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System of Short-hand for Chinese Is Invented

Wong Po Koung Overcomes Difficult Task and Students Can Write 140 Words a Minute.

(Special Dispatch.) HONG KONG, Saturday. Wong Po Koung, member of a Chinese family prominent in Hong Kong, has invented a system of shorthand writing for the Chinese language.

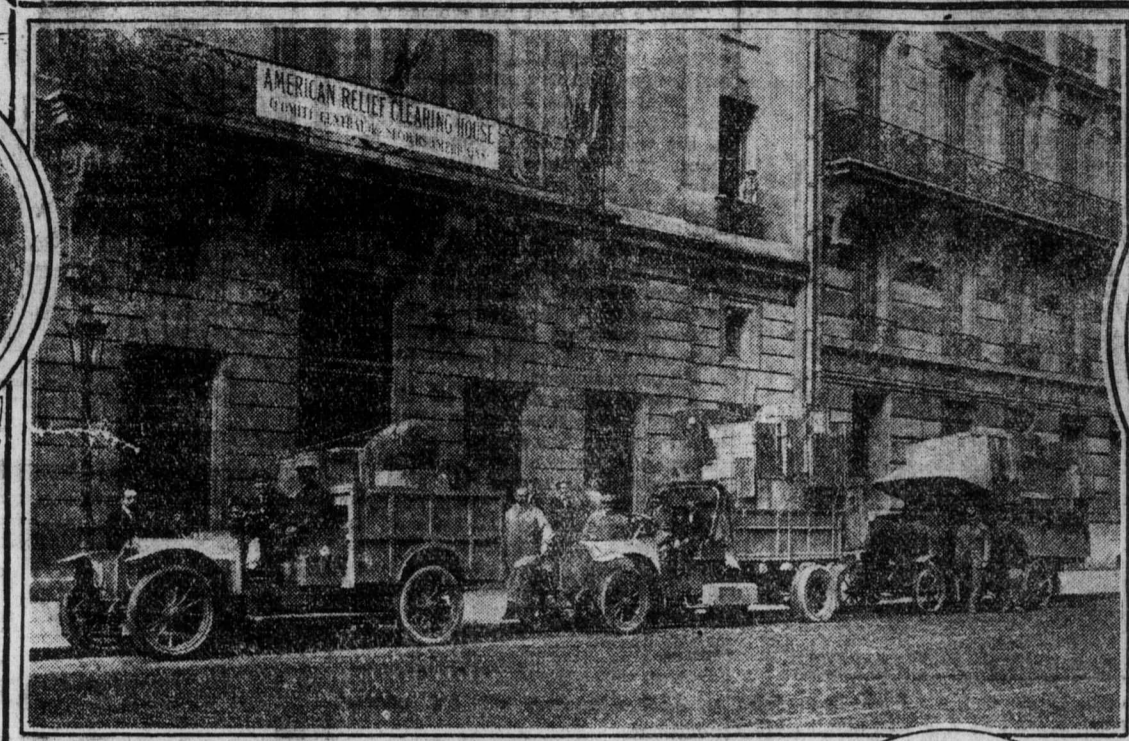
"I have altogether discarded Chinese characters. I have appropriated the signs of existing shorthand systems, with additions and modifications, and have re-named them, meeting the difficulty of lack of knowledge of the purport of vowels by incorporating the vowel sounds with the final consonants, so as to express a complete syllable with but one stroke.

"I do not pretend that these provisions dispose of the whole matter. There are the inevitable exceptions and singularities. For these I have had due regard, with particular attention to distinctness, brevity and subsequent legibility, and I have made use of grammatical, etc., to facilitate speed.

"I have given that the tones are provided for by writing in position, and here, to judge from the position method of Pitman, any method to express similarly the nine tones of Chinese might seem to threaten confusion and difficulty in transcribing. However, when one remembers that the tones are clearly divided into an upper register, the register, the double may be written above the line and the lower below the line, confusion is avoided by judicious handling of strokes.

"Chinese commercial and political life has long felt the need of an adequate system for writing the Chinese language as rapidly as it is spoken. The difficulty was that of establishing a shorthand system for this language were thought to be insurmountable. With the language in intransigent and at first glance would seem to be peculiarly susceptible to shorthand work. It is never written in characters representing sound, and the same syllable when spoken in any one of nine different tones has a separate meaning.

"Up to the present time the Clearing House has received about \$3,000,000 in cash and packages on behalf of itself and others, and has shipped \$8,000,000 worth of goods. These cases vary in contents from a dozen to as many as 2,225 articles, so that it is impossible to know their exact value.



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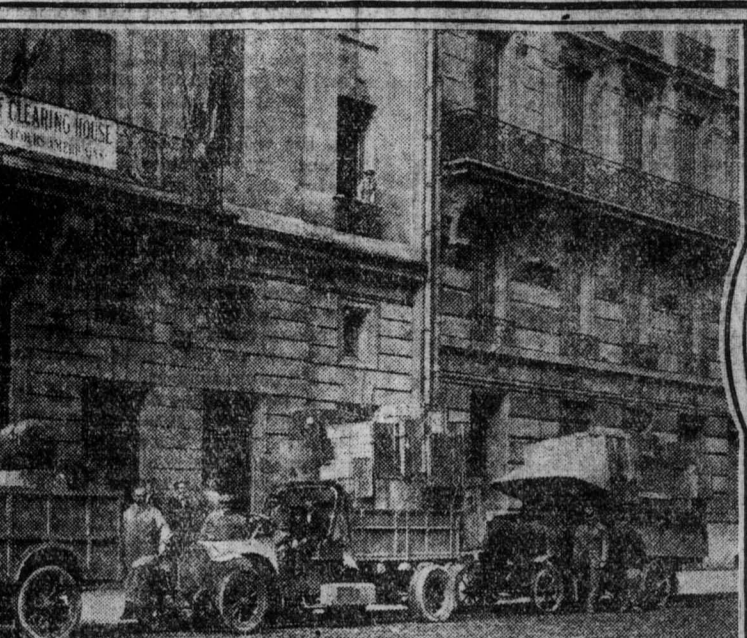
(Special Dispatch.) PARIS, Saturday. The American Relief Clearing House stands for the unselfish giving of goods, food and sympathy to those in need in France or any of the allied nations.

Cases of clothing and supplies of every sort arrived by thousands and tens of thousands. Letters and cablegrams came from over the seas sending \$5,000 or \$10,000 and saying, "What do you need?"

With no organization, those who needed the most often received the least and vice versa. The American Embassy was flooded with contributions. It was the duty of the American Ambassador, Mr. Myron T. Herrick, called to his aid a number of Americans in Paris and suggested that they form an organization to take charge of these contributions, thereby relieving the embassies of multitudinous calls that were made upon it.

"This was founded the American Relief Clearing House, whose object originally was to arrange for the transportation of all gifts from America, to centralize and control the receipt of all such relief, to forward the gifts that were addressed to special hospitals and relief organizations and to distribute its own supplies where investigations proved them to be most needed.

So boundless has been American generosity, which has been manifested through the Clearing House, that there is no way to count it or give it a material value. The contributions of money have exceeded \$2,000,000, but if the value of all the gifts contained in the hundreds of cases that arrive by every boat could be given the amount would read millions, and almost hundreds of millions of dollars.



MR. H. O. BEATTY, DIRECTOR OF THE AMERICAN RELIEF CLEARING HOUSE.



MR. J. R. BARBOUR, MEMBER OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE.



QUAY AT GARE BATIGNOLLES RESERVED FOR A.R.C.H.



CASES PASSING THROUGH CUSTOMS.

women and children, underwear, socks, shoes, hospital garments, bandages, gauze, surgical instruments and a hundred and one other useful and valuable gifts.

Officially Recognized. Owing to the extreme accuracy with which these gifts are handled, each contributor, even if the contribution amounts to nothing more than a tin, is notified of the receipt of the gift and the use to which it has been put, often with the relation of some little incident connected with its destination, thus arousing a personal interest that has been invaluable in keeping the work active. And, thanks to the same accuracy in other details and through American initiative in all branches of the work, the organization has come to be officially recognized by the French government, and with it the various departments of the French government work in the closest harmony.

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REFUGES AT SAINT SULPICE.



RETAIL DEPARTMENT AT 75, RUE PIERRE CHARRON.

of the former American Ambassador, Mr. Herrick, Mr. White and Mr. Bacon, at No. 5 rue Francois Ier, premises which were so generously donated for the duration of the war by their owner, Comte de Ganay. It was soon found that there would not be sufficient room in the building to receive and distribute the gifts that were increasing daily in quantity.

Wide-spread Distribution. The distributing committee has appropriated more than 5,000,000 articles, which have gone to more than 2,500 hospitals and 2,000 relief organizations, to be found in every corner of France, as well as in invaded Belgium and far-off Corsica, Corsica, Mitylene and Salonika. The American Relief Clearing House has also the advantage of receiving weekly information and advice from its Allies Committee.

Clothing for Sick Prisoners. Last year Mr. and Mrs. James R. Barbour, representing the Clearing House with special permits from the French government, took to Switzerland quantities of blankets, underclothing, slippers, socks, etc., for the sick French prisoners returned from Germany and interned in Switzerland.

Great Importance Attached to Gathering of Powerful Native Rulers at Delhi. MILITARY EXPERT ENTERS LONDON GOVERNING BOARD.

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Curfew Rings in Brussels at Eight; City Is Like Tomb

Gaiety Loving Belgians Are Being Punished by Germans and Many Are Learning to Stay Home.

(Special Dispatch.) BRUSSELS, Saturday. German newspapers print a letter from that city, which gives a graphic picture of life there under Prussian domination.

"After eight o'clock at night Brussels is as silent and as dark as a tomb. The only sound heard is the heavy tread of the Prussian soldiers on patrol duty. A few German restaurants have permission to remain open until midnight, and for the benefit of their patrons the main street car line can run a car once an hour.

NEW AUSTRIAN KING FOND OF ATHLETICS. Newspapers arriving here from Vienna speak in high terms of the new Emperor of Austria's devotion to sports and particularly to racing.

TRYS TO ROB FATHER AND THEN KILLS HIM (Special Dispatch.) PARIS, Saturday. The Paris police are searching for a man who is accused of murdering a father after he had tried to steal the latter's savings.

Any girl would smile her satisfaction, for which there has been pressure this season among the "very artful designers" desiring to have a truly girlish redingote.



The Queen of the fairies all together to boats for the Royal fleet had no more than told she'd called them all together.

There are few things I love in the line of entertainment listening to a conversational trolley car.

I love these little glimpses into people's lives little visits behind the scenes interest me more than the that lies unopened on my table.

That's just why I tell frankly, because I don't care anything to blush for, I've with myself and I think it is able to listen to what perfectly audible tones of places.

Now people must know be overheard on the cars and that risk. And such interesting they do say!

One day I heard a conversation two girls that gave as splendid thrills as any on the stage. One told about a third girl who worships her did, and how this girl of her mother nights through of pneumonia, and came

OUR DAUGHTER'S Valuable Suggestion Order Any Price Be Satisfied



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