

ident Yuan Shih-k'ai has already selected three eminent foreigners to aid him in his work: One a jurist, the second a journalist, the other a college professor. Another eminent man, an American diplomat and one of China's foremost friends, is desired for a high post at the capital, and a formal request has already been made both to the United States Government and to the gentleman concerned.

"Why are these men desired? Simply because they are men of wisdom, who have shown in the past that unselfishly they have the interests of China at heart. They are men of the calibre of the late Sir Robert Hart, for a quarter of a century at the head of the finances of China. Sir Robert, an Irish-Britisher, became the most trusted as he was the most efficient and influential of 'Chinese.'

"No man because of his nativity or creed will be barred from service under the Republic. Now, above all times, my country needs the assistance of the world's best brains. But enemies to the State will not be tolerated; and upon this point the Chinese people, high and low, are a unit.

"Perhaps it is almost superfluous for me to say that the most pressing need of China to-day is her establishment upon a sound financial basis. The country is in need of a