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THE STRUGGLE FOR CHINESE MARKETS

THE great diplomatic questions of the coming century will be chiefly concerned with the relations of the countries fronting on the Pacific, and in this game of chess the most unexpected combinations are possible. As foreshadowed in The Call's Washington correspondence, an understanding or even an alliance between China and the United States is quite on the cards. Japan seeks to dominate the commerce of the orient and to supply Asia with manufactured goods, but the overbearing methods and bad faith of that power are bitterly resented, especially in China. The possibility of a clash between Chinese and Japanese troops over the so called island of Kwanto is chiefly important as a symptom of Chinese feeling toward Japan. This disputed territory contains about 1,000,000 inhabitants, over whom China and Korea have both claimed sovereignty. Doubtless, the action of the rebellious Koreans has encouraged the viceroy of Manchuria to press the Chinese claims.

With that particular dispute the United States is in nowise concerned, but this country does want a large share of the trade with China, from which Japan will shut us out if possible. The Chinese government is disposed to friendship with the United States, on account of this government's liberal action in remitting a large part of the Boxer indemnity. The feeling of the Chinese masses runs to sluggish indifference. The boycott on American goods was purely artificial and never amounted to anything important.

Congressman Charles A. Towne, recently returned from a visit to the orient, takes this survey of the situation:

The riddle of China—the sphinx of the nations—is beginning to be told, and events bigger than any mind can forecast will follow the accession to full national consciousness and purpose of those 500,000,000 of mankind who have thus far borne no significant part in the making of modern civilization.

Japan, whose development during the last half century has been so notable and portentous, has a clear determination to lead in this matter, and has already resolutely set about it. It seems clear to me that the United States must very soon come to a conclusion whether to take a part in this work or not.

In the former case we must have a policy and follow it with dignity and determination. In the latter case we ought at once to make the fact known. Obviously, however, nature has planned that we should concern ourselves about this subject.

The influence of the United States on the Pacific must be chiefly naval. We must maintain a fleet in these waters capable of dealing with that of any other power. It is not in the least likely that the fleet will ever be called to action, but its being a necessary factor in the diplomatic game that will be played for the control of markets. In a word, our influence in Pacific waters must be made worth while if we are to hold our own with Japan in competition for Chinese trade.

ROOSEVELT'S CHOICE OR HUGHES

RESULTS of a poll made in the New England states by the Chicago Tribune are unexpected, because the political talent that centers in Washington had foreshadowed a strong Fairbanks sentiment in that region. It turns out that Fairbanks is scarcely mentioned by the New Englanders, while Taft heads the poll, with Governor Hughes a fairly good second. The votes canvassed were those of republican editors, congressmen and senators to the number of 520. The chief significance of the vote seems to lie in the growing strength of Governor Hughes. It is a question whether Taft's popularity has not touched its highest point. In this New England ballot Hughes was the second choice of nearly all the Taft voters.

This feeling that Taft's boom has reached its highest point may be the inspiration of the remarkable move made by Congressman Burton of Ohio in undertaking to run for mayor of Cleveland against the redoubtable Tom Johnson—"3 cent" Johnson—who has hitherto been invincible in that city. If Burton should succeed in defeating Johnson he would at once become a figure of national importance. His appearance in the Cleveland fight seems to indicate that he is Roosevelt's second string for the nomination. Taft has aroused antagonisms in Ohio. Burton has not done so to any serious extent. He could not possibly be elected mayor in Cleveland without the help of Foraker's friends. His place in congress is more congenial, but it has not the advertising value of the Cleveland mayoralty, should that be won by defeating a man of Johnson's importance. There is little doubt that Burton is acting under instructions from Oyster bay, with the design of throwing to him the Taft strength in next year's convention, should there be signs of a break to Hughes.

Thus the fight seems to line up between Roosevelt's choice and Hughes. In the last resort and the others failing, Roosevelt's choice may be Roosevelt. It was significant news that came over the wires on Sunday night that a continuance of the assaults on him by financial interests displeased with his policies might compel Roosevelt to become once more a candidate.

MR. HARRIMAN'S APOLOGY NOT ACCEPTED

MR. HARRIMAN'S apology is not accepted by Oregon. Indeed, the webfooters suspect that the apology was an insult, thinly disguised. Thus the Oregonian:

If Harriman had his way he would make a reserve out of the whole of Oregon; in fact, he counts it this reserve now, and will not build new railroads in it until he shall be forced to do so by "invaders."

Too many persons are reserving the timber of Oregon for their own schemes of enrichment. This state is plastered from one end to the other with timber speculators in syndicates and as individuals. All pretend to be

Guessing

FALL ELECTION

I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN WHEN THAT GETS OVER HERE?



saving for the nation a wood supply. The truth is, they are keeping out settlement and maintaining a wilderness in order at some future day to gratify their lust for wealth.

The need in Oregon is the clearing up of forest land, so that it can be used for agriculture and for sustaining a larger population. This is not to say that land everywhere should be denuded of trees, just for the sake of getting rid of them. But near the railroads land should be opened to settlers. Such land is contained in the railroad grants held by Harriman in Oregon. Back from the railroads it will be well enough to keep the timber for future generations.

Possibly it is not quite as bad as that. If Harriman's boundless ambition could convert all Oregon into a timber and game preserve, as the Oregonian suggests, he might as well tie up his railroads in that state. The Oregonian's objection to Mr. Harriman's policy is that he is maintaining a forest reserve in the wrong place. "The wise policy of the national government," it says, "has established forest reserves, but near the railroads land should be opened to settlers." The conclusion appears to be that if one builds a railroad through a national forest reserve it should at once be thrown open to settlement, presumably by the timber thieves.

The question is not so easily settled. If the national policy to save the forests is wise—and we believe it is—is not Mr. Harriman likewise a public benefactor, although his motives are sordid? Happy the community whose interests are one with Mr. Harriman's. He saved the Imperial valley from drowning, and it was a very heroic rescue, moreover. The moral for a struggling community is, Grow up with Mr. Harriman by keeping your hand in his pocket.

NOTE AND COMMENT

Senator Tillman is to discuss the Japanese question during his lecture here. We might as well hurry that feet along.

The government boat, Argonaut, in butting into everything in sight, seems to be trying to follow the administration policy.

The strong Chinese was killed in the tong wars in Oakland the other night. There are cruel people who maintain that there can be no such thing as killing the wrong Chinese.

The convict who is to be liberated from San Quentin after spending 13

years there on a false charge is trying to figure out whether 13 years is a lucky or an unlucky number.

Professor Edgar L. Larkin seems to have got all his ideas of married life from the newspaper joke columns.

Congressman Lilly of Connecticut, who shocked his fellow politicians by advocating purity in politics, seems to be trying to live up to his name.

Dr. Jordan's theory that two-thirds of the human race should be killed off finds dissenters among those who are a little bit shaky as to just who would be picked out as the undesirable.

Answers to Queries

AFRAGOLA—Subscriber, City. Afragola is a commune and town of Italy, six miles northeast of Naples. It is noted as a place for the manufacture of straw bonnets.

LITERARY COURSE—A Reader, Oakland, Cal. A person who desires to take up a literary course must certainly be well up in grammar. A person having but "a poor knowledge of grammar" will make a poor literary student.

POSTMARKS—G. B. Novato, Cal. The regulations of the postoffice are that the postmark of the sending office and concealing stamp shall be on the postal card where the stamp is placed. Some postoffices put the receiving office stamp on the reverse side.

TWO NAMES—V. P. City. San Francisco should not be pronounced as if written San Fran-ces-go, but as if written San Fran-seeo, preserving the Spanish sound. Chicago is pronounced as if written Shicaw-go, with the sound of i in the first syllable as i is sounded in pin and ability.

THE WRONG CANNON

Wigley—Why do these writers always talk of the "booming" of the cannon? It seems to me they could get some other word.

Jigley—For heaven's sake, man, can't you talk anything but politics?

HE GOT EVEN

Superintendent—Here's a bad dollar that you took in.

Conductor—Sure, that's all right. I gave him a bum half in the change.

Politics by Wireless

Fairbanks will drink his buttermilk hot hereafter in order to inject a little warmth into his campaign.

Bryan announces that he will cut himself down to 11 speeches a day in order to save his voice for the next campaign.

President Roosevelt entertained a dozen trust and railroad presidents at luncheon yesterday. Felicitous addresses were made and after luncheon the guests assisted the president in preparing the six speeches he is soon to deliver.

Eugene Schmitz says that he would be a candidate for mayor were he not barred by Sheriff O'Neil. The sheriff protests that it is not his fault.

The politicians of Alameda county are collaborating on a book to be entitled "What's the Use?" The preface will be written by Charles Thomas of Berkeley.

HIS SOLE CONSOLATION

Ten Twent—Greetings, friend. Didst have a successful tour?

Hamlette—In sooth 'twas fine. My shoes lasted all the way home.

NOT THEIR GAIN

Smith—The English are saying that we have lost our sense of humor.

Jones—Well, they certainly haven't found it.

AS ON MARKET STREET

Citizen—How often do the cars run out here?

Suburban—They don't run the cars.

The Smart Set

ONE of the prettiest of last Wednesday's half dozen weddings was that of Miss Alice Peters, who was married to Frederick John Blackburn, a member of the prominent Berkeley family of that name. The bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Francis Peters, is a great favorite in society here, although she never has been formally introduced, her engagement having followed closely upon her school days, which ended only two years ago. She is a charmingly pretty girl, with soft brunette coloring and a slight, graceful figure.

To the marriage ceremony itself, which took place at 8 o'clock in the wide drawing rooms of the Peters home on Scott street, only relatives and a few intimate friends were bidden, but about a hundred more were asked to the breakfast that followed, so that the young people began their new life with a host of good wishes. The rooms were exquisitely decorated with pale blue hydrangea blossoms and long sprays of crimson Virginia creeper, which made an effective setting for the simple ceremony. Miss Peters' gown was simply made, heavy white satin, decorated only with a deep fall of old lace. She was unattended.

Mr. and Mrs. Blackburn left the city Wednesday night for the southern part of the state, to be gone for two or three weeks. Upon their return they will immediately take possession of a charming little apartment on Leavenworth street for the winter.

It will be a real disappointment to the debutantes of the year to learn that Miss Claire Nichols is not to make her bow to society here this winter, as was anticipated. Miss Nichols, who is with a host of good wishes. The rooms were exquisitely decorated with pale blue hydrangea blossoms and long sprays of crimson Virginia creeper, which made an effective setting for the simple ceremony. Miss Peters' gown was simply made, heavy white satin, decorated only with a deep fall of old lace. She was unattended.

Bishop Nichols is also away at present at Jamestown, where he is attending the triannual diocesan convention at the Jamestown exposition. William H. Crocker will leave San Francisco in a few days to attend the same convention as lay delegate and will be gone for several weeks.

Among the returning summer girls are Miss Jeanette and Miss Marion Wright, who reached San Francisco after some months in the mountains a few days ago and whose big home in Scott street will be, as usual, the scene of much delightful hospitality this winter.

One of last week's most pleasant affairs was the dinner given to 16 guests at "Crossways," in Burlingame, by Mr. and Mrs. Francis Carolan. Their guest of honor was Bishop da Silva, the eminent Portuguese orator, who has been for some weeks a visitor here. Like all of Mrs. Carolan's affairs, the dinner was marked by perfection of arrangement in every detail.

On the same train that takes Mr. and Mrs. Carolan to New York en route for two months in Paris are Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, who left the city Sunday. One of the last dinners given the latter here was Friday night, when Mrs. H. P. Dutton was their hostess and took them, with a small party of friends, to Pastor's, near San Anselmo, for a sample of the "real Italian" style. On the same day James D. Phelan entertained Mr. and Mrs. Longworth at luncheon.

Much entertaining will be done in the near future for Miss Margaret Hyde-Smith, who since her engagement was announced a few days ago naturally has been the center of the social stage. The

The Insider

Tells of the trials of Father Wallis of the little Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Union street and of strange history of parish

Stray Cat Chased Around the Church

FATHER WALLIS of the little Church of St. Mary the Virgin in Union street is a character. A few Sundays ago, while officiating at the altar, he became conscious that the congregation was observing something back of him which he could not see. As he never mimes matters or wastes words, he turned abruptly around in time to behold one of the vestrymen chasing a small and attenuated stray cat round and round the chancel rail in ineffectual efforts to induce it to leave. Father Wallis' brow darkened. "Put that cat down," he thundered; then turning back to his interrupted duties, he added as an afterthought, "I detest cats." The next Sunday the congregation was amused to see a goat ambling peacefully up the center aisle. The rector saw it, too. "How did that goat butt in here?" he demanded wrathfully. The collection that day was unusually light and the pastor informed his flock that they put "only the price of a bad cigar in the plate."

Father Wallis really lives in the church, as he has built a tiny addition at one side and can enter the edifice at his will. He is very critical concerning matters musical and one Sunday when the choir singing was unusually poor he said: "We'll stop this right now: You sing that hymn over again and sing it better," which they proceeded to do, Father Wallis marching up and down the aisles and beating time.

Pastor Starved in Church Basement

The church over which Father Wallis presides has had a strange and sometimes turbulent history. The Puseyites who first occupied it had formerly held their services in a barn. Then Mrs. F. M. Pixley deeded them the Union street lot, upon which the tiny church was built. She intended to leave the Puseyites \$10,000, but after a difference of opinion with one of the pastors this provision was cut out of her will. Services must be conducted in the church, otherwise the lot reverts to the Pixley estate. A congregation has been held together for 17 years under various pastors. The first of these was an Englishman named Bolton, who one Sunday startled his congregation by announcing his conversion to the Roman Catholic church. Following him came pastors named Innes, Clark, Parrish and the incumbent, Father Wallis. Parrish came out from England with the express intention of building up the church or of dying in the attempt. He did build it up from a congregation of six to the respectable number of 80. Then he received a call to the Church of the Advent. Matters did not go well with him there and one morning the announcement appeared in the papers that he was living in a cellar under the church and that he was literally starving. Tons of supplies poured into the cellar, but Parrish shortly afterward went to Sausalito, where he endeavored to found a monastery. He succeeded in gaining one convert and, becoming discouraged, retired to New York to a famous monastery.

McGushin Hints at Lonergan's Guilt

The old saw about honor among thieves did not apply to the late unlamented board of supervisors. A few months before the graft exposures Supervisor Pat McGushin was in his glory behind the bar of his saloon one evening and several of his customers were joking with him about the then unproved charges of grafting by members of the board of supervisors. "Now on the low down," said one, "tell us, Pat, have you been getting any of the money?"

"As sure as I'm standing here," answered Pat, "I haven't taken a cent."

"How about the others?" asked the questioner.

"Well," said Pat, "seeing we are all friends, I'll tell the truth. I'm not accusing anybody, but I'm wondering how that fellow Lonergan sleeps nights."

Rip Van Winkle a Lucky Individual

George B. Benham, the labor leader, not long ago got off a good joke at the expense of his barber. It was a warm day and Benham closed his eyes as he reclined in the chair. The barber thought he was asleep, and began to hum, "Rip Van Winkle was a lucky man."

Benham opened his eyes and remarked: "You bet he was. He never saw a barber for 20 years."

Personal Mention

John B. Chapman and Mrs. Chapman of Pittsburg are at the Fairmont.
J. H. Edwards of Newman is at the Dale.
C. C. Fay and Mrs. Fay of Seattle are at the Majestic.
J. J. Connell and wife of Shanghai are at the St. Francis.
Major and Mrs. C. G. Morton, U. S. A., are guests at the Savoy.
Fred H. Wilson of Winnemucca is staying at the Imperial.
Thomas H. Eckroy of Cincinnati is registered at the Dorchester.
H. M. Martin and Mrs. Martin are at the Fairmont from Tonopah.
Dr. Allen H. Peck of Betteveria is registered at the St. Francis.
W. H. O'bear and Mark Southerton are at the Imperial from Los Angeles.
M. A. Carroll and Mrs. Carroll of Ross Valley are at the Majestic Annex.
M. Mayer of Seattle and F. Coffe of Hazen are guests at the Baltimore.
Dr. and Mrs. Freeman registered at the Jefferson yesterday from Manila.
J. Scoby of Seattle is at the Grand Central, accompanied by Mrs. Scoby.
William McCroyan of Sacramento registered at the St. James yesterday.
H. Bonetti, a large land owner of Guatemala, is staying at the St. James.
W. Dixon, a Los Angeles manufacturer, registered at the Dale yesterday.
Captain E. P. Lawton, Nineteenth In-

fantry, U. S. A., is a guest at the Jefferson.
O. C. Gregor of Eureka, clerk of Humboldt county, is a guest at the Dale.
H. M. Grandin and Mrs. Grandin registered at the Majestic from Chicago yesterday.
H. K. Wheeler, owner of copper properties at Ely, Nev., is a guest at the Hamilton.
W. O. Watson of San Jose and E. C. White of Los Angeles are guests at the Pacific Grand.
Major and Mrs. Megill and child arrived from Manila yesterday and are at the Jefferson.
Congressman James McLachlan registered at the St. Francis yesterday from Pasadena.
Major McComb, Fourteenth cavalry, arrived on the transport Sherman and went to the Jefferson.
Major J. L. Powell and wife and Miss Powell arrived from Manila yesterday and are at the Savoy.
A. P. Cross, mail contractor of the postal department, is at the Grand Central from Los Angeles.
G. H. Hayes, the Goldfield millionaire, accompanied by Mrs. Hayes and three children, is at the Fairmont.
George D. Evans, a furniture manufacturer of Grand Rapids, is spending a vacation in San Francisco. He is at the Hamlin.

first of the lunches and dinners to be given in her honor will be on Thursday next, when Miss Marion Zelle will entertain Miss Hyde-Smith and about a dozen of their friends at luncheon at the Fairmont hotel. This is about the first affair of its kind this season and it will be several society girls who are not yet "out." Miss Zelle herself among them.

The many San Francisco friends of Mrs. Leonard Wood, who arrived with her son on the Sherman yesterday, will be disappointed to hear that this charming woman will go straight through to Boston, spending barely 24 hours in this city. Both Major General Wood and his wife are great favorites here and many a delightful affair had been planned in anticipation of Mrs. Wood's arrival.

Mrs. M. A. Huntington has rented her Jackson street home for the winter to Mrs. Edward Baron, who, with her

debutante daughter, Miss Margaret, will come up from Mayfield for the next, when Miss Marion Zelle will entertain Miss Hyde-Smith and about a dozen of their friends at luncheon at the Fairmont hotel. This is about the first affair of its kind this season and it will be several society girls who are not yet "out." Miss Zelle herself among them.

There were several Californians at the Irish horse show given near Dublin this year. It is considered quite the "smart" thing to be seen there and is made a feature by tourists from all over the world. Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sadoc Tobin and Mrs. E. R. Dimond, who have been six months in Europe, crossed from England for this affair, with a party of English friends. Mrs. and Miss Vrooman of Oakland also made the trip, coming down from Scotland, where they have been for some time.

Conditions in California

The California Promotion Committee wired the following to its Eastern Bureau in New York yesterday:

California temperature for the past 24 hours:
Eureka Minimum 56 Maximum 64
San Francisco Minimum 56 Maximum 65
San Diego Minimum 58 Maximum 70

Duties on goods received at the San Francisco custom house for the week ended September 14, 1907, \$120,000.

The sugar beet factory at Willows, in Glenn county, has started on its run for the season. The beets are showing 15 to 22 per cent saccharine, which is a good yield. Three hundred men are employed and 100 mags are needed. The concrete skeleton frame is up for the Grandd hotel at Hyde and Sutter streets, San Francisco. This will be a 10 story, reinforced concrete structure with the peculiar reinforcing known as skeleton frame. The cost will be \$500,000.