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## To Sao-ke Alfred Sze:

(Chinese Minister to Washington)

THE situation in your unhappy country is desperate.

But for mutual jealousies the great powers—aside from the United States—would swallow China piecemeal.

Even as it is she is threatened with foreign intervention, your people are being driven and exploited like cattle by foreigners and are clubbed and shot down whenever they have the temerity to object.

Piling insult on injury, your foreign exploiters are flooding the world with their own, highly colored versions of what is going on, deliberately poisoning public opinion against you and making people everywhere believe that they, not you, are the outraged parties.

Frankly, you haven't a chance so long as you continue to play the game this way.

If you want to win you must play your own game your own way.

What can China do?

China's one best bet now is to do what Austria did in 1922.

Ruined, virtually down and out, Austria appealed to the League of Nations for a strong, neutral Commissioner General to take charge—practically as a receiver.

An able Dutchman, named Zimmerman, without politics, prejudices or axes to grind, took Austria in hand. And proud Austria, be it said to her everlasting credit, of her own volition passed laws making Zimmerman's word law. He trimmed expenses, raised and collected taxes, balanced budgets, fired useless political job holders, stabilized currency, reformed banking and generally reorganized the government.

It hurt, but it saved Austria.

China needs a Zimmerman.

No one nation can save China, not even America. There are too many jealousies. No small concert of powers can save China. There are too many suspicions. Anyway, China would not stand for "foreign intervention." That way means war. Perhaps a world war.

But the whole world, acting through a common agency, could save China as it saved Austria. And while the policy of the present Administration in Washington is to keep out of the league, it could not and would not refuse to cooperate with it in the salvation of your country. That is, if you asked it.

Nor could the league refuse to help if asked. Even those great powers now pitilessly exploiting China would have to join in and, with the whole world looking on and taking part, they would not dare refuse you a square deal.

There is no humiliation in such a step. Austria stands higher in world opinion today than she did five years ago. Much.

China's humiliation lies in her present plight. It lies in allowing her corrupt tuchuns, her little, self-appointed war lords, to remain in control, selling themselves now to Japan now to Britain, now to Russia, now to France, now to the highest bidder, whoever he may be.

China's vindication lies in finding and following an honorable way out. She needs to disband her mercenary provincial armies and to create a new, smaller and more efficient national one. She needs schools, good roads and better communications. She needs fiscal, judi-

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ICH of the six great continents has the densest population in Europe with an area of 3,872,561 square miles and 464,681,000 inhabitants, making 120 persons per square mile.

Who was the King of Bashan, so often used in cross-word puzzles?

His name was Og. According to a Hebrew legend he was a giant nearly six miles high, or to be exact, 28,038 cubits. He drank water from the clouds and toasted fish by holding them before the orb of the sun.

In what speech did Woodrow Wilson use the phrase, "too proud to fight"?

In an address delivered before newly naturalized citizens at Philadelphia, May 10, 1915, President Wilson said in part: "Peace is the leading and elevating influence of the world and strife is not. There is such a thing as a man being too proud to fight. There is such a thing as a nation being so right that it does not need to convince others by force that it is right."

Who was Psyche?

This is a Greek term signifying the soul or spirit, represented under the form of a beautiful nymph, whose charms were sufficient to excite the envy of Venus. This god-

cial and governmental reform, customs revision and whatnot. She must get rid of graft. Extraterritoriality will take care of itself.

Austria has shown the way. Indeed what other way is there, short of intervention by grasping, individual foreign powers and a possible bloody melee that would spell the final break-up of China?

If China wishes help similar to that given Austria, she must ask for it herself. No other nation, not even her best friend, can do it for her.

Largely, therefore, it is up to you and leaders like you.

## A Decision and Apology

FEDERAL Judge Kennedy's unqualified approval of the Teapot Dome lease came as a shock to a great part of the public. Only three weeks earlier, Federal Judge McCormick's decision in the case of the Doheny leases had vindicated the public's belief that the Fall-Sinclair-Doheny transaction was not only illegal, but essentially dishonest.

Now the cases are back where they were. One Federal judge has found the California oil leases very bad. Another has found the Wyoming leases good. It means that higher courts, and eventually the Supreme Court, will be called upon to make the final decision.

Though they grew out of the same investigation, the Doheny and Sinclair cases were not precisely alike. In the one case there was the evidence of a delivery of money to Fall while the negotiations were in progress. In the other this was not proved in court, though government lawyers attempted to introduce evidence of it.

But there was a still greater difference in the two trials. In Los Angeles, Judge McCormick had the advantage of hearing all the important witnesses. Then he gave his verdict. In Cheyenne, in the Teapot Dome case, four of the most important witnesses could not be produced by the Government. Two were in France, another in Africa and another in Mexico and points south. Two came back after the trial; two are still absent. Maybe these witnesses will have occasion to be heard before the oil cases pass into history. Their evidence might change the verdict.

There is another marked difference between the two verdicts, viz.: Judge McCormick offered his without apology, while in Judge Kennedy's there appears the following strange paragraph:

"In reaching a conclusion in this case we fully realize the degree of unpopularity with which it will be received. This is true, in the nature of things, because the great general public is reached only with the sentimental features surrounding the transactions involved, and being largely in the dark as to all the other multitudes of circumstances with which the case is surrounded, and knowing perhaps less of the great legal principles which the experience of the ages has taught mankind must control in dealing with the rights of persons and property."

The "sentimental features" to which the judge refers no doubt include the Little Black Bag, to say nothing of "Apples," and "Peaches" and other fruity aspects of the deal that delivered the Navy's oil into private hands, under cover of the dark.

DESS, therefore, ordered her son Cupid, to inspire Psyche with love for some vulgar wretch who would disgrace her, but Cupid fell in love with her himself and married her. This only increased the hatred of Venus, but Jupiter kindly intervened, effected a reconciliation, rendered Psyche immortal and thus united her forever with her beloved.

Has there been much increase in home ownership among the negroes in the last few years?

In 1900 there were 390,000 homes owned by negroes in the United States, while in 1924 the number had increased to 660,000.

Who were the leading pitchers in the National and American Leagues last year?

Walter Johnson was the leading pitcher in the American League and Arthur C. "Dazzy" Vance the leading pitcher in the National League. Vance ranks above Johnson, with an average of 2.16 runs earned per game and a won and lost percentage of .324, while Johnson's average of runs earned per game was 2.72 and his won and lost percentage .767.

When and where was the first public high school established and what studies were taught?

The first was established in Boston, 1821. By 1850 there were only thirty-one in the country and twenty of these were in New England. The purpose of the early high schools was to provide an advanced English education for those who could take advantage of it. The studies in the Boston school were

English, declamation, natural philosophy, mathematics, history and logic.

Why do birds of the wild duck family adopt a V shaped formation in flight?

The old-fashioned explanation, that by advancing in a wedge the front bird acted as a kind of pioneer, to break the force of the wind, is probably the exact reverse of the truth. Wind in moderation, is almost a necessity to the sustained flight of birds, and the probable object of a wedge-formation when advancing against the wind is, that each bird avoids the "wake" of its neighbor, while at the same time the flock has a leader. When the wind blows on the side of the V, it has been noticed that one limb is generally much longer than the other, or that the birds forming one limb occupy positions which coincide with the spaces between the birds on the windward side and are thus exposed to the wind current. But often with a strong side wind the wedge formation is abandoned altogether, and the ducks fly in single file, though the distances are always accurately kept.

What is the age of the oldest horse in the world?

"Clover" known as the "oldest horse in the world" died at the age of 51 years, April 26, 1924, at Catawissa, Pennsylvania. "Steve" a bay horse, seventeen hands high, was 45 years old on September 23, 1924, and was enjoying ground oats in a stable in Jersey City, New Jersey.

## TOM SIMS SAYS

The Japanese question has quieted down a bit so suburb is now our leading yellow peril.

Life is so funny. This is the summer we wished for last winter.

The nice thing about most of us is we can't be married for our money or good looks either.

The annual fish lie about standing leading a tree to bait your hook is doing as well as ever.

If you would be healthy and wealthy and wise never laugh at a woman with tears in her eyes.

If you have a checkered career it's always your move.

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Being too serious is very serious.

When system and good luck meet system usually wins.

If there were no women, men wouldn't have to work. This is why we should be glad there are women.

Sims

Two heads feel better than one in a porch swing at night.

Only a few more shopping months before overcoats.

Our idea of nothing to worry about all night is what we usually worry about all night.

Half the fun of loafing is knowing you should be working.

Opportunity passes by quicker than the fastest auto, which is why it is so hard to grasp.

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## Canning

By Hal Cochran

MOM's laid aside all her cleanin' and stichin'. There's somethin' more thrillin' at hand. You'll find her right now working out in the kitchen. She knows that there's fruit to be canned.

It's pleasin' to watch, as she turns to the toll of washin' the berries up clean. And then, when they're sugared and put on to boil—oh, pappy! You know what I mean!

The mess starts to simmer; then bubbles a bit and there's narrly a drop goes to waste. The kids hang around and they all throw a fit until mother will give them a taste.

The household is filled with the odor of jam, as the fruit jars are set in a row. The world ought to know just how happy I am as down in the cellar they go.

No wonder a fellow starts smacking his lips when he looks at the fruit on the shelf. He soon will be making the wintertime trips for the jam mother put up herself.

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## RIGHT HERE IN INDIANA

By GAYLORD NELSON

## MORALS AND CLOTHES

BALATANT disregard for God's standard of dress is the most common manifestation of immorality today, declared a speaker at the Union Bible Seminary at Salem Park near Indianapolis recently. Women's apparel, bobbed hair and cosmetics were all scored.

What is God's standard of dress?

He created Adam and Eve without a stitch of clothing between them. Every human being since that time has been permitted to come into the world in a state of frank nudity.

Evidently the Creator doesn't care so essential.

Prudes, puritans and bigots continually rail at woman's attire, and its immodesty. Crime, prettiness, and fallen arches stalk in the wake of the rolled stocking, they claim, and a lipstick shatters the moral foundations of the universe.

They are unduly alarmed. Clothing styles have little to do with morality.

Never was a people less addicted to vice and immorality than the classical Greeks, especially the Spartans, and never was a people less concerned about clothes. They exposed their bodies without shame. At the Olympian games the competing athletes dressed only in olive oil. Some of our modern prudes can not even look at a Greek statue without blushing.

The immorality of the French court in the days of the Great Louis is proverbial. Yet there courtiers, mistresses and the whole immoral crew were covered from head to heels in frills and ruffles.

Perhaps there is greater purity in bustles, cotton stockings and fingerless knit gloves than in present styles, but it is doubtful. Immorality is a state of mind not a state of the wardrobe.

THE WHEEL

AMES HISLE, Marion (Ind.) business man, suffered a fatal heart attack the other day, while driving alone in his automobile along a country road.

The uncontrolled machine plunged off a hill and was wrecked.

An Indianapolis banker was suddenly stricken a short time ago while driving his car on a city street. Fortunately, he was not driving a rush hour.

What would have happened if either of these fatal attacks had occurred in a crowded thoroughfare? An automobile has no brains; it must be guided by human hands and intelligence. An automobile with death at the wheel could cause untold havoc.

The increasing use of motor cars, increasing density of traffic, and increasing strain of modern life on the human heart, may soon give automobile designers and safety engineers something more to worry about.

The problem of making the automobile go has been pretty successfully solved. The next problem may be to make it stop.

Perhaps in some of these murder cases transfer is justifiable, though it is doubtful if in any case there is sufficient local prejudice to preclude a fair trial in Marion County. In most of them the circumstances of the crime and the names of the defendants are forgotten by the public.

Record Three—Kate deserted her husband and daughter Anne (then very young), and went away with a man.

Record Four—Kate tires of the experience and settles in the Riviera. She has later an affair with a young chap by the name of Chris Fenn. She was then old enough to be his mother, but he was trying to be his mother, but he was trying to be his mother.

Record Five—Kate's husband dies and so does his mother. This permits Anne, the daughter, to invite her mother to return to the great Fifth Ave. mansion in New York.

Record Six—Kate again becomes accustomed to luxury and a good name in good society. Can she hold out? Can she make herself more than a friend to her daughter?

The Discovery

Record Seven—Kate discovers that Anne is in love and about to be engaged to a man. Who is he?

## THE SPUDZ FAMILY—By TALBURST

