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Miss Harriet Smith, Y. W. C. A. Student Secretary in China, Relates Amazing Story of How 20,000 Students Organized Themselves.



MISS HARRIET SMITH Of Chinese Y. W. C. A.

By BERNICE GRISWOLD.
Miss Harriet Smith, for ten years a student secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in Shanghai, China, relates the amazing story of how 20,000 Chinese students organized themselves to oust the militarists from Government offices in Peking and how they succeeded in becoming the leaders of China.

Fearing that China was not to be protected from the aggression of other nations by the Peace Treaty, as she had expected to be, some 20,000 students, all of them between the ages of twelve and twenty-one years and including 8,000 girls organized themselves into the Chinese Students' Patriotic Society immediately after the publication of the first draft of the Peace Treaty to fight for Chinese rights.

Their first move was to strike from school or, rather, from lectures, as they remained in their respective schools and spent so many hours daily in private study. They then organized into bands for getting out propaganda literature and for public speaking in the country and small towns and in the tea shops in poorer districts of the cities in order that they might reach the vast numbers of people who could not read.

Immediately upon organizing, the students published their demands, four in number: (1) that the militarists, who as a party were pro-Japanese and practically controlled the Government at Peking, be put out of office; (2) that Shaantung be returned to China; (3) that the twenty-year demands made by Japan in 1915 be canceled; (4) that there be freedom of speech and of the press. They also insisted that the Chinese constitution be enforced.

An immense amount of literature was put out, much of it in the new phonetic script which is being launched in China, so that the uneducated classes might learn what was happening. Students lectured everywhere on the demands, stirring the people to patriotism. When many of them were arrested while parading in the streets of Peking they formed an Association of Imprisoned Students within the prison and refused to be released, picketing the stockade themselves when Government guards were taken away, until the Government submitted a proper apology for having imprisoned them in the beginning.

When it became evident that economic pressure was all that would be effective both the bankers and merchants' guilds were called upon to back the students. "In less than two hours," Miss Smith said, "the shutters were up at every shop in that great city of Shanghai, where telephones are few and communication difficult. Every shop, whether large or small, was closed. The laboring people, feeling as patriotic as the bankers, merchants and students, also joined the general strike. For a week everything was closed—shops, money exchanges, fish markets, shipping, everything. The students struggled to keep public utilities running. The telephone service was stopped for a short time, but the students soon had it running again. They held meetings day and night, try-

ing to keep the railroad employees at their posts and explaining that it was patriotism for them and for water works and electric light employees to continue to work. At the end of that week the students had won the first point and the militarists were out of power.

When suffrage in any form finally comes to China Miss Smith feels that it will be granted to both men and women because of the way women are helping to build things up now. Women students took an active part in all of this bloodless revolution. They had their part of the work was to translate much of the literature into phonetic script and when a boycott was declared on Japanese goods to begin production of goods in China.

"All of the students threw away their ~~stagnant~~ hats—purely Japanese products—at the beginning of their movement, and the women students set about making white duck hats, which were called patriotic hats and immediately became very popular. Then they began devoting themselves to the making of parasols and of talcum powder. Some of them paraded, but none was arrested.

"China is the last country in the world to ~~lose~~ ~~lose~~ feeling and antipathy, which seems to be gripping the rest of the world," Miss Smith says. "In China there is a wonderful social solidarity. People get together, not so much by localities, but by trades and professions. Every one belongs to a guild, and these guilds are wonderfully organized, as the Chinese have a genius for organization. Despite poor lines of communication, lack of railroads and telephones, these guilds hold closely together. Yet their organization has nothing to do with caste.

"With a leadership as highly organized as that of the students a great amount can be done. Leading men of China interpret the student movement as very significant—the forming of a new national party. It is the duty of all Christian organizations in China to give these students, who are now the leaders of the Government, every possible bit of aid and inspiration, as they need more than human help to bring China out of her difficulties successfully. The Y. W. C. A. is doing what it can to help the women students. All of these students have given up their vacations and are working hard throughout the summer."

Miss Smith has seen China change, within ten years, from one of the oldest and most rigid monarchies of the world into a republic. She saw the first republican flags go up and feels that China has accomplished a great deal, fighting all the time as she has, against the great odds of Japanese and European aggression in addition to the old monarchistic party. Given time, China will become one of the great republics of the world, she says.

Miss Smith lives in Richmond, Va., and is home on a year's furlough. She expects to return to China in the spring.

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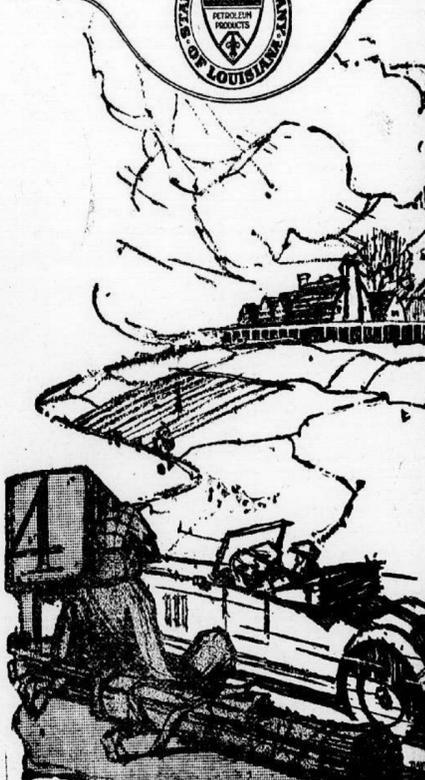
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POLICE MEMBER

The DEMOCRAT is authorized to announce J. H. KING as a candidate for the office of Police Member from Ward 7, Bienville parish, La., subject to the action of the Democratic primary election to be held in January, 1920.

The DEMOCRAT is authorized to announce W. B. HANSON as a candidate for the office of Police member to represent Ward 2, Bienville Parish, La., subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in January, 1920.

REPRESENTATIVE

The DEMOCRAT is authorized to announce R. L. WILLIAMS as a candidate for the office of Representative from Bienville Parish to the State Legislature, subject to the action of the Democratic primary to be held in January, 1920.

STATE SENATOR

The DEMOCRAT is authorized to announce A. R. JOHNSON as a candidate for re-election to the office of State Senator from the 24th Senatorial District, composed of Bienville and Claiborne parishes, subject to nomination by action of the Democratic party.

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE

The DEMOCRAT is authorized to announce LORRIS M. WIMBERLY as a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace for Ward One, Bienville Parish, La., subject to the nomination of the Democratic party.

MARSHAL BODDIE ARRESTS SUBSCRIPTION FAKERS

Last Friday city marshal J. W. Boddie arrested two white men giving their names as H. C. Smith alias Harry Everett, and Wood, also a youth whose name we failed to obtain. The men were arrested while working a fake newspaper subscription scheme among the negro population of this community. Their plan was to sell a subscription for the "Farm Dairy," a northern farm paper—for the subscription price of \$1.00 and to give a leather purse as a premium with each subscription. An investigation proved that the men had no authority with the "Farm Dairy" and that the publishers of the paper had no knowledge of them whatever.

The men are now resting in the parish holdover awaiting the action of the grand jury.

The boy arrested with the two men was released. A woman claiming to be the wife of one of the men arrived from Pittsburg a few days after the arrests and visits the jail every day.

Only two subscriptions were sold by the men. The charges under which they are being held are obtaining money under false pretense.

W. B. Hanson, candidate for Police Juror from Ward Two, transacted business here Sunday.

TAYLOR HAPPENINGS

Prof. G. L. Wren of Gibsland, was an all day visitor to our town Saturday and made quite an interesting talk at the concert in the school building Saturday night.

Mrs. Wallace our highly esteemed teacher had as her all day guest Sunday, her husband, from Ruston. We are always glad to have such entertaining visitors as Mr. Wallace.

Mr. Bailey Prothro, Misses Essie and Mary Cook, Bertha and Kate Vize were visitors in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Wall Sunday evening.

Misses Annie, Dot and Joe Mat Copeland of the Gibsland high school, visited here folks Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Emma McNeil visited her parents Saturday returning to Gibsland Sunday.

Mr. Allen Vize left Sunday to resume work on the V. S. & P. R. H., and will be greatly missed by his many friends.

Brother Conant of Gibsland, filled his regular appointment here Sunday and spoke very freely in the interest of the \$75,000,000 Campaign for Southern Baptist. We should every one respond liberally to this great cause.

It has rained in and around here for the past two weeks. But Saturday morning the sun rose bright and warm and has shone for the past few days to the delight of all.

There will be a Halloween party in the auditorium Friday night, at 8 p. m., Oct. 31, and all are invited to come in masquerade costume. Those coming without appropriate costume will pay 20 cents admission.

The concert and box supper at the school building Saturday night was quite a success. It fully demonstrated the sterling worth of both teachers and pupils. After the concert, which was enjoyed very much, came the selling of the boxes. Mr. Geo. Prothro acted as auctioneer and proved to be a good one. The prices of the boxes ranged from \$2.50 to \$4.00, and the 15 boxes sold netted \$41.30 which goes to buy books for the library. Taylor school has many more plans which will aid greatly in its success.

RINGGOLD LOCALS

Dr. Guy Wimberly and family from Longstreet, La., were guests in the home of their brother, Dr. F. F. Wimberly last week.

Mrs. Ruth Timberlake of Washington, Ark., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Coffey.

Mr. and Mrs. Kotz Allums, Miss Bunah Allums and Master Lorain and Melford were business visitors in Shreveport Thursday.

Miss Leslie Brewton was a guest in the home of Miss Dora Wimberly for the week-end.

Misses Thelma and Annie Lee Davis and Miss Ruth Alexander from near Bisteneau, are staying in the home of Mrs. Lester and attending high school.

Mr. John Pugh of Ruston, is visiting his brother, Mr. V. S. Pugh this week.

Mr. Ben Johnson, of Mansfield, spoke at the Baptist church Sunday in the interest of the 75 Million Dollar Campaign.

Mrs. George Lanning and children are visiting her sister, Mrs. F. F. Wimberly.

Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Caldwell of Bastrop, are guests in the home of Mrs. Caldwell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lavoe Burkhalter, this week.

Mrs. Wm. Booth of Heflin, was called to the home of her brother, Mr. Geo. Pope, Sunday, on account of the very serious illness of her little niece, Mary Grace Pope, who has a severe case of membranous croup. A specialist, Dr. Harrell, of Ruston, was called in and with the assistance of Drs. Allums and Wimberly performed an operation that relieved her suffering greatly and it is now hoped that she will recover soon.

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