

THE BONE THAT WAS DROPPED IN CHINA

How Japan Seized the Opportunity Created By the Suicide of Western Unity in the Orient—Future Problems

Although politically Germany was stopped at the beginning of the war. But the motto was 'no business of any kind with the enemy.' The steps taken by the officials were not attended with any great measure of success. The average Britisher or Frenchman became very impatient at this state of affairs, especially as he believed that enemy trade in China was at his mercy. More stringent measures were then adopted. British and allied insurance companies refused to insure American ships. Germans had no means of sending their cargo anywhere—as the European neutral tramps had already gone to Europe owing to the high freights ruling there. The position of both the fronts in Europe and the several atrocities credited to the Germans only helped to inflame feeling against Germans still further.

At this stage the sinking of the Lusitania acted as the last straw. All intercourse with Germans was stopped and they were boycotted from clubs. A British Chamber of Commerce was formed, thus putting the last into the coffin of international activity on trade in China.

In spite of the alliance with Great Britain, Japan's entry into the war was very much disliked by the British and nationals of allies in China. The conviction that Japan had forced herself into the war was only dispelled by the explicit statement of Baron Kato, the Foreign Minister, that Great Britain requested Japan to help, under the terms of the alliance.

The service of Japan to the Allies has been invaluable; as a matter of fact, the Allies were helpless in China without the aid of Japan. Germany had enough forces, military and naval, to be a serious menace, especially to England, and the help rendered by Japan in reducing Tsingtao and keeping the seas clear of German cruisers was of extreme importance. The price she asked for it was certainly not high, if only it was not at the expense of China.

The story of the demands sprung upon China, the protracted negotiations, and the final settlement are beyond the scope of this article. Japan gained a great political advantage, but at a great loss of economic advantage and moral prestige. England and the Allies were unable to help China, because they were under obligations to Japan, and themselves were guilty of such brigandage. The United States helped a little, but she was not able to do much, although, of course, in the circumstances, the withdrawal of the demands under clause V. was distinctly advantageous to China.

I am now concerned with the economic results. For the past four months the Chinese have organized a quite, but active boycott against Japanese trade. Next to America, China is Japan's best market. As a matter of fact, Chinese trade is the principal support of the manufacturing industries of Japan. The boycott of Japanese goods by China, if properly handled, it is not to be assumed, however, that the time is past for a friendly arrangement between Japan and China; but the future is one of grave apprehension.

In the excitement of the great war and the effects of it on China, American trade has once again become comatose. During recent years efforts were made to improve the volume of trade between the two countries; since the war started, however, there has been a serious setback. During the nine months of war, up to the close of April, the value of the export of American goods to China has been to the amount of \$700,000 as against \$4,500,000 in the corresponding period in the previous year; kerosene oil and flour, which, with cloth, constitute the bulk of American exports to China, show a great falling off. During the special circumstances arising

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out of the war, and with the graver problems inviting and holding the attention of the United States, Chinese trade cannot help being relegated to the background.

When the whole world is in a crucible, as it were, and when the reshaping of future policies, both in politics and trade, is surely a matter for conjecture, it may seem presumptuous to invited special attention to China. But China, in spite of her weakness, has long been a factor of international import. The war and the part played by Japan recently are making China even more important. Will the war and the general economic exhaustion of European powers give a chance to China to play her role as a great nation in the world? Will Japan acquiesce in the rise of China or will she try to absorb her? What course is likely to be adopted by the European powers in their relations with China in future? What part will America play in the future adjustment of affairs in the Far East? How is the course of the trade in the Far East likely to be shaped? All these questions and a number of others closely interconnected with them will, it is my belief, demand speedy and efficient solution in the course of the next few months.

SRINIVAS R. WAGEL.

Country Overrun By Gallant Men Of Kitchener's Army

Acknowledg Camp, Stoba Nr. Hawlek, Scotland, July 16, 1915

Dear Father,—Just a few lines to let you know that I am still o.k. hoping you are all the same. I received the tobacco that you sent me to-day, and you bet I was very pleased to get it and I am much obliged to you for it. I haven't much news to tell you. I don't know when we will be leaving here. There is talk of our leaving very soon. But we hear so many different rumors that we are fed up with them. Anyway, we won't be sorry to leave here, as we are getting tired of being in the one place so long.

We are not having as good weather here the last week, its been rather showery, but I guess it will change after a bit. I saw by the Advocate to-day that there was a very good sign of fish around home. I hope there is a pretty good sign all around. I wonder how longer is this war going to last. I guess the Huns are feeling a bit sore over the South African job, but I am afraid they will feel more so very soon. The Kaiser says "that the war will be over in October," but if he thinks he is going to win he will be badly left.

This country is simply overrun with soldiers just waiting for a chance, and Kitchener has more men in France at the present time than he can place to advantage. So I am afraid Kaiser Bill is going to get a surprise one of these fine days. We've got quite a bunch of NND boys here now. The last company arrived here a week ago. To look at our camping ground and to see the boys on a march you would think that all the fellows from our little island were here.

I don't think I've got much more to say for this time. I did not hear from Claude for two months. Do they hear from him at home; or have the Germans got him? I think I must have made a mistake in the address the last time I wrote him and possible he thinks we are moved some where. I did not hear from Albert for a long time either. I suppose he is home by this time. Now I think I will close. Don't fail to write often. Give my love to all and thank you again for the tobacco.

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The writer of the above letter is John A. Jeans, son of Mr. W. T. Jeans of Catalina. John was one of the first boys of Catalina boys who volunteered for service.

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Mrs. Mary McQuinn, nurse, of 35 Main Street, Quincey, Mass., is leaving here to spend two months with her sister, Mrs. Peter Duggan, of Grate's Cove, Nfld.

Miss Madeline Hatch and her cousin, Miss Bridie Murphy, of Water Town, Mass., are at present on two week's vacation.

Miss Nellie Janos, sister of Mrs. John Blundon, of Seventh St., South Boston, is spending the summer in Dublin, New Hampshire.

Mr. James Hoonan is at present working for the Good Rubber Co. of Cambridge, Mass.

Mrs. Jane Warth, daughter of Mrs. Johanna Walsh, of Bay de Verde, is spending the summer in Gloucester, Mass.

Miss Frances Duggan, of Medford, Mass., and her cousin, Mary, of the Carney Hospital are going to visit their parents in Grate's Cove next summer.

OSERVER.

Boston, Mass., July 20th.

TOO TALKATIVE

"Didn't he once say he would never speak to you again?"

"Yes. But he saw that I had a cold and he couldn't resist the temptation to tell me a sure cure."

AEROPLANES THAT ARE INVISIBLE

Amsterdam, via London, July 28.—Germany possess invisible aeroplanes, according to the Cologne Gazette. The wings are made of a clear transparent material called cello, which is the invention of a German engineer named Knauth. Cello, which is manufactured from collatose and acetate, is tough, pliable and non-inflammable and is used instead of canvas. A machine covered with cello is said to be virtually invisible above an altitude of 3,000 feet. Herr Knauth made his first experiments with the material two years ago.

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