CHINA LEARNED MIGHT IS RIGHT

Chinese Editor in Striking Address on China's Awakening Gives a New Idea of His Country

UNUSUAL SCENE AT SCHOOL OPENING

"China is awakening! She has imported men from Europe, from Germany, from Belgium, from France and other countries—followers of Christ, the Prince of Peace—to teach us the western art of killing in the most Christian way."

Using his arms to emphasize his words, speaking with charming fluency, Ng Poon Chew, editor of the Daily Chung Sai Yat Pao, of San Francisco, the speaker of the day at the dedication ceremony of the new Imperial Chinese School, of Victoria, last Saturday, said this and more. He gave those who heard him a grasp of China's present position that they had not attempted to have before and he encouraged his own countrymen to have pride of country.

Ng Poon Chew's address followed the first part of the opening day exercises and it created an impression among the many English speaking people present as well as among the Chinese.

After introducing his remarks with references to the progress indicated by such a building as the new scool, Ng Poon Chew went on:

"China was asleep, intoxicated in the glories of her past. She had cause to be proud, and she is proud. Why? Those who have studied the life and customs and history of China will agree with me that China has cause to be proud. Her history shows that for 45 successive centuries China has had an unbroken record of human existence. Long before Romulus laid the corner stone of Rome, China was a well-governed republic. Long before Abraham in response to the heavenly injunction crossed the plains of Mesopotamia into the promised land, China flourished. Her glories were told of by historians when Cleopatra lived on the Nile and softened the iron heart of Marc Antony. Naturally China is proud of her past. Where are the other nations of the past? They are gone, like the leaves of yester year. They have left nothing but a memory, an empty fold, or broken fragments that are but traces of their existence. China is today probably somewhat backward, but she is still. China is like a cube. No matter how placed she comes right side up, no matter how kicked or tumbled the right side is always up."

Has Awakened

"Now China is awakened industrially, and in a military sense, too. She will have a greater military awakening. I suppose you will doubt the fighting qualities of the Chinese. To those who do so I refer them to the highbinders of San Francisco. There we have a set of people who toil not, neither do they spin. They carve others, and let themselves be carved. If they are willing to do that, Chinese cannot be cowards. The Chinese can be made into good fighting and killing machines—given three requisites. You must show them how to kill, and how to be killed; secondly, you must give them the means to kill and to be killed, and thirdly, a cause why they should killed or be killed. I do not glory in war. That is a relic of barbarism, and I hope the time will come when the world will abolish all war; when all men will practice the golden rule which the Saviour gave as: "Do unto others what you would have them do unto you," and Confucius in the negative way: "Do not unto others what you would not have them do unto you."

"China is awakening, though. She has imported men from Europe, from Germany, from Belgium, from France, and other countries—followers of Christ the Prince of Peace—to teach us the western art of killing in the most Christian way. These men brought to China for this purpose are busily engaged in drilling our young men in all parts of China, we have arsenals, guns of all shapes and sizes, and are progressing rapidly after modern methods to equip our soldiers with the means of having something to kill and teaching them how they shall be killed. The foreign teachers are teaching us how to turn our ploughshares into spears and our pruning hooks into swords.

"As for the cause to kill or be killed if you look into the history of the last fifty years in China you will certainly agree that there have been times when China has been given that cause; at least cause to make ready so that she may protect that what is left to her. Not much is left, but that which is left China is preparing to defend. Port Arthur once was Chinese territory. Russia sent warships there, and when the admiral found how well situated the place was and what a good harbor there was there, Russia said to China, 'Give it to me.' 'To you,' said China, 'yes,' said Russia, 'I need it.' And what could China do? There was nothing China could do, and Russia was allowed to take it. Then came Germany and took Kiaochou. 'You must give us this place to balance power,' said she. 'Why should the power of Europe be balanced in China at our expense?' said China. There was no answer, and what could China do. She had not been sufficiently civilized in killing and being killed to make objection. Then came France and settled at Tonkin in the south. Why To balance power. It was always the same. The navies came from Europe, and seized parts of China to balance the power of Europe in China. And when they had finished where was China?

China's Lesson

"China has found out that when a large nation is dealing with a small one, might is always right. When the western nations have been dealing with China right has been adjudicated according to might. Therefore, China has learned through the bitter trials she has had that it is useless to protest until there is sufficient might to make right in her behalf. The small nation only can talk of equity when dealing with a larger one. The larger nation uses a big stick, and the bigger the stick the more the right. The biggest nation of modern times is that which can kill the most men in the least time, and at the least expense. This is not a new philosophy, though; it is as old as the world.

"China has, therefore, been given reasons to provide the means to protect herself, or at least that which has been left to her. The time was when China was not in need of an army. She never had such a thing as a standing army. She might have had a running army or a sitting army; but a standing army, never. In the next ten years though there will be a standing army of at least a million men, fully and capably armed with modern weapons. China will then not only be able to protect herself, but to defy aggression. China though will never seek war for the sake of fighting. She is not a warlike country. Having tasted the results of peace for so many years she will seek peace, but the time will come when China will not accept peace at any cost—but peace with honor.

"The most promising side of modern China is, however, not the military, but what is more lasting, the intellectual awakening. The system of education, which has been in vogue for thousands of years, made a finely polished educated idiots, nothing more. Now we have abolished that system, and sought out the western method. We educate our boys and girls, too, after the manner of the west. As a boy I remember how I started for school at 4.30 a. m., stopping my lessons for breakfast at 9 a. m., and continuing again, morning, afternoon and night. Chinese have been said to possess more vitality than most nationals. The reason is that this old system of education killed off the weaklings. Here was the survival of the fittest. Only the strong ones survived, and this is why the race today has vitality.

Must Go Slow

"We have to go slow in China, though. There are still many conservatives, and we must not violate their sense of etiquette. We must have separate schools for our boys and girls, or at least a partition between the classes; for the boys and girls must not be permitted to make those horrid 'goo-goo' eyes. Seriously, though, the modern schools are building up a new type of youth, and they are our pride, our hope for the future. The hope of new China is centred in our schools. The education they are receiving is eliminating all that is base, all doubt and ignorance. The boy knows what his father did not know; that China is no longer the centre of the universe, but only a small portion of the world. It is, however, the only spot in the world where the Chinese may claim equal rights, and the modern China will feel more patriotism for the homeland on this account. It has been said that Chinese lacked patriotism in the past; but they will not lack this in the future. China is not separated, no longer the happenings in one part are unknown in the other, and with the modern facilities, newspapers and easy means of travel patriotism will thrive and Chinese will not only make sacrifice for their country, but they will be heroes, and give their lives for their country if need arise.

"Canada and China should be great friends. There is only a small body of water dividing them, and daily the world grows smaller, and they are brought nearer. The people differ not in kind, but only in degree, and if we brush aside the race prejudice, the race hatred, we will see beneath the yellow skin the image of the same humanity. It may be faint, weak or dim; but if your sympathy is given it may be developed until it is as perfect an image as the background of humanity will permit."

Bishop Perrin made a few remarks, following the speaker, in which he stated that he hoped that with the progress and new education China care would be taken not to eliminate the great feature of Chinese life—the respect the child has always shown for his parents and elders. Judge Harrison also addressed those present, outlining the opportunities given by the opening of the new school, and after some other speakers had been heard all adjourned to the refreshment room on the floor below to partake of the refreshments there provided.

Lee Dye presided at the afternoon ceremony, beginning at 2 o'clock. He spoke of his pleasure and that of his fellow-members of the Chinese Benevolent association at seeing such a fine assembly—there was a large audience of invited guests. Lee Mong Kow, president of the school, who followed, said the school being opened had been organized a year ago. He said that during his quarter of a century's residence in Victoria he had not seen such a happening as this. It showed the strength of the friendly feeling between the two races, which he hoped would continue. China is a great old country. She has the people and everything, but is still backward among the nations. The cause is poor education. China is, however, reforming her educational work, and five years ago the foundation was laid of the new education. There were now 384 children in the Chinese quarter and 150 families, and he hoped there would be more. The Canadian government had dealt kindly with the Chinese in exempting the wives and families of merchants, and doubtless more families would be brought here, and the Chinese would drive into their children not only the education of Canada, but also the fact that the growing Chinese should have a kindly feeling to China, which would have a great effect on the future trade between the countries. He felt that this would result in bringing the two nations more closely together.

Lim Bang, vice-president of the school, also spoke, welcoming the visitors and expressing his great pleasure at the interest taken in the opening of the new school, and the efforts of the Chinese to educate their children. Many of the young children of Chinatown were British subjects, born in Victoria; others were becoming British subjects by naturalization.

Many other local Chinese also spoke, expressing pleasure, including Peter Hing, a graduate of McGill, and many of the visiting Chinese spoke, including Hsu Ping-Chen, the visiting consul-general, who addressed the assemblage in Chinese, his words being interpreted by Ng Poon Chew, editor of the Chung Sai Yat Pao, a daily of San Francisco, and the consul's son.

Chu Ping-Chon, the vice consul, said he had heard a great deal about Victoria and the way the citizens treated his people here, and of how his nationals lived in comfort and prospered in Victoria. It gave him the greatest pleasure to accept the invitation of his countrymen in this city to attend the opening of their new school.

PROVINCIAL NEWS TOLD IN FEW WORDS

Granolithic sidewalks are being laid on all the chief streets of Nelson.

J. S. Pudney has resigned the secretaryship of the Nanaimo Citizen's league.

Salmon Arm has received, tested and pronounced satisfactory its new chemical fire engine.

J. Mowat and W. Stebbing are establishing a first class steam laundry at Kamloops, bringing in a $6,000 plant from the East.

The big salmon run has at last struck the Fraser and the hearts of the canners are made glad.

D. Hunter has resigned his position as principal of the Ladysmith public schools, to go to Prince Rupert in a similar capacity.

John Taylor Jackson, an esteemed pioneer of the district, is dead at Salmon Arm. He had been a paralytic for the past three years.

Alec Swite, an Indian, was killed at Peachland last week, by a large rock which he was endeavoring to remove in clearing, falling upon him.

Traffic throughout the Nelson division of the C. P. R. is reported unusually heavy. In the Boundary a record for traffic was established during July.

Enderby has been made a postal revenue office, postal packages subject to import duties being cleared there hereafter instead of going to the Vernon office.

Edward Ferdinand Perkin Pierce, a resident of the Nanaimo district for the past thirty years, died at the residence of a grandson in Cedar district last Friday.

Wednesday of this week has been declared a civic holiday at New Westminster. The Royal City will celebrate with a picnic at Blackie Spit, the fourth in consecutive years.

The mines at Little Valley, near Barkerville, have begun operations under the management of L. Bonner. The Venture company, Peters Creek, resume operations in mid-August.

Revelstoke's Mountaineering club has completed a rustic chalet near Protection lake, where a stove, dishes, etc., are provided for the use of campers and climbers on Mount Revelstoke.

Provincial Fruit Inspector Thomas Cunningham is engaged in an inspection of the fruit stock in the Kamloops district. He has found little trace of any infection in the orchards visited.

The Nanaimo Citizens' league has decided to "use its influence" with the C. P. R. to getting the second of the company's tourist hotels on the island located at the Coal City instead of Cameron lake.

The Indian, Joe Martin, held in custody as the principal offender in the fatal brawl at Shuswap, which resulted in the killing of Michael, another Indian, is having his preliminary hearing today.

Students from British Columbia attending the agricultural college at Guelph or that at Ste. Anne de Bellevue are entitled to $50 a term or $100 a session, as a bonus from the government of this province.

E. L. Randall, a ditching and dyking contractor at Matsqui, committed suicide at Bellingham, last week, by swallowing a large quantity of carbolic acid. He had been very despondent for some weeks.

The old ferry steamer Surrey, plying across the Fraser at New Westminster in ante-bridge days, is to be broken up for old metal. Latterly it has been in service between Vancouver and its northern suburb.

A lumber company represented by William McKenzie, of Cranbrook, is examining extensive holdings acquired on Seymour Arm, and will probably establish a mill there and a sash and door factory at Salmon Arm.

The school trustees of Delta are considering favorably a proposal by Inspector Stewart to have the first two years of the high school course taken up hereafter at the Ladner school, these advanced classes being in charge of Miss McNeill.

Plans are being prepared by Architect Peters for a new $7,000 Anglican church for Vernon. About $3,000 will be expended this year in clearing and improving the site and preparing the foundations. A handsome rectory was erected last year.

While exercising a vicious stallion, "Pride of Drumburle," owned by H. J. Evans of Salmon Arm, John Smith received serious injuries. He would probably have been killed had he not been so close to the animal that it could not attack him effectively.

Mrs. Tunstall, who died in Montreal last week, the mother of Dr. S. J. Tunstall, of Vancouver, and James C. Tunstall, of Kamloops, was a daughter of the great explorer Simon Fraser who gave his name to the mighty river on which stands New Westminster.

Hugh Brown, of Fruitlands, well known also at Kamlooops, was killed in an accident last week at Waterous, Ont. He was a driver on the Grand Trunk Pacific, and two years ago had a peculiarly close call, being blown through the window of his cab by an explosion.

The Revelstoke autumnal exhibition is to be held this year on September 8, 9 and 10. Increased accommodation is to be provided for the poultry exhibit, which will be a feature of the show. Horse races and a gun club shoot are the principal sporting attractions.

Five citizens of Salmon Arm have taken over the instruments of the town band, in trust for the organization and for the town. Half the purchase price had been paid on them, and the dealers threatened to take back the instruments unless a settlement was effected.

Chilliwhack has adopted a slightly higher tax rate.

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Tramps continue to greatly annoy the railway company at Vancouver, Jail sentences of thirty days are now being ordered.

At Cumberland a few days ago, Rev. D. McGillivray, performed the marriage ceremony for Mr. Andrew Thomson and Miss Rose Anderson of Baynes Sound.

A new postoffice has been established at Edmond's station on the inter-urban tramline from Vancouver to New Westminster, with D. C. Paterson in charge.

Revelstoke has decided to erect a special publicity building at the C. P. R. station wherein will be exhibited samples of the products of the district and photographs of its most notable scenery.

The re-entry of the B. C. Copper Company among the shipping mines of the Kootenay camp was the feature of last week, the Motherlode mine sending 2,730 tons of ore to the Greenwood smelter.

Peter Murphy and Andrew Macdonald have been committed for trial at Vancouver on the complaint of A. Jensen, who charges highway robbery. Both deny the charge and have elected for jury trial.

The largest shipment of bridge material that has ever been sent out of Toronto is now on its way from that city for use in construction of the new Lulu Island bridge. The consignment is valued at $27,750.

The death occurred at Trail a few days ago of six-year-old Richard Edgar Dunkerley, the youngest son of Percy Dunkerley, formerly of this city. The child was smothered by the caving in upon him of a sandbank while he was at play.

Miss Ada Deacon, B.A., honor graduate and medallist of the University of Toronto, has been appointed lady principal of Columbia College, New Westminster, her assistant being Miss G. Evans, B.A., honor graduate of Mount Allison University.

The wedding has just taken place at Nanaimo of Mr. F. J. J. Pfeifer and Mrs. Clarke, until very recently of Pictou, Ont. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Robson. Miss Greta Asselstine, of Milton, Ont., attended the bride and Mr. Blake Asselstine the groom.

Constable Thompson of Salmon Arm received an ovation from his fellow-townsmen on his return from Kamloops jail "on his own recognizances." The hearing of the legal issues involved in his arrest and incarceration will be argued in Chambers here Wednesday morning.

Losses by the recent fire at Kelowna are placed at $18,000, with little insurance. The sufferers are: T. W. Raymer, owner of Raymer's Hall, $3,000; the T. Lawson Co., 8,000 to $10,000, with $4,000 insurance; Harvey Small, $2,000; Arthur Raymer, $2,000, and Mrs. Shayler, $2,000.

Grand Forks suffered by fire to the extent of $9,000 Saturday morning, the principal buildings destroyed being the Queen's hotel, Haverly's boarding house and the Columbia Meat Market. The cause of the fire is unknown. The Queen's hotel and Columbia Meat Market were partially insured.

The body of the Indian, Victor Camp, who rode to his death at the draw in the Thompson river bridge, has been recovered and an inquest held. It was developed that the wash had been drinking heavily and advised to clear out for home. He imagined the police were after him, hence his mad and fatal ride.

Governor Johnson, of Minnesota, during a short stay in Kamloops last week, declared that he saw in the Inland Capital the potentialities of a great city, with at least 25,000 population. Little Miss Nellie Robinson, daughter of Mayor Robinson, presented souvenir post cards to all members of the gubernatorial party.

Another pack train for use of the Canadian Northern railway surveyors went north from Kamloops last week, in charge of R. Gordon. They will go up the Thompson 190 miles and there locate the first of the railway parties, afterwards working further north. The surveyors promise to have all ready for construction work by October.

Vernon's city council has selected a site on the Wilson property for a 5,000,000 gallon reservoir, and is negotiating for an additional five acres a short distance below, where an auxiliary open reservoir to hold 15,000,000 gallons can be economically constructed by damming the lower end of a ravine and puddling the bottom and sides.

A charming home wedding was celebrated at Alberni a few days since, in which the principals were Mr. James Dick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Dick, of Nanaimo, and Miss Johanna Nicholas, of Alberni. Mr. and Mrs. Dick were in Victoria yesterday on their way to Seattle, a tour of the Sound cities constituting the bridal journey.

Cumberland is earning a very unenviable reputation with all touring entertainment attractions, as the most rowdy town in British Columbia. Many of the hoodlums who patronize concert or comedy apparently attend for the express purpose of insulting and abusing the performers and reflecting discredit upon the community that tolerates their gross misbehavior.

John Oliver's Revelstoke meeting proved a keen disappointment to the speaker. The member for Delta received an attentive hearing with no interruptions. Mr. Oliver expressed his regret that there should be only a handful gather to hear him, but "supposed that persons like himself engaged in politics were apt to expect others to take a greater interest in politics than could be looked for."

While being deported from the New Westminster hospital for the insane to his former home in England, being at the time in the charge of officers of the immigration department, Sydney Bertram Shiner leaped through the car window from the Atlantic express, a little east of Moosejaw, landing on his head and back. The train, which was traveling at fifteen miles only, was stopped and the patient recaptured. He does not appear to have sustained serious injury.

The treatment of the Indian woman, Agnes, at Quesnel, for whose murder Robert Walker and an Indian named Chinley are held for trial, proved by the post mortem to have been too horrible for words, a mania for torture having apparently been glutted. The prisoners are to be tried at Quesnel or Clinton at the Autumn assizes. Tom, the dead woman's husband, is serving thirty days at Quesnel for drunkenness. Walker is at present under sentence of one year at hard labor for supplying liquor to the party.

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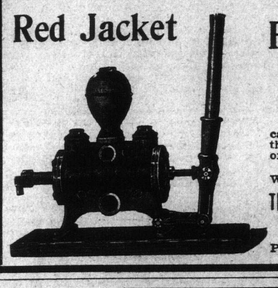

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