, "and have found it necessary to appoint a successor. Most reluctantly and after much solicitation on my part the empress dowager has acceded to my request."

Who is Prince Tuan, and to what end is he the instrument of destiny? Who is the emperor, and is he dead or alive? These are questions to which all Christendom in arms awaits an answer.

Prince Tuan is a newcomer on the stage of international affairs. He is a man of mystery. Recent terrible developments point to the conclusion that in China he is "The Man on Horseback."

What manner of man is he that commands the hordes who have established a reign of terror in China? The very mystery enveloping his personality, his ambition, his aims, his intellectual force, adds to the fascination and the terror that his name already inspires in the civilized world.

Two things about him are certain. He is of royal blood and he would exterminate foreigners. Beyond that all is darkness. Prince Tuan's watchword—or the watchword with which he inspires the fanatical hosts under him—is an inversion of the cry that thrilled California to riot a few years ago. It is, "China for the Chinese!" That is the slogan. More specifically, the Boxer motto is, "Drive the foreign devils into the sea!" It is thus that Prince Tuan, brother of the late emperor and uncle of the sickly young emperor whose fate is in doubt, spurs to deeds of barbarity the hordes that he has mustered under his bloody standard. But what end does he see? Does he honestly believe that he can prevail against the united powers of Christendom? Is he really a bigoted patriot fighting sincerely for a cause he believes to be righteous? Or is he a self-seeking pretender lusting for the throne and ignorant of the force which civilization can bring to bear against him?

These are things that Europe and America have yet to be informed upon. They have no means of gauging Prince Tuan's character, because until a month or two ago the man was unknown. He had done nothing to draw attention to himself, nothing to indicate the potentialities of mischief and murder that lurked in his brain, nor the ambition that would hold a horrid world at bay.

Prince Tuan is the son of the fifth Prince Tien, of the house of Tsungkuang. He is about forty years old. He is the father of Pu-Chun, the boy of fourteen who was named as successor to the throne in the remarkable edict issued by the Emperor Kwang-Su last January.

It was when that edict was carried all over the world that the attention of Christendom was first directed to Prince Tuan. No small curiosity was felt in his personality, but not much could be learned about him, except that he hated foreigners. It was interpreted as a bad omen that his son, designated to become the next emperor of China, was under the instruction and influence of two intensely anti-foreign tutors. It was learned, furthermore, that Prince Tuan was the head of the great secret society known as "The Great Sword" and "The Boxers" which had been responsible for the murder of Mr. Brooks, the missionary, and the influence of which extended over the provinces of Chili, Shantung and Honan. This was at a time when the Boxer-anti-foreign movement was first beginning to excite alarm. One thing more Christendom knows about Prince Tuan. He is an athlete. He keeps his body in a condition of perfect vigor. He has been enthusiastic in persuading the young men of China to follow the same course. In part accounts for his influence. Basing an athletic leader, he became successively a political and martial leader. The Boxers were athletes before they became assassins.

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