# THE PARTITION OF CHINA

THE fall of the Chinese empire and its actual partition among the western peoples have furnished one of the most dramatic spectacles to be found in the history of the nations. It came about through the Chinese-Japanese war. The pretensions of a vast empire were exposed within three months. The war demonstrated that China was made up not of one people, but of many peoples—peoples who spoke different languages, had differing customs, entertained differing beliefs, held differing ambitions. In a general way, it had been known that a man from Canton could with difficulty make himself understood in Hong-Kong, but the world dreamed of nothing like the racial separation which existed within the far-reaching confines of the flowery kingdom. All of these interior and exterior peoples believed in a vague way that the emperor was the son of the sun, but they were not willing to fight for it. The generals were venal, cowardly or incompetent. The navy was a sham. The army was not above the ridiculous. The state was rotten through and through. Japan accomplished the exposition, but was held off. It wished to seize Corea and a large part of the Chinese mainland. It got only some money and the Formosan islands, which have been a white elephant. Russia, Germany and France interfered. England was appealed to, but failed to interfere. England fights only its own battles.

The vast Chinese kingdom was left open and palpitating. The emperor's head rolled uneasily on his shoulders. Rebels were to the north, south, east and west of him. His revenues were stopped. Anarchy threatened. His family had been taught by more than fifty years of experience that it costs money to appeal to England. He knew little of Russia, beyond the fact that it had proved friendly in fending off Japan. He turned to Russia. That country acquiesced promptly. The price paid has been greater than Britain would have exacted. Russian agents swarmed into Manchuria. Russian troops followed them in thousands and are still there. Russian ships prowled along the coasts, the waving black lines of smoke signaling to him that his powerful friend was still aiding him.

Mr. Pavloff, Russian representative at Pekin, elected himself the special guide, counselor and friend of the tsung-li-yamen and it was forced to take his advice. Russia demanded and obtained treaty rights, occupancy rights, railway concessions, mining privileges, changes in customs and anything else which the Czar's minister thought might prove of advantage. The Chinese government acted like a child. It pouted and whimpered. It appealed tearfully to England one day; the next it would not receive the English ambassador. It lied to Russia, to Germany, to England. Steadily the Russian pressure continued. Nothing could lighten it. It is still exerted. Nominally leasing only a part of the Liatong peninsula Russia now controls all of Manchuria, which is being opened by the Siberian and Manchurian railways. It controls all of the province of Pe-Chee-Lee, which includes Pekin. It controls Shanshi and Shenshi, over which a Belgian corporation (which hides a Russian corporation) is driving a railway. It controls Kansu, unexplored, but said to be rich in minerals, and the northern part of Thibet. This mysterious land, which is closed to England from the south, is wide open to Russia from the north and is being surveyed by Russian engineers. With these territories Russia dominates every caravan route through Koko-Nor and Turkestan. The price has been high.

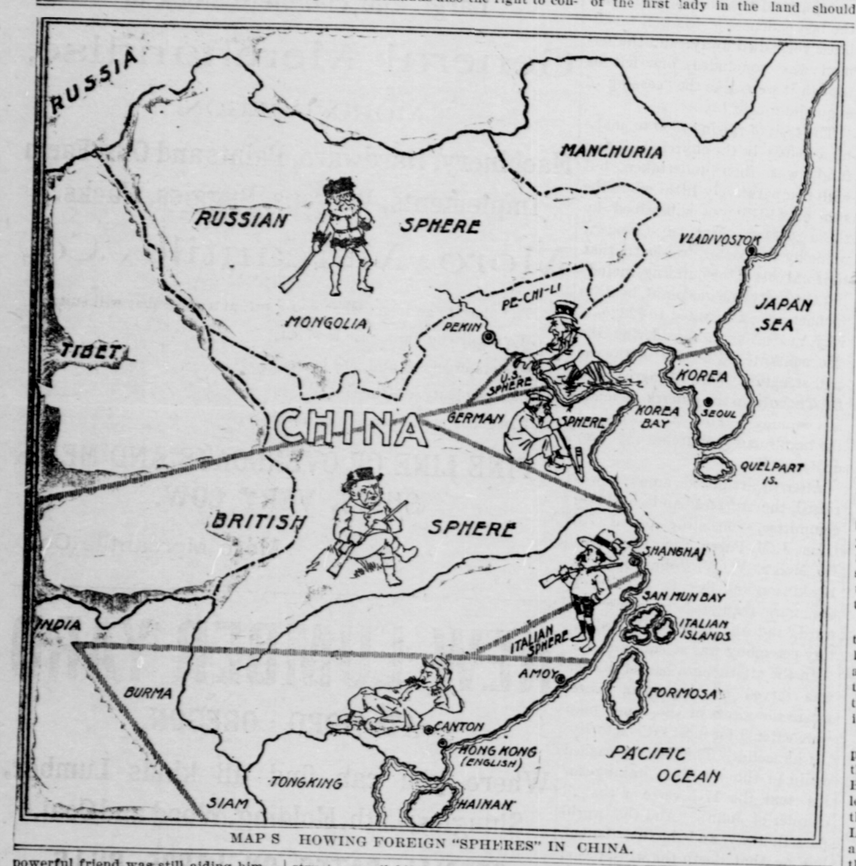
Directly south of the Russian "sphere" lies the British "sphere." The space, occupying the center of the map, includes the great Yang-tse valley. For more than a quarter of a century it has been regarded as the bondmaiden of British trade. This is China—actual China—the China of the Chinese, not the China of the Manchurians or the Manchu dynasty. It contains 300,000,000 people, or three-fourths of the entire population of the empire. It contains hundreds of huge cities. It is twenty times worth the other portions of the kingdom. It is, so far as cultivation is concerned, the garden of the world. The seat of the British governance of this royal territory is now and has been for many years Shanghai. Until last year not one of the European governments had sought to question the British right to control this valley. Russia now denies it absolutely. Pavloff asserts that British dominance of the Yang-tse is a myth; that no guaranteed rights of possession have been granted to England by China and that Russia has every right to build through the valley or to take any action she may please looking to the development of Russian trade. It is over the valley of the Yang-tse that battles of the future may be fought.

Impinging upon the British "sphere" to the south is the French "sphere." Russia has gained its foothold through diplomacy and promises of aid. France has fought for hers. French diplomacy in China has not been a success. The French have been compelled to find excuses for wars and to take with the strong hand. Years have been spent by the Gallic government in endeavoring to increase its holdings in Annam. It has succeeded only in obtaining concessions to build two railways. It is contemplated that one of these shall go north to a point on the Yang-tse River, where it is to join a Russian road running south from Pekin. If the scheme is carried out the Yang-tse valley, now dominated by England, will be pierced through and through by a road, one end of which will be owned by Russia and the other by France. This road would be the future grand trunk line of China; it would be dominated by French and Russian officials; its tariffs would be fixed by France and Russia; its trains would be run to suit the convenience and purposes of those countries.

The German possessions in China are much smaller than the Russian or French possessions, but are more compact and more advantageously situated. No one doubts that Russia and France agreed that Germany should have this territory when the three powers were throttling Japan. The immediate excuse for German occupation was the murder of three missionaries. A force of marines was landed at Kiao-Chou, the Chinese ran away, promptly the German flag was hoisted and the deed was accomplished. The result has been that Germany now owns the entire Shan-tung peninsula; has reserved the right to build railways and do mining in that part of the empire; handles the customs as a matter of course; has obtained an ice-free port for its warships, and stands ready to take a hand when the final slicing begins. It demands also the right to construct a parallel line to the contemplated French and Russian line through the Yang-tse valley, thus placing a railway owned by a third inimical power in the territory supposed to belong to England. If the French claims for an extension of "sphere" are allowed the French will cut the British line of communication between Central China and British China. This is made clear by a glance at the map.

The difference in the policies of the three great powers briefly stated is: Great Britain, confident in its commercial prowess and the value of the foothold it has obtained by half a century of occupation, wishes to throw open to the world the trade of the 400,000,000 subjects of the Emperor. Russia, Germany and France have wished to partition China commercially among themselves, reserving certain portions for their own trading and barring out competitors by means of customs regulations, local taxes, railway tariffs, etc. It may be stated here that Great Britain has maintained the open door in her "sphere" since the acquisition of her "sphere," and that her trade with China is three-fourths of the entire trade of the empire with the outside world.

The accompanying map marks the portions of the empire which have been grabbed by the contending Western powers, and it is common prediction in European circles that the world war of the future is to come from the clashing of these "spheres." The militaires of England declare that if their country falls to preserve her domination of the great river of the Yang-tse she will be forced to fight to preserve her influence from utter ruin; if she does finally stake out her "possessions" she will be forced to fight over a matter of boundary lines.




MAP S HOWING FOREIGN "SPHERES" IN CHINA.

## GOV. ROOSEVELT AS RANCHMAN

**A Story of a Meeting of Some Importance with a Neighbor.**

"When Governor Roosevelt was ranching 'way out West—although he wasn't Governor then, of course—his ranch joined on to some of the possessions of that dynamite French nobleman, the Marquis de Mores, who had the reputation of never being satisfied with anything but the blood of any one who had done him an injury, real or imaginary, or affronted him," said a cattleman who lived out in that country at the time. "One day Roosevelt received a letter from the Marquis by the hands of a mounted messenger. Its contents were fierce and threatening and demanded of Roosevelt an explanation of his conduct in regard to inciting discontent among certain employes of the Frenchman's with the intent to induce them to enter Roosevelt's employ, which, the letter said, had been represented to the writer on good authority.

"Teddy read the letter. 'No answer,' said he to the messenger, who rode away surprised at the apparent indifference of this endangered ranchman. But Roosevelt immediately mounted his horse and rode to the De Mores ranch, arriving there soon after the Frenchman's messenger had reached home with his report of his errand's result. De Mores, raging over the audacity of the American, was nevertheless amazed to hear Roosevelt announced. Teddy did not dilly-dally. Holding the letter in his hand, he said:

"'A man wouldn't write a letter such as this unless he was looking for something!'

"De Mores stood speechless for a moment, then bowed politely and replied:

"'Ah! Your explanation is all right and satisfactory. I am sure I have been misinformed!'

"That ended the interview and Teddy remounted his horse and went home."—New York Sun.

## MISTRESS OF THE WHITE HOUSE

**She Is Now Ending Her Days in an Institution of Charity.**

By recent Congressional act the pension of Mrs. Letitia Tyler Semple, which she receives as a widow of a soldier in the Mexican war, has been increased from $8 to $30 a month, a rather small income for one who once presided over the social functions of the White House.

Mrs. Semple is a daughter of President Tyler, and on the death of her mother acted for a time as the mistress of the White House. She is a woman of rare qualities of mind, a pretty wit and keen sense of humor, and has many amusing stories to tell of the great men of that period. Mrs. Semple's entire fortune was lost during the civil war, and for many years she has been an inmate of the Louise Home, founded by the late W. W. Corcoran as a memorial to his wife and daughter. It is a remarkable institution of its kind, and its occupants, all of whom come from the aristocratic class in the South, are treated more as boarders than as dependents, but, no matter how pleasant the environment, it is still sad that a woman who at one period of her life occupied the position of the first lady in the land should spend her last days an object of charity.

When Mrs. Semple presided in the White House the demands upon her were heavy. Three days in the week were devoted to the reception of visitors, and three more devoted to the returning of calls. Mrs. Semple had the honor of christening the first iron ship which was propelled by steam in the American navy, the Allegheny. When her fortune was swept away she established an electric institute in Baltimore and presided over it eleven years, when ill-health compelled her to accept the hospitality of the Louise Home. During the war she aided in the establishment of hospitals for the sick and wounded in the South, and her jewelry was donated to the fund for the purchase of food and clothing for the Southern army.

FORMER WHITE HOUSE MISTRESS.

### Valuable Metal.

Aluminum is now worked on a large scale for all sorts of industrial purposes, and has taken its place as one of the five or six commercial metals of the world. Weight for weight, it is already cheaper than copper and tin; it does not tarnish, is suitable for all kinds of cooking utensils, is largely used in shipbuilding and is a most valuable adjunct to metallurgy, inasmuch as a small addition of aluminium to a mold of steel or brass insures absolutely solid castings.

When newly married people read the advertisements in the street cars and in the programs at the theater, instead of talking, it is one sign their dream has ended.

She—You say you met your friend accidentally? He—Yes; I fell in with him while skating.—Yonkers Statesman.

The maid—I'll be a sister to you. The man—Not much! I've just got enough collar buttons for myself.—New York Evening Journal.

"You married me for my money." "What of it? You married me for my beauty." "Well, both securities have depreciated."—Life.

The sister—I have become engaged to Fred. The brother—Whatever induced you to do that? The sister—Why, Fred, of course!—Judge.

Miss Fondart—Jack, what do they mean when they speak of a first-water diamond? Jack—One that's never been soaked.—Jeweler's Weekly.

Visiting Englishman—How do you account for this policy of expansion? Mr. Starzenstripes—Well, you see, we got hot. Heat always expands.—Life.

She—In this story it refers to empty bottles as "dead men." That's absurd. He—Where's the absurdity? She—Well, dead men tell no tales; empty bottles do.—Moonshine.

"It's depressing, isn't it, to find feathers sticking to your Thanksgiving turkey?" "Well, it certainly does make one feel down in the mouth."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

"Who is the smartest boy in your class, Bobby?" asked his uncle. "I'd like to tell you," answered Bobby, modestly, "only papa says I must not boast."—Harper's Bazar.

Graduate—Now that I have my medical diploma, professor, where would you advise me to practice for wealth? Professor—In any first-class health resort.—Detroit Free Press.

Tall one (angrily)—Don't dare to contradict me again, sir; don't you know that I could eat you if I chose? Short one—Ah! but I should disagree with you even more, then.—Ally Sloper.

Senator Depew—At this point, Mr. President, I am reminded of an anecdote—— Several other Senators—Mr. President, I move he have leave to print the anecdote.—Chicago Tribune.

Mrs. Jimlet—Harold writes from college that he's larnin' to fence. Farmer Jimlet—Good enough! I'll let him string more'n half a mile o' barb-wire fence as soon as he gits hum.—Judge.

Lady—I wish to get a birthday present for my husband. Shop-walker—How long have you been married, madame? Lady—Ten years. Shop-walker—Bargain counter to the right, madame.—Boston Traveler.

Captain (to young cadet just arrived on board)—Well, youngster, the old story, I suppose—the fool of the family sent to sea. Young cadet—Oh, no, sir. That's all been altered since your day.—Melbourne Times.

"Bridget, what is that child crying so wildly for?" "Sure, mum, he's just drinked all his soothin' syrup and ate the cork, and I don't know now what ails him, unless it's the bottle he wants to swallow!"—Tit-Bits.

"I," said the orator, "am an American of the good old stock, rooted deep in the soil——" "The only stock I ever heard of that rooted deep in the soil," said the farmer in the audience, "was hogs."—Indianapolis Journal.

Blobbs—What nonsense it is for newspapers, in their accounts of weddings, to describe the brides being led to the altar! Slobbs—How so? Blobbs—Why, most of the girls could find their way in the dark.—Tit-Bits.

Jones—Dear me! You say you often lay down the law to your wife; how do you go about it? Bones—Why, all you need is firmness. I usually go into my study, lock the door, and do it over the transom; all you need is firmness—in the door!—Puck.

"What did Colonel Stillwell say about the brandied peaches we sent to cheer his convalescence?" "He said he was afraid he wasn't strong enough to eat the fruit," replied the little girl, "but that he appreciated the spirit in which it was sent."—Exchange.

Farmer Oatley (reading from newspaper to his wife)—"It is estimated that the recent dinner given by Mrs. Bunderblank was served at a cost of at least ten dollars a plate." What must the victuals have cost? Mrs. Oatley—Land's sake, Joshua! And such folks always has a different plate for everything they eat.—Harlem Life.

Boatswain (to newly joined cadet)—Come, my little man, you mustn't cry on board of one of her majesty's ships of war. Did your mother cry when you left? Cadet—Yes, sir. Boatswain—Silly old woman! And did your sister cry? Cadet—Yes, sir. Boatswain—Stupid little thing! And did your father cry? Cadet—No, sir. Boatswain—'Ard 'earted old beggar!—Punch.

Counsel—What is your age, madam? Witness—Forty-seven, sir. Counsel—Married or single? Witness—Single. I never had an offer of marriage in my life, and if it is of any interest to the court I don't mind saying that I have worn false hair for nearly thirty years. Counsel—Hem! That is all, madam. There is no use in trying to shake the direct testimony of so truthful a woman as you are.—Exchange.

The other day the police made a raid on a betting club, and after taking the names of the men they found there told them to appear at the court the next morning, which they did. To one of the delinquents the magistrate said: "What are you by trade?" "A locksmith, sir." "Well, what are you doing when the police made the raid?" "Well, sir, I was just making a bolt for the door."—Family Doctor.

### Boston Mayor's Suggestion.

Mayor Quincy, of Boston, has suggested that the city should build a municipal crematory in which to incinerate the bodies of paupers, criminals and others whose burial devolves upon the city. The idea is to do away altogether with the potter's field. It is asserted that the city could cremate bodies at a cost of only $1 each, while it costs $3 to dig a grave. The present potter's field will be filled before the expiration of the present year. The burials now amount to about 500 a year, and increase in number yearly.

### Flash Measured.

By means of a photograph, made with a vibrating lens, scientists have calculated the time of a lightning flash. It comes out one-nineteenth of a second. The calculation is based upon the multiple image in the photographs and the rate of vibration of the lens. The time applies, of course, only to the particular flash that was photographed.

The next time you think you have heart disease recall what you ate for dinner, and you will remember that you ate pie.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When Sir Thomas Moore was imprisoned in the Tower of London for refusing to sully his conscience, his wife railed at him for his folly in remaining in a filthy prison when he might be merry at home with his family and in favor also with the king and council.

He replied: "Why, good Alice, is not this prison as near heaven as my own home?"

In answer to her sneer of contempt he asked: "How long, think you, might one live to enjoy this house of ours?"

"Perhaps some 20 years," was her answer.

"Were not he a bad calculator, then, who even for a hundred or a thousand years would risk the loss of an eternity?"

### Thought He Deserved a Rest.

A tramp with his arm in a sling, called on Gilhooly for a copper, alleging that his arm had been injured in a recent railway accident.

"But yesterday you had the other arm in a sling," replied Gilhooly.

"Well, supposin' I had. Don't you suppose a feller's arm gets tired of being tied up all day? Besides, I've got concussion of the brain, and can't remember half the time which arm was broken."—Stray Stories.

### To Make Tracing Paper.

Over a gentle heat warm together an ounce of Canada balsam and a quarter of a pint of spirits of turpentine. When cold, brush the preparation smoothly over one side of a sheet of fine tissue paper. When dried in, this preparation leaves the paper very transparent, and, as it is not greasy, the tracing paper may be used without fear even on delicate fabrics.—Cincinnati Commercial Tribune.

### How They Sprung.

Mrs. O'Brien—Have you anny ancistors, Mrs. Kelley.

Mrs. Kelly—And phat's "ancistors," Mrs. O'Brien.

Mrs. O'Brien—Why, people youv'e shprung from.

Mrs. Kelly (impressively)—Listen to me, Mrs. O'Brien: I come from the rayal shtock av Donahues thot shpring from nobody—they shpring at thim.—Puck.

### What He Got.

Tom—She let me kiss the hair on her forehead.

Dick—In other words, she gave you a bang on the month.—N. Y. World.

Trach ma, or "granular lids," is widely spread among the 8,000,000 inhabitants of Hungary, no fewer than four in 1,000 being afflicted with the disease. It spreads by contagion, and neglect of it makes a patient liable to fine and imprisonment.

In the archives of the Duc de la Tremouille have been found the minute books of the Sorbonne, the ecclesiastical court from 1505 to 1533, the period of the strongest struggle against Protestanism in France. They are now in the Paris national library.

Emperor William, of Germany, has announced his intention of visiting England in the summer, to be present once more at Cowes during the August yachting.

### She Knew She Was Fat.

An elderly man rose to give his seat to a plump-looking girl on a South side car.

"Oh, no; thank you," she returned, as she caught onto a strap. "I would not think of taking a seat from an older—er—I mean, I'd just as lief stand up," she finished, lamely.

"Now that's all right," the old gentleman retorted, in a very loud and hearty tone of voice. "But you'd better sit down. I know you fat girls usually have tender feet!"—Chicago Journal.

### Messengers in Livery.

Some of the messenger companies in New York city have extended their service to supply their patrons with boys in livery as door openers and for general "buttons" service. These boys, livery and all, may be had by the hour and have proved a distinct convenince to housekeepers.

### Abolish the Death Penalty.

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Who boldly went off to the war;
The "beef" made him sick,
He recovered quite quick
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A fossil dinosaur that must have been 130 feet in length has been found near Laramie, Col. The remains were found by Prof. W. H. Reed in the Jurassic strata near Laramie.


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### Absent-Minded.

Once upon a time a very lovely lady, who lives in I street—or at least I think it's I street—advertised for a butler. Divers and sundry persons applied for the place, and among them one man pleased her very much indeed. He had been butler, he said, for Gen. Such-a-One, and Mrs. Gen. Such-a-One, he was quite sure, would recommend him. Accordingly, madam sat down to write a note to Mrs. Gen. Such-a-One, asking about him. Now, madam, as all her acquaintances know, is the most absent-minded woman the shadow of the monument ever fell on. She wrote the note, but in it there was no mention of Higgins, the butler. Instead the note read:

"Dear Madam: Will you kindly tell me what the habits and characteristics of Gen. Such-a-One are, and how long he has lived with you?"

Mrs. General's reply drove all the cobwebs from the absent-minded woman's brain.

"Madam," it ran, "as to Gen. Such-a-One's habits and characteristics, they are matters of which public record will inform you. As to how long he has lived with me, it is none of your business."

And the last four words were emphatically underlined.—Washington Post.

### De Castro's Duel.

Corporal Joseph H. De Castro enlisted when 16 years old. At Gettysburg he was already a veteran. When Pickett made his great charge and the men in blue and the men in gray were mixed up in a tangle before the union lines, Corporal de Castro, who was color-bearer of the Nineteenth Massachusetts, engaged in a duel with a big color-bearer in gray. The two men clubbed the staves of their flags and went at it hammer and tongs. The other man was larger, but De Castro was young and agile, and finally landed a blow on his adversary's head and wrenched away the flag. It was the colors of the Nineteenth Virginia.—N. Y. World.

### Flour Adulteration in Italy.

In the Alta Italia a well-known Bretscian firm received a visit the other day from the sanitary officer of Milan and was found to have on the premises, for supply to the baking fraternity large quantities of flour adulterated with "coalina"—that is, the double silicate of alum and potash, a substance employed in porcelain manufactories and very pernicious to health. Following up his search the officer discovered in several baking-houses of Brescia another quantity of "flour" furnished by the same firm and containing from 0.85 to 4.0 per cent of sulphate of barium, a powder not actually poisonous like the "coalina," but very heavy and hurtful to the consumer's stomach. Convicted of this serious contravention of the sanitary law, the head of the firm in question was put under arrest.

Golf was a popular game in Scotland in 1457. By an edict of James IV, issued in 1471, the games of golf and football were prohibited in that country; that monarch opposed his own edict by engaging in the former game himself, and was considered a crack player.

Medals of valor have been conferred on 100 Greek women who served as nurses in the war with Turkey. There wasn't anything to do but decorate the women, for the men furnished no excuse for such attention.


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