

HIN WONG, B. J. '12, RISKS LYNCHING FOR A STORY

When the Chinese boycott of Japanese goods brought China and Japan almost to a clash several months ago and Fukien China, was seething with wrath against its merchants who insisted in carrying stocks of Japanese goods, Hin Wong, editor of the Canton Times, a graduate of the School of Journalism of the University of Missouri, risked being lynched by a mob of students by printing in his paper the two versions of an anti-Japanese brawl in Canton.

Early in May last year as a result of the unearthing of a plot between Peking authorities and Japan whereby an understanding was reached that Shantung should remain in the hands of Japan, Chinese students rose simultaneously in Southern China to protest. Against the commercializing spirit of Japan the students declared a boycott of Japanese goods. This boycott was first declared at Peking and spread rapidly throughout China crystallizing itself in the coast cities where Japanese trade was heavy. In Shanghai business was tied up for several months.

The outburst reached Canton, the biggest city in Southern China, in February, 1919. Here the students had a clash with the military authorities.

Three big department stores selling Japanese goods were raided and a brawl ensued. The disturbance was quelled only by the intervention of the military authorities and the imprisonment of the attacking students and their leaders. This infuriated the Canton students, who threatened to declare a wholesale strike if their comrades were not released. Canton newspapers being warned made no comment on the brawl. One newspaper alone, the Canton Times, came out with a full story of the incident and endangered the life of the editor, Hin Wong, because it gave the two versions of the brawl.

Disturbance Is Quelled.
Fortunately for the Canton Times editor, the military authorities of Canton acceded to the demands of the students, thereby quieting the rioters' rage towards Wong.

Mr. Wong belongs to the class of '12 of the School of Journalism of the University. He is scout commissioner for South China. He refused offers of the Peking government to hold portfolio in the cabinet, and to become vice-president of the Senate in order to be an humble secretary of the Y. M. C. A.

Speaking of the Canton brawl, Mr.

Wong is said to have remarked to his interviewer: "The Canton Times is only partial in its fight for constitutionalism as against militarism, for right as against wrong. The supreme test of a newspaper is the measure of its public service!"

An account of the Canton brawl was related by the reporter who covered the assignment for the Canton Times. The story was published in the Philippine Free Press, a weekly paper in Manila. The reporter said:

Threatened the Editor.
"I covered the story of the fracas for the Canton Times. When I arrived at the office that day, Editor-in-chief Hin Wong told me:

"Give both sides of the story. You can have all the space you want."

"The story occupied two thirds of the first page of the Times, and quite a few dailies reproduced it entirely. Fewer quoted it at length and flashed it through China and Japan, besides its own correspondent's report. When the hot-headed members of the students read the story, they felt indignant because the two versions were given. Friends called on the editor-in-chief to warn him of the threats of some of the boys. But nothing could deflect Hin Wong from giving the facts, favorable or unfavorable. Previous to this regrettable incident, he had already warned the students 'to keep within the law,' for, as he told them: 'Coercion and force is just as intolerable when exercised in the name of patriotism as when exercised by rank militarists.'

"In his attitude in the matter the editor showed rare courage and revealed the stuff of which he is made. To go against the students then and to defy them in their error, was court-ing unpopularity and the risk of being branded a traitor to the cause.

Prison and Death.
"By releasing the sincere story, despite the warning of the police commissioner to the newspapers to refrain from publishing stories of the disturbance before the police department had given out the official version, the editor-in-chief also assumed a grave responsibility. The other newspapermen who printed wild stories about the fracas and hinted that the Sincere Company had bribed the commissioner of police—an absolutely malicious insinuation—were ordered arrested and sent to prison without trial. The New Republic Press, the organ of the Parliamentarians, had its office guarded by Yunnanese troops to prevent the Kwangtung soldiers from disturbing them.

"Next day when I arrived at the office Editor-in-chief Hin Wong asked me:

"Mr. Navas, what was your share?"

"Share of the what, sir? I asked in turn.

"Why, I have just received an unsigned letter saying that the Canton Times has been bribed to the extent of \$8,000 by the Sincere Company!"

WILL ATTEND K. C. CONFERENCE

Prof. J. D. Eliff to Represent M. U. at Educational Meeting.

Prof. J. D. Eliff of the School of Education will represent the University of Missouri at a conference of educational workers in Kansas City, May 29.

This conference has been called by the Bureau of Education of the Department of the Interior to help solve the question of increasing demand for students trained in vocational and higher technical subjects.

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REV. BENJAMIN GEORGE ILL Former Pastor of Columbia Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Benjamin K. George who was pastor of the Columbia Presbyterian Church from 1867 to 1870 is seriously ill at his home in Elmwood, Ill. His wife is the daughter of Doctor Gillman, deceased. His mother was a daughter of Judge Benjamin Young, of Calloway County and the granddaughter of John Woolfolk, one of the three revolutionary soldiers buried in Boone County. The mother of the Reverend Young died in Texas shortly before he came to Columbia, last November.

Missionary Society Given Annual Tea.

The annual May tea of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Christian Church is to be given at the home of Mrs. L. A. Fleming, 1207 Walnut street, from 3 o'clock to 5 Friday afternoon. Members are requested to

bring their Living Link pledge with them.

MORE PAY FOR SOLDIERS Recruiting Office Seeks to Enlist Former Service Men.

Sergt. V. C. McCall of the Columbia recruiting office said today that the soldier pay bill recently signed by President Wilson carries with it an increase of 30 to 70 per cent in all branches of service. It is expected that the passage of

this bill will be an added stimulus to the recruiting of former service men. Student May Undergo Operation, Charles Egner, a vocational student in the University left this morning for Kansas City where he will be re-examined and possibly undergo an operation. Mr. Egner's leg was amputated by a German surgeon while he was a prisoner in Germany. A shrapnel wound made the amputation necessary. It was performed on the field and has not proven satisfactory.

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