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R. W. Wells, London, and F. Douglas Irvine, Fife, Scotland, Talk Interestingly of Conditions in China, Where They Will Reside.

at present in the city, guests at the Grand Hotel and who are enroute to the United States. The gentleman, who arrived last evening, the gentleman first accepted preferred residence but having been informed that the very early start the result, in which readers will be aware of the existing conditions in China and of those conditions which mark the difference between the economic stages in the pre-war days.

Mr. W. Wells, London, England, was the gentleman accented, residence was a professional man, was taking up his friend, P. Douglas Irvine of Fife, Scotland, the two gentlemen were related by marriage, and of an educational character. Mr. Irvine took the initiative, in telling of the Orient which he had deserted, in early days of his life, and related the conditions which engaged in war activities, close followed by friend and travelling companion, Mr. Wells. Having completed the business of the day, the two returned to the motherland—land of one's birth—the two are now returning to resume the former life, and Mr. Wells, who is enroute to Shanghai, while the other gentleman goes to Tien Sien, Southern China. Little was related of the matter that had been the subject of the Irvine, when solicited for information relative to the labor troubles in Chester and other English manufacturing centers. The subject of the Irvine was reaching an end as an eight hour day had been granted to certain

he understood, were the railway men. This concession, had been made on after the promises of the men. The Chinese would not have the order to lessen the congestion at such centres in England.

Speaking of the Orient, he mentioned the present fame of the Century Magazine, wherein was an article written by a Mr. Millard, advocating the adoption of China among the other nations. Mr. Irvine believed such as was contained in the article, was the real cause of the present fame of the magazine of China, as in so following those ideas, mapped out by Mr. Millard, China would gain judicial authority and the nations of the Orient (the Orient) excepting Siam, where the republic would gain an equal position. Mr. Irvine said that in the previous years, Japan, the speaker thought, would in future prey upon the Orient countries, as in the past it was the only nation that had been the most covetous and longing eyes on China. Unless China were admitted as the league of nations as now being the case, the Irish Republic would come when China unable to conquer her domestic troubles, would be forced to turn her heavy arms against Japan. At present, continuing Mr. Irvine, China is a Republic and such foreigners come under the Japanese flag.

With the advent of a League

ations, China would be watched more closely than any other civilized countries, so that she would enjoy a feeling of complete safety would English, French, Spanish and all other citizens now in the country.

Asked if Bolshevism had gained a foothold in China, the speaker said: "Report has it that the Bolsheviks who were in China during the war have all been forwarded to America. I am sure that they will not go 'part or parcel' with the apostate or 'vaunted' hope. Many loans were made to China during the pre-war days (but presumably advised by the Chinese cancelled their obligations through the medium of expelling the Bolsheviks). I am sure that no other radical Bolshevistic theories wherein such party would be required to be taken up by the legislative affairs had not gained footing in China or was it probable it would. Business conditions were excellent during the war, and communication, although neglected to some extent during the actual war, would be better than in all countries were assuming their pre-dimensions. Both men had faith in the future home of the Chinese, and I am sure that they would encourage the party to New York from whence they will proceed to the Pacific coast, enroute to the Orient."

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