

CHINA PREPARES FOR A STRUGGLE

Silent Yellow Men Are Planning to Wreak Vengeance.

CHINA FOR THE CHINESE

With Pent-Up Energy of Centuries Nation Is Building Great Human Wall Below Manchuria.

Pekin, Sept. 24.—Along the Manchurian frontier of China the stage is being set for a mighty struggle between Russia, China and Japan. China has no love for either, and she hopes to whip them both.

While European powers and American financiers, with the support of the United States Government, are elbowing each other for the lion's share of profit out of Chinese development, the wily Chinese is hard at work in the background to effective purposes.

Russia Realizes Conditions. Westerners are mainly concerned with southern and mid-China. Only the Russians of the European nations know how the nerve centres of the north are quietly working with the signals of impending struggle. Japan knows it, too; but, with Oriental impassiveness, makes no sign, except such as is given from railway construction squabbles in the region of Mukden.

It is from the Russian, plegmatic Slav, though he is, that involuntary cries of distress are heard from time to time. Russia knows the day is coming when the yellow men under the dragon flag of the Flowery land are going to exact vengeance for the thousands of Orientals massacred along the Sungari River in recent times. The whole destiny of Russia in Asia is hanging in the balance.

In spite of every sort of regulation, taxation and imposition, the Chinese are crowding into Russian territory. That is why Russia is sending every few weeks special trains of picked mechanics and agriculturists to Southern Manchuria. They are intended to act as a buffer to the Orientals.

That again, is why Prince Lyoff, of the Russian "Zemstvos" organization, has lately been touring British outposts, studying successful colonization methods.

Desert Muffles Progress. Back of Pekin is the town of Kalgan, and north of that, a little way, is the border of the great desert of Gobi, stretching for hundreds of miles to the so-called further Mongolia. So effectively does the desert deaden the sound of passing wheels and hooves that the north that few even in Pekin know what stupendous changes are afoot.

Till the Pekin to Paris auto-race, nothing swifter than four-footed beast ever passed across the arid wastes of Gobi. Expected travelers to Russia in the north that few even in Pekin know what stupendous changes are afoot.

The result is a scheme to run a regular automobile service from Kalgan clear across the desert to Urumchi via Kiatka. American cars may be selected. Soon the railway will connect Kalgan and Pekin. By running automobiles to the northern border of the desert, a rapid line of communication will be established between China's administrative centre and her remotest and most critical frontier. Moreover the rich products of further Mongolia will be tapped, the Russians will be deprived of much of their food supply, and the hitherto semi-independent Mongolian princes will be brought under subjection.

Chinese Forces Strengthened. Since 1907 there have been camps of regular Chinese troops in East Mongolia. But now they are being increased, strengthened and organized as part of a comprehensive scheme of frontier defense.

Suddenly Chinese governors, Kobdo and Ulaan, who control a huge territory contiguous to Manchuria, have adopted a policy of almost superhuman activity. Within a short time an army of 40,000 Chinese troops drilled by foreign trainers, and armed with modern rifles, has been established in the region of Urumchi, while the old frontier posts of Kulja

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and Balun-tochoi have been strengthened. Even remote corners of the country, from east to west, accessible only after long and tedious journeys, are being settled by picked Chinese.

They are agriculturists and traders mainly. Official favor is on them so long as they continually undermine Russian influence and prosperity. And indeed the Russians are hard put to it. They can no longer obtain supplies in Mongolia; the frugal Chinese can undersell them as traders, and live comfortably on land where Russians would starve. The Oriental, in short, is slowly freezing the Slav out.

Human Wall Under Way. When a northern governor wants more settlers he notifies the central government in Pekin. Word is sent by the prince regent to the governors of provinces suitable for such emigration, and those obedient officials quickly dispatch thousands of picked men to regions thinly populated by northern nomads. Gradually, in this way, they are building a new great wall of China—a human wall—the other rank of those whose motto is "China for the Chinese."

Formerly there was a great overland trade route, run by Russians via Kiatka, across the Gobi desert. Russian caravan tea became world famous. Thousands of Mongols lived by the trade. They grew dependent on Russian gold. Today the Chinese have diverted all that trade to other routes. Kiatka is a town of the past, where an eight-roomed house may be obtained today for \$15 a year—an 800 per cent drop on former times.

Now comes the automobile, snorting across the desert, the most impressive stretch of silent wilderness in the world, to carry modernity right into the stagnant corners of Mongolia. Behind these advance guards of awakened China can be heard the march of 400,000,000 people, stored with the concentrated energy of centuries of inaction. In Tibet, Mongolia, Manchuria, the story is the same. What can Russia do against an agglomeration of Oriental people drifting irresistibly like sand across the surface of the earth?

HISTORIC BRITISH FIRM INVADERS CANADA

The Manufacturers of "Oxo," of London, England, Opening in Toronto and Montreal.

Canada is beginning to assume striking proportions in the eyes of British capitalists and business men. They are realizing that here is a tremendous, rapidly-growing and friendly market, and many of the more progressive firms of the motherland are hastening to establish themselves here.

One of the latest is the "Oxo" concern, whose head offices are in London, England, but whose operations extend over a good share of the civilized world. For nearly half a century they have been building up an enormous business in their concentrated beef food, "Oxo," and they now propose to add Canada to their conquests.

At first sight it seems like "Carrying coals to Newcastle" for a British firm to import concentrated beef into Canada, but when we supply them with a good share of the prime roast beef which appears on their tables. But on the one hand, notwithstanding the plentiful supply of beef, the preparations of such foods as "Oxo" are practically unknown in Canada, and on the other hand the "Oxo" people do not depend on British-grown cattle for their supply. If they did the tight littleisle would quickly be stripped of its bovine population.

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This is the source of supply of "Oxo," which Canadians are now to have a chance to enjoy.

THE LAYMEN'S CAMPAIGN

District Conference To Be Held in Ontario and Throughout West.

Toronto, Sept. 23.—The Canadian Council of the Laymen's Missionary Movement have announced as their policy for the coming fall and winter a series of district conferences in central cities throughout the Dominion. These are primarily for the study of the best methods for introducing and continuing the work of the Laymen's Movement in the different congregations, and one important feature of practically all the conferences will be a study of the problem of "How To Bring a Church to Its Highest Missionary Efficiency."

The meetings in Ontario will be held at different times through the winter, the first one being at Galt Sept. 23 and 24, with a programme given elsewhere in this issue, which is to be more or less a model for all of the meetings through the season.

A campaign of western cities is to be held beginning at Winnipeg Oct. 22, and the Winnipeg executive committee is co-operating and planning meetings through Manitoba and part of Saskatchewan.

The designation of speakers will be made up of a few prominent laymen from Toronto, Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg, board secretaries, returned missionaries, and secretaries of the Laymen's Movement, who expect to remain in the west until about the 1st of December.

Messrs. A. E. Armstrong, of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, and R. W. Allen, secretary of the Anglican Church Laymen's Movement, left Toronto Sept. 11, to visit most of the cities where meetings will be held, to make preliminary arrangements.

The Evangelical Association churches have divided into districts, and will organize the Laymen's Movement

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among the men, the first meeting being at Waterloo on the 14th for the district, with Berlin as its centre.

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Belj—Oh! Christina. Brown—The Story of Thyra. Bullen—The Seed of the Righteous. Bullen—Beyond. Butler—Mike Flannery on Duty and Off.

Caine—The White Prophet. Chambers—The Danger Mark. Crockett—Rose of the Wilderness. Deering—The Red Saint. Doyle—Round the Fire Stories. Glasgow—The Romance of a Plain Man.

Gunter—Prince Karl. Hill—The Traitor's Wooing. McCutcheon—Truxton King (A Story of Graustark). Marchmont—Sir Gregory's Silence. Meade—The Necklace of Pearls. Michelson—Michael Thwaites' Wife. P. Norris—The Third Circle. Oldmadow—Aunt Maud. Oldmadow—Antonio. Oppenheim—Jeanne of the Marshes. Parker—Northern Lights. Reed—The Shadow of Victory. Rideout—Dragon's Blood. Stevens—The Vell. Stringer—The Gun Runner. Swan—The Magic of Love. Tynan—Peggy, the Daughter. Ward—Marrying a la Mode. White—Netta.

Wright—Poppea of the Postoffice. Montgomery—Anne of Avonlea.

THE ROYAL VINE

Grapes of Royal Stock Grow on Vinery 150 Years Old.

Windsor, Sept. 24.—The old vine in the royal vinery, near "Cumberland Lodge," in Windsor Great Park, where the black Hambur grapes are grown for the royal table, is this year in better condition than ever, and the grapes too, are of finer quality than usual.

This is due to the King himself, who has greatly interested himself in the vine, which is finer than the one at Hampton Court.

When his majesty came to the throne, it was no uncommon thing for the vine to yield 1,500 to 2,000 bunches per year.

His majesty considered this too many for the great vine is nearly 150 years old, and during recent years the bunches have been kept below 800, while this year they have been reduced to about 600.

The consequence is that fresh shoots are pushing out, in all directions, for, despite its wonderful age, the veteran has renewed its youth.

The vine is looked after like a child by a royal gardener.

"I am always anxious about it," he remarked. "I live close to it, and I watch it year out and year in, by night as well as by day."

"The stem and branches I have to constantly cleanse, and the vinery has to be kept at an even temperature of 65 degrees."

"The whole roof space of 2,400 feet is now covered by the vine, which has grown considerably since the over-cropping was stopped, and the house had to be made larger."

THEATRE BOATS IN SUMMER

Floating Palaces of Amusement on the Ohio and Mississippi.

Portsmouth, O., Sept. 22.—The "floating palaces" of the Cotton Blossom are one of a number of floating theatres which ply the waters of the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers and tributary streams.

The arrival of these big marine auditoriums is greeted with pleasure by thousands in the town of Cotton Blossom. The theatres play to good houses all the way from Upper Kanawha River down through the Ohio and then up the Mississippi, returning to winter in southern ports, where they repair and redecorate. Carrying thousands of electric lights of various hues and tints, they make quite a fine effect at the wharf in small towns where they have no electric plant.

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