

CHINA REPUDIATES BOLSHEVISM RUMOR, MONARCHISM TREND

(By Associated Press) PEKING, Dec. 24.—Neither Bolshevism nor monarchism has a chance in China today, in the opinion of Dr. Phillip Tyau, assistant under-secretary in the foreign office, unofficially expressed to the Associated Press. Dr. Tyau, who is a student of international law, refutes "erroneous reports and inspired statements of a damaging nature which have been circulated recently both in China and abroad, and which not only have misled public opinion but have a serious repercussion on trade." He writes as follows:

"The reports which are most persistent are precisely those which are most ill-founded. One is that a monarchial restoration has actually occurred or is imminent; another that the country not only offers an attractive field for Bolshevism but that an insidious and far-reaching campaign of propaganda is acutely raging, which may engulf the nation.

Disclose Ignorance.

"Both reports disclose singular ignorance of existing conditions and of the whole trend of Chinese thought. The factors which led to the abdication of the Manchu dynasty nearly a decade ago are not only operative today, but have been made a hundred-fold more powerful by natural development and by the march of events throughout the world. It may be said generally that the people at large are so completely accustomed to the republican idea that the conception of a hereditary ruler seems to belong to a remote past.

As for Bolshevist doctrines, China probably is the last country in the world that need fear what is the nightmare of other nations. Not only is the land all divided and tightly held in small parcels by title deed among tens of millions of cultivators who comprise seventeenth of the population, but capitalism in the European sense, is virtually absent.

Chinese society, with its ancient collectivist structure, indeed offers such a serious challenge to Marxian communism that the practice of the latter seems both retrograde and elementary. Contact with Bolshevist elements along an open frontier thousands of miles in length, and the continued presence of large Chinese trading communities in Russian towns—when all other foreigners have disappeared—tend to prove that the Chinese are immune and alone of all nations can hold their own in competition with sovietism."

WILL STUDY PARKS

The secretary of the interior, in a statement, says: "The first national conference on parks, called by Governor Harding, cooperating with the department to meet in Des Moines, January 10, 11 and 12, fills a long-felt need and should enlist the active support of all state governments and national associations devoted to conservation."

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FRENCH FORGE AHEAD IN RECONSTRUCTION

(From the London Telegraph.)

PARIS.—In the work of reconstruction to which France is applying itself as best it can, unforeseen difficulties are being met, and in the Verdun district, where the devastation was greater than in any other part of France, there are insuperable obstacles to rebuilding.

On a stretch of battleground, held with craters and strewn with bodies and shells of all sorts, stood twenty-two villages. There are few vestiges of them, and they will not be rebuilt

for the reason that it will take years to rid the land of the war wreckage, human and material.

Eight hundred thousand men, half of them Frenchmen, fell on this ground and in two years 90,000 bodies have been recovered. Only a fourth of them have been identified. On every mile of ground there are thousands of bodies, and it cannot be stated how long it will take to collect them. For the present, therefore, the land is regarded as sacred and it has been decided to leave it as it is. In ten years, perhaps, it may be made into pasture land, with here and there woods of fir trees.

In addition to the decision not to rebuild these twenty-two villages which have disappeared, there is what is called

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ed a "dark red zone," of which the famous Mort Homme is typical. Nothing can be done with this. There is also a "pink zone" formed by Bethincourt, Châtancourt, and Esnes, which, it is hoped, can be reconstructed. The inhabitants of the demolished villages will be expropriated. Their land, houses and furniture will be paid for at three times their value in 1914, and they can go wherever they please. Some have waited for the official intimation; others have gone to neighboring districts, notably in the Haute Marne, to start life afresh.

In some factories the output rises until Friday, but among the less skilled workmen it was found that Thursday was the best working day.

An important consideration which the investigators kept in mind was that of the atmospheric condition in which work is done. Records of the air conditions have been taken with the output records.

In various plants the Saturday output was so low that employers found it unprofitable to operate, so they closed their establishments on that

day. From this it would appear that on a half day the worker does not give the average of a half day of production.

Congress Gaiters Back at \$15 A Pair; New Fad

(From the New York Sun)

Go up into the attic, grandad, and get out the congress gaiters. They're all the style again. Remember those old congress gaiter style of shoes, the tops of which were made of one piece of leather, and were made close-fitting

by means of the elastic gussets on each side of the tops of the shoes?

They're all the fad again.

Only—they're patent leather. Several nattily dressed young chaps up in the Astor were seen wearing them.

They don't cost the \$1.50 that grandad used to pay, though; they cost \$15 "and up."

Because women in Yoncalla, Ore., were elected to fill every political office in the town, all the men of the town council resigned in a body.

THURSDAY BUSIEST BRITISH WORK DAY

(Philadelphia Public Ledger.)

What is the best work day in America? In England it is Thursday.

That is the finding of industrial research board investigators of that country. The London Chronicle reports that over a period of twenty weeks the output was registered and "graphs" were made.

The workers gave their best on Wednesdays and Thursdays, but the output on Saturday was invariably low. When doubled (to equalize the time) it is often less than 75 per cent of that on other days.

Another important conclusion was that the skilled workman is much more regular in his output than the worker not so well qualified. He does

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