

Anglophobes and Germanophobes alike are playing with dynamite, and all right-thinking Christian men in both empires are uniting more and more in sincere efforts for permanent peace.

THE GREATEST EVENT OF THE CENTURY, if not of many centuries, was the establishing the other day of the Republic of China with a Christian man for its temporary president and Yuan Shi Kai, who is in thorough sympathy with Christian civilization for its first regular president. The change is one thoroughly in keeping with the genius of the Chinese people. They have always acted on the assumption that when disaster has come to the empire through the incompetency or rascality of the Emperor, he should be deposed and a better man put in his place.

Yuan Shi Kai is an exceedingly able statesman and a man of very high character, and his leadership in the new era which has dawned on China will mean much to her and much to the world.

This ancient empire is so vast and so full of potentialities for good or ill that it will take much earnest thought and sympathetic study before the Western nations fully realize the significance for them of the revolution which is taking place so quietly in old Cathay.

ALL OVER CANADA the centre of the stage is now held in Methodist and Presbyterian circles by the question of Church Union. It is the most important question which has ever come before these churches. Some feel that the proposed union would be a great boon to the religious life of Canada; others believe that it would be a distinct and very great loss to that life. So far as the voting has gone, there has been practical unanimity among the Methodist Churches, but a good deal of difference of opinion among the Presbyterians. If the vote is practically unanimous in all the churches, the final steps looking to union will be taken at the meetings of the Church courts this summer, but if not, delay is certain to be the wisest course.

The people have now the opportunity of saying what they believe to be the right course in this most important matter, and if they study the issues carefully and prayerfully we need have no fear of being guided by their decision.