POLITICS IN CHINA ARE IN CHAOTIC STATE

Fighting and Plans for Wars Occupy the Attention of Tuchuns of Provinces.

DR. SUN IS LEFT WITHOUT AN ARMY

Fall of Tang of Yunnan Makes Conditions Unsettled in That Territory.

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Shanghai, April 2—To analyze conditions in China at this time is difficult even for the most astute student of politics. For everything is confused and not even the Chinese know what is in the immediate future. Tang Chihyao, of Yunnan, has lost his Tuchunate. A month ago Tang Chia-yao was the most powerful man in his part of the country. To many he was invincible. For nine years he held sway in the southwest of China, handling Yunnan, Kweichow and Szechuan into a confederacy which could meet all-comers. Yet he retired without a battle. He was disgusted and weary and he let General Ku Ping-chun take over as soon as he assured Tang that the minor officials would be permitted to continue in office. Who is Ku Pingchun? Last year he was sent to Szechuan as commander of Tang Chihiyao's army of occupation. He knows little about administration and will probably not be able to continue in office for any period because all of the other generals who had served under Tang Chih-yao will want to know why he should be pre-eminent. Why should they not all be Tuchuns? And Yunnan is a poor province. It cost about $9,000,000 to run the province, which had a revenue of only $5,000,000. The deficit was made up by wars in Szchuan and other provinces. When an army is victorious in a neighboring province it helps itself to the revenue.

Fighting Renewed in Szechuan.

In Szechuan fighting has broken forth again. Hsiong Ke-wu and Li Tsunghou had been Tuchuns and they fought each other for years. This winter, under the spell of cash from Pekin, they joined forces, Hsiong becoming the civil governor and Li the Tuchun. They joined forces because it was easier to get money that way from Pekin and also because they faced a common enemy, Tang Chih-yao in Yunnan. Now that Tang is gone, these gentlemen do not see why they should split the spoils. Why not take it all and have a little spring fighting besides? So the goatskin merchants in Shanghai received word from their principals that no goatskins could be shipped until Hsiong and Li got over making war.

Meanwhile, the great man, Sun Yat-sen, is sitting down in Canton planning wars to last through the spring and summer. Fortunately, for China, Sun Yat-sen has neither an army nor money. He has to depend on General Chen Chun-ming and Chen does not want to fight. He had enough fighting last year when he spent seven months getting the Kwangsi faction out of Kwangtung. He is a believer in the local autonomy ideal for China and he feels that there is enough constructive work to be done in Canton without going outside of the province to make holy wars for a constitution which means nothing to the masses of the Chinese people and is only important to new secretaries in legations. Chen Chung-ming may decide to drive Sun Yat-sen out of Canton before long. Or if he fears that his province may be attacked by Kwangsi, under the instigation of the president, he may fight Kwangsi. He does not want to fight Kwangsi, but presidential intrigue may force him to it, in which case the entire spring and summer will be full of all kinds of civil wars.

Leaders in North Disagree.

Meanwhile in the north, Chang Tso-ling and Tsao Kun are beginning to disagree. The fall of Urga has made it necessary for one of these militarists to decide upon doing something to save the territory of China from foreign aggression. And neither wants to do the job. These warlords do not like to fight foreigners, not even Russian bandits. They want to fight Chinese because civil war brings with it wealth for them, while foreign wars means only expenditure. So Urga is still in the hands of Baron Ungern and none of the heroes of last summer's fighting is doing anything to rescue the city.

Meanwhile an election of members of Parliament is to be held. The president had called the election because he wanted a constitutional Parliament. But the Chinese people ask, Why is it necessary to bother about this question just now and is Hsu Hsih-chang constitutional himself? In these questions the foreign observer can interest himself but little. For they are not of the slightest importance. Hsu Hsih-chang is president and there ought to be a Parliament. If the people boycott the election, parliamentarians will be selected who are not representative and who will not vote in the interests of the Chinese people. The fact that the provincial autonomy movement is making such rapid strides would indicate that there is a general sentiment throughout China that sooner or later a Parliament will sit in Pekin, or wherever the capital may be at the time, which will be selected by the people through the provincial legislatures. For a country like China this procedure would be effective for good, for the masses are ignorant, easily cajoled and tricked into playing the game of the politician and the militarist.

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New Moon	April 3
First Quarter	April 16
Full Moon	April 23
Last Quarter	April 29

	Sun rises.	Sun sets.	High water, a. m.	High water, p. m.	Low water, a. m.	Low water, p. m.
Thur.	5.53	6.53	11.06	11.39	4.53	5.13
Fri.	5.51	7.00	11.45	12.06	5.32	5.50
Sat.	5.49	7.01	12.00	12.25	6.10	6.29
Sun.	5.48	7.02	12.41	1.04	6.51	7.11
Mon.	5.46	7.04	1.23	1.45	7.36	7.56

STEAMERS IN PORT.

Canadian Otter—McLeod's Wharf.
Canadian Rancher—At No. 1.
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Manchester Shipper—At No. 6.

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Rome, April 8.—Continuing the debate in the senate today on the announcement of Count Sforza, the foreign minister, that the Italian government hoped soon to sign a commercial agreement with Russia, Senator General Giardino recalled that stolen jewels had been found in the baggage of the members of the Russian mission in Italy.

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