

am positive there will be no scandal attached to the proceedings. I am lost in admiration at the artistic lying of the Chinese delegation. Ananias at his best was never like one of these, and I am commencing to suspect that the Americans are believing them for a purpose. Great Britain's hold on Chinese commerce is well worth a little credulity flattering to the Chinese romancer. There is one thing if young China gets control the result will be chaos and an invitation to some one to come and conquer.

To-morrow we consider population and food supplies. The old style corner grocery assembly that settled the affairs of the nation had nothing on us.

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