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MATERIAL CHINA PICTURED BY MISSIONARY IN TALK HERE

A China, slowly waking from its centuries of intellectual progress to a prosaic realization of its material resources, and daily becoming cognizant of the fact that other nations are watching it with jealous eyes; a China that is not only menaced from without by the far-reaching hands of capital, but also torn within by a bloody revolution, a land larger than the United States, crowded with nearly five hundred millions of people, the picture painted here Monday noon before Birmingham Rotarians by G. G. Helde, for 10 years a Y. M. C. A. secretary in the Far East, and now lecturing in the United States. Mr. Helde, who returns to Chicago, Illinois, soon, was the guest of Morris Cook, Rotarian.

Mr. Helde's talk was frank, and he pleaded for a better understanding of China's problems before conclusions were arrived at by the people of other countries. He told how, some 250 years ago, leaders in Manchuria overthrew the then reigning Emperor and installed the Manchu dynasty. This latter ruling power, after a period of supremacy and then decadence, was made to totter from its throne in 1911 by Sen Yat Sen, a revolutionary leader from the southern portion of China.

"Since 1911 China has been in a turmoil," stated Mr. Helde, "a turmoil that is more vast than all the wars that America has ever engaged in, even including the World War. Sen Yat Sen's plan was to remove government from the hands of an absolute monarchy to that of a republic. This resulted in the upsetting of every Chinese custom and tradition which, in a land free from the tentacles of organized government as we know it through our police and judiciary, has resulted in something near chaos.

"The Chinese, to gain control of government, realize that they must be clever politicians; they know, too, that to be clever in this they must wage war and so they are doing all they can to buy arms and ammunition with which to kill off their national brothers. Many so-called leaders have arisen in China since 1911 and have attempted to gain political power. Strictly speaking, China is divided into two portions, the northern and the southern. The southern is seeking to regain the government which they lost to Manchu 250 years ago.

"In this battle between the two forces, the Russian communist has stepped in and done much to keep the pot boiling. The ends of discontent have been sown by the proletariat, with the result that thousands of the poorer people of China, thinking that they would soon be rich, lost their lives in the constant warfare.

"China has always placed its emphasis on the intellectual, rather than the material things of life. It thought more of a scholar than it did of a successful business man. But it is now confronted with a revolution that seeks to upset its centuries of social, political and educational traditions. Youth in China, as in other countries of the earth, is rebelling against old things. Youth wants to be served, and is doing much to aid in the revolution, hoping, of course, that soon an orderliness will be established and that the common man will have a greater chance to progress than ever before.

"Torn from within as it is, China also faces the terror of foreign invasion. Within 24 hours of its shores is powerful Japan, a country that produces an excess population of 800,000 people every year, and must find a place for them to live. Japan wants Korea; England wants to protect its interests in the Chinese Empire—all of these things create a fear in the mind of the Chinese, and add to their chaos. It will require some time yet before China settles her own internal affairs and is able to deal with other countries. This it will do if the other powers of the earth cultivate a greater degree of patience and allow the Oriental to work out his own destiny."

I HAVE SAID IN MY HEART

By IDAH McGLONE GIBSON.
She is the frankest woman I know, but unlike most frank women, who only tell you the disagreeable things about yourself she is never afraid to tell you that you look well, that your hat is pretty or your frock chic—all little things, but they go a long way toward making the day gold instead of gray.

I have heard her say that it is just as easy to truthfully tell a friend that her eyes are still bright and pretty as it is to call attention to the gray of her hair. Maybe you have met a woman of this kind and you have thought she was insincere, but you could not see this when looking into the truthful eyes of my friend.

I am sure there are many women in this world like the one that I have described, if we only take the trouble to just find one, and having found one, the world for you and me is brighter. You do not find them, however, among women who have been protected and cared for and kept in cotton wool, for all that makes for selfishness and self-centeredness. Only by unselfishness and giving of one's self does one become what God meant one to be.

This woman that I have described will probably not recognize herself, but the picture I have drawn of her is what she is to me. She has splendid courage, rare conception, a big heart and a mind attuned to the harmonies of every-day life.

Memo: She makes me feel that no matter what she deals out to me one it is gloriously worth living after all.

WHAT'S WHAT in WASHINGTON

FLOOD CONTROL LEGISLATION TO OCCUPY CENTER OF STAGE

Exclusive Central Press Dispatch to The Eccentric
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The New England freshets, furnished as fine a send-off as if they'd been especially ordered for the house of representatives flood control committee's grand opening at the Capitol the other day.

They may have been a little severe on the folks who were drowned out, but, for timeliness, they'd have been hard to beat.

The committee, he it understood, expects to find out, by the end of this month, everything about floods—from Noah's on down—that's worth knowing, so it can tell congress just what to do to prevent any more, when it convenes December 5.

A good many people thought there ought to have been an extra session of congress last summer, to counteract the Mississippi flood conditions while they still prevailed, but President Coolidge thought not.

So, instead of an extra session to fit the regular flood season, we have an extra flood to fit the regular session—a kind of providential reminder, it almost seems.

'Twas right in the president's neck o' the woods, too, and worried him for awhile about his own farm. If anybody can see any-thing providential in that, like-

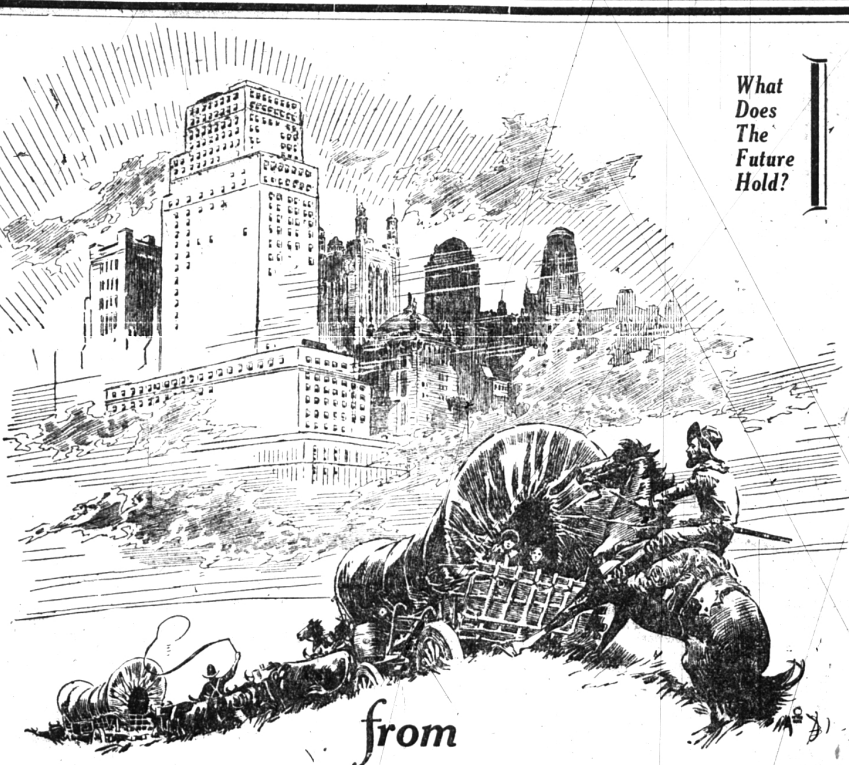
wise, he's welcome to the hint.

Many lawmakers believe flood prevention will be the most discussed question in congress this coming winter—more so than tax reduction, cruiser-building, the mercantile marine, the oil cases or anything else.

Undoubtedly that's a first-class guess. Any question that involves billions is bound to be discussed, up hill and down dale.

Hardly anybody is uninterested in that amount of money. The subject has some other ramifications, too. For example, if the "power interests" are all stirred up over a couple of peacocks little projects like Boulder Dam and Muscles Shoals, how are they apt to feel about a proposition to control all the water power in the United States?

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