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Awakening of the People of China

Strong, Well-Defined Opposition
to Foreign Inroads, Says Paul
S. Reinsch, Former Minister
Representing the United States.

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Public opinion in China is unanimous in its thorough and absolute resistance to all further inroads on the part of foreign powers, said Paul S. Reinsch, former Minister to China, at a luncheon of the League of Free Nations Association, at which "the awakening of China" was discussed.

"There has been a national movement in China for some time," said Dr. Reinsch, "but only within the last year has it become a strong, well-defined, well-organized, popular movement, due to the impetus given by the Shantung decision, which profoundly affected the Chinese people. The essential thing about the Shantung matter is the railroad situation. The return of about 50 square miles of territory would be immaterial if there were no means of connection with ports and other parts of the country. The Chinese want the railroad passing through the Shantung territory to be a part of their national system; they do not want it controlled by a foreign government. I feel that unless some arrangement can be made for this road to become a part of the Chinese national railroad system, it will be a permanent source of irritation and friction, which will disturb relations between China and Japan."

Revolt of Students and Merchants
It was the students who first organized in revolt against the decision of the Peace Conference which was such a tremendous blow to China. With them joined the merchants, who, for the first time in history, recognized the necessity of joining in national affairs. Dr. Reinsch explained. Together, the students and boards of trade joined in a movement not of hostility, but of protest against Japan, reinforced by strikes and boycotts. They demanded and effected the

dismissal of three government officials believed to have connived with or yielded supinely to Japan. The merchants simply closed their shops, according to the old Chinese method of inertia and sat down to await events. But this boycott, which was negative and non-punishable, because no one could force individuals to buy, was merely a starting point. They realized that they themselves were to blame, because they had not taken more interest in their government. The result was, however, a perfectly natural and enthusiastic development of home industries.

In this connection Dr. Reinsch spoke of the many cotton mills being established throughout China, and said that one American firm alone had sold \$25,000,000 worth of cotton machinery in that country.

Chinese Desire For Equity
"China is one of the most democratic nations in the world," he said, "and has a strong feeling for equity, allowing no act of injustice to go unremedied. One of the difficulties in which she finds herself at present is how to preserve the virtue of the old system of personal contact in government and adapt it to a modern system. The universities are the nuclei of national life, students feel themselves not provincial, but Chinese. This is the time, I feel, for educational and economic development, rather than political, and the time to spread education throughout all classes."

P. C. Chang, Secretary of the Chinese Education Commission, now touring the country, said the commission felt that through education alone the new days would come, but that new inspiration must be connected with the old tradition, that progress must spring out of China's own experience and thought. He continued that the history of modern China must be written according to her literary revolutions, that a literary

revolution was going on at present, and that now the literati were writing of everyday experiences in terms of everyday life, that is, in the vernacular, so that all who could read could also understand. This indicated the willingness of the educated class to try to pull the masses up. Not only is there an innovation in the style of writing, but in the ideas presented; new ideas being fostered and old ones revived. And the young liberals of China are writing letters to young liberals of Japan, he said, advising them to try to help their government.

Proposed Four-Power Loan
Mr. Chang said in reply to a question that public opinion in China was decidedly back of the proposed four-power loan, and that, if it were successful, it would be the greatest help toward China's political freedom. However, they do not want loans for political purposes, but only for use in the nationalization of their railroads and in the extension of education and industry. China is also eager to get control of her customs and tariffs and to free herself from the domination of the military party, which is said to be very closely connected with Japan.

Dr. Yamei Kin, the first Chinese woman to receive a degree from an American university, speaking of the China silk, and tea which her country had given the world lately, called attention to the fact that in return, China had been given opium, that it had been forced upon her, although there were laws in China imposing capital punishment upon those who produced it there. She said that two years ago 21 tons of morphia were imported into Shantung by Japan. Charging that wherever Japanese influence had been felt the women of China suffered, she urged that the United States help put down the traffic in opium. "The only way to stop the consumption of narcotics is to take them out of the world," she said.

Hallo! Mr. Halfyard!

(To the Editor)

Dear Sir,—As I had a little spare time and trusting that you would give me space in your highly esteemed paper, the Advocate, I thought I would sit down and write a few lines to let the outside world know that the people in this little "hidaway" corner of the earth are not asleep.

Well, sir, the winter is well nigh advanced and most everyone is finished with their forestry work.

The majority of men in this place being mill-men will now resume their work sawing their logs, which will be a contract of about two months labour.

Then we will take different classes of work to last us through the long and dreary months of summer.

I would also like to say that the F. P. U., of which I am a member, is still working here. There is one thing more I would like to speak about before ending my letter and that is we were promised a telephone from Monro to here in 1917. Three years have now rolled by and we haven't got our telephone yet. I can't see what is causing this delay. I am sure it is not because there is no need for it, for there is no more need of a telephone in any other little settlement in Newfoundland than there is here. If

Bishop Makes Appeal

The Bishop of Meath in Mullingar Cathedral appealed to Irish women, the older as well as the girls, to make a new year resolution to avoid in future the immodest fashions in feminine dress, the vogue today in Paris and other big centres and unfortunately seen also with many Irishwomen.

we want to send a message, let it be as urgent as it will, we have to travel about five miles to get to the telegraph office. There could be a lot of trouble and delay

avoided by the means of a telephone if we had one. Trusting that this matter will be seen to and the promise made to us in 1917 be fulfilled shortly, I remain, Yours sincerely,

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