## THE ISLE OF PALMS."

CEYLON WANDERINGS.

A Press Sermon from the Text: "The of Tarshish First"—Isalah 60:ix Heathen Temples Crumbling Before Christian Light.



HE TARSHISH OF my text by many commentators is supposed to be the isl and of Ceylon, upon which the seventh sermon of the "'Round-the-World' series lands us. Ceyion was called by the Romans Taprobane. John Milton called it

"Golden Cherso-Moderns have called Ceylon "The Isle of Palms;" "The Isle of Flowers;" "The Pearl Drop on the Brow of India;" "The Isle of Jewels;" "The Island of Spice;" "The Show Place of the Universe;" "The Land of Hyacinth and Ruby." In my eyes, for scenery it appears to be a mixture of Yosemite and Yellowstone park. All Christian people want to know more of Ceylon, for they have a long while been contributing for its evangelization. As our ship from Australia approached this island, there hovered over it clouds thick and black as the superstitions which have hovered here for centuries; but the morning sun was breaking through like the gospel light which is to scatter the last cloud of moral gloom. The sea lay along the coast calm as the eternal purposes of God toward all islands and continents. We swing into the harbor of Colombo. which is made by a break water built at vast expense. As we floated into it the water is black with boats of all sizes and manned by people of all colors, but chiefly Tamils and Cinga-There are two things I want most to

see on this island: a heathen temple with its devotees in idolatrous worship, and an audience of Cingalese addressed by a Christian missionary." The entomologist may have his capture of brilliant insects; and the sportsman his tent adorned with antler of red deer and tooth of wild boar; and the painter his portfolio of gorge three thousand feet down, and of days dying on evening pillows of purple cloud etched with fire; and 'the botanist his camp full of orchids, and crowfoots, and Buddhist for the worship of trees gentjans, and valerian, and lotus. 'I want most to find out the moral and religious triumphs, how many wounds have been healed; how many sorrows called sacred. To me all trees are comforted; how many entombed a nations resurrected. Sir Williams Baker, the famous explorer and geographer. did well for Ceylon after his eight years' residence 'en this, island, and Prof. Erust Heckel, the professor from acua, did well when he swept these waters, and rummaged these hills and took home for future inspection the insects of this tropical air. And forever honored be such work; but let all that is sweet in rythm, and graphic on. canvas, and imposing in monument. and immortal in memory be brought to tell the deeds of those who were heroes and heroines for Christ's sake.

Many scholars have supposed that this island of Ceylon was the original site where the first homestead was consolatory that when we no more the spires down; the pillars down; the amphitheater will be thus laid open in opened and destroyed. It is so near the equator that there are not more than twelve degrees of Fahrenheit difference all the year round. Perpetual foliage, perpetual fruit, and all styles of animal life prosper. What luxuriance, and abundance, and superabundance of life! What styles of plumage do not the birds sport! What styles of scale do not the fishes reveal! What styles of song do not the groves have in their libretto! Here on the roadside and clear out on the beach of the sea stands the cocoanut tree, saying: juice of my fruit for delectable drink. my fibre for the cordage of your ships. Take my oil to kindle your lamps, Take my wood to fashion your cups Take my 30,000,000 trees covering 500,mo acres, and with the exportation enrich the world I will wave in your fans and spread abroad in your umbrellas. I will vibrate in your musical instruments. I will be the scrubbing | pressive, squalid, filthy, sad. brushes on your floors."

Here also stands the palm tree, saying: "I am at your disposal. With these arms I fed your ancestors 150 years ago, and with these same arms I will feed your ancestors 150 years from now. I defy the centuries!"

saying: "I am ready to spice your beverages and enrich your puddings, and with my sweet dust make insipid things palatable."

saying: "With the liquid boiled from | The Hindoo procession illustrated on a my berry I stimulate the nations morn- small scale something of what ing by morning."

"With the liquid boiled from my leaf I small scale something of what Chaissoothe the world's nerves and stimu- tianity can do for the world, but those late the world's conversation, evening two processions were only fragments | tinction. But New York and London sider now the food bills of these 2,500

Here stands the cinthona, saying: "I am the foe of malaria. In all cli- blasted of superstitition and the promates my bitterness is the slaughter of eession blessed of gospel light. I saw fevers."

What miracles of productiveness on these islands! Enough sugar to sweeten all the world's beverages; enough bananas to pile all the world's fruit baskets; enough rice to mix all the world's puddings; enough coconnt to powder all the world's cakes; enough to garland all the world's beauty.

But in the ever cinnamon grov leaves and bar valuable and de on ships the are dispelled if pla rival bark. Of such great the cinnamon shrub that years ag who injured it in Ceylon were put that which once was a of cinnamon is now a park of ge en's residences. The long, whi eveling houses are bounded with shrub and all other styles of growt congregated there, make a botanical garden. Doves called cinnamon doves hop among the branches, and crows, more poetically styled ravens, which never could sing, but think they can, fly across the road giving full test of their vocables. Birds which learned their chanting under the very eaves of heaven overpowered all with their grand march of the tropics. The hibiscus dapples the scene with its scarlet clusters. All shades of brown and emerald, and saffron, and brilliance; melons, limes magnosteens foustard apples, guavas, pine apples, jessamine so laden with aroma they have to hold fast to the wall, and begonias, gloriosas on fire, and orchids so delicate other

lands must keep them, under conserv-

atery, but here defiant of all weather,

and flowers more or less akin to aza-

leas, and honeysuckles, and floxes, and

fuchias and chrysanthemums and rhododendrons, and fox-gloves, and pansies, which dye the plains and mountains of Ceylon with heaven. The evening hour burns incense of all styles of aromatics. . The convolvulus, blue as if the sky had fallen, and butterflies spangling -the air, and arms of trees sleeved with blossoms, and rocks upholstered of moss, commingling sounds, and sights, and 'odors, until eye, and ear, and nostril vie with each other as to which sense shall open the door to the most enchantment. struggle between music, and perfume and iridescence. Oleanders regling in intoxication of color. Great, banyar frees that have been changing their mind for centuries, each ce tury car rying out a new plan of growth, attracted our attention, and saw us pass in the year of 1514, as they saw pass the generations of 1794, and 1694. Colombo is so thoroughly embowered in foliage that if you go into one of its towers and look down upon the city of one hundred and thirty, thousand people you can not see a house. Oh the trees of Ceylon! May you live to be hold, the morning climbing down through their branches, or the evening tipping their leaves with amber and gold! I forgive the until they know of the God who made the trees. I wonder not that there are some trees in Ceylon saced. I wonder-not that before one of them bey burn camphor flowers, and hang lamp around its branches, and a hundred thusand people each year make pilgrimme to this tree. That itnessed coronations, assassina-Worship something man must, and until he hear of the only being worthy of worship, what so elevating as a tree! What glory enthroned amid its folinge! What a majestic doxology spreads out in its branches! What a voice when the tempests pass through it! How it looks down upon the cradle and the grave of centuries! As the fruit of the tree unlawfully eaten pines, flamingoes and pelicans; reptiles struck the race with woe and the up- sunning themselves on the altars; lifting of another tree brings peace to prima donnas rendering ornithological the soul, let the woodman spare the rehant from deserted music halls. One tiarden of Eden where the snake first tree, and all nations honor it, if, king restored much of the grandeur; appeared on reptilian mission. There through higher teaching, we do not, rebuilt 1,500 residences, but ruin soon will be torn down and an absolute

ing of the nations." within one hour, the first led by a Hin- own vices? Mystery sits amid the be a huge oval shell with a spacious doo priest, a huge pot of flowers on his monoliths and brick dust. Fingerson court, hotel, theater and spiral driving head, his face distigured with holy lip in eternal silence while the cenlacerations, and his unwashed fol- furies guess and guess in vain. We tral dome. The arrangement will be lowers beating as many discords from simply know that genins planned such that during summer the sides of what are supposed to be musical in- those cities. An eminent writer esti- this imperceptibly ascending spiral struments, as at one time can be in- mates that a pile of bricks in one ruin avenue can be thrown open to natural "Take my leaves for shade. Take the duced to enter the human car. The of Ceylon would be enough to air, while in severe winter weather no doubt expend a large part of his procession halted at the door of the build a wall ten feet high from Edin- they can be closed tight, if necessary. Take my saccharine for sugar. Take huts. The occupants came out and burgh to London; 1.369 Ellars with The lower part of the huge oval shell Mr. Bowell was born in Ricking Hall, made obeisance and presented small carved capitals are standing sentinel will be arranged chiefly for the mancontributions. In return thereof the for ten miles. You can judge some- agement of wholesale businesses, and Canada nine years later. In his priest sprinkled ashes upon the chil- what of the size of the cities by the on the second floor the employes and and pitchers. Take my leaves to dren who came forward, this evidently reservoirs that were required to slake workmen in the vast hive will have man. He was elected to parliament thatch your roofs. Take my smooth a form of benediction. Then the pro- their thirst: judging the size of the city their quarters. surface on which to print your books, cession led on by the priest started from the size of the cup out of which. There will be fifty floors with an active experience, was made minister again; more noise, more ashes, more it drank. Cities crowded with inhabi- average height of thirty feet, but be- of customs in Sir John McDonald's genuffection. However keen one sense's | tants; not like American or English tween some of the flats there will be | cabinet in 1878, a position be has held of the ludicrous, he could find nothing cities, but packed together as only bar- floors that will contain halls and ball ever since. to excite a smile in the movements of such a procession. Meaningless, op-

Returning to our carriage, we rode on for a few moments, and we came on another procession, a kindly lady leading groups of native children all clean. bright, happy, laughing. They were a Christian school out for exercise. There seemed as much intelligence, re-Here also stands the nutmeg tree, finement and happiness in that regiment of young tingalese as you would find in the ranks of any young ladies' seminary being chaperoned on their afternoon walk through Central park, Here also stands the coffee plant, New York, or Hyde park, London. Hindooism can do for the world. The Here stands the tea plant, saying: Christian procession illustrated on a of two great processions ever marching across our world; the procession them in one afternoon in Ceylon.

> They are to be seen in all nations. Nothing is of more thrilling interest than the Christian achievements in this island. The Episcopal church was here the National church, but disestablishment has taken place, and since Mr. Gladstone's accomplishment of that fact in 1880, all denominations are the righteous; but the way of the unon equal platform, and all are doing godly shall perish."

mighty work. America is second to tasted the no other nation in what has been done condiment so for Ceylon. Since 1816 she has had at transported her religious agents in the Jaffna cinnamon is peninsula of Ceylon. The Spauldings, the Howlands, the Doctors Poor, the Saunders and others just as good and strong have been fighting back monsters of uperstition and cruelty greater than any that ever swung the tusk or roared in the jungies.

But passing up and down the streets of Ceylonayou find all styles of people within five minutes: Afghans, Kaffirs, Portuguese, Moormen, Dutch English, Scotch, Irish, American; all classes, all dialects, all manners and customs, all styles of salaam. The most interesting thing on earth is the human race, and sp simens of all braches of it confront you a Ceylon. The island of the present is a quiet and inconspicuous affair compared with what it once was. The dead cities of Ceylon were larger and more imposing than are the living cities. On this island are dead New Yorks, and dead Pekins, and dead Edinburghs, and dead Londons. Ever and anon at the stroke of the archæologist's hammer the tomb of some great municipality flies open, and there are other buried cities that will yet respond to the explorer's pick ax. The Pompeli and Herculaneum underneath Italy are small compared with the Pompeiis and Herculaneums underneath Ceylon. Yonder is an exhumed city which was founded 500 years before Christ, standing in pomp and splendor for 1,200 years. Stairways up which fifty, men might. pass side by side. Carved pillars, some of them fallen, some of them aslant, some of them erect. Phidiases and Christopher Wrens never heard of here performed the marvels of sculpture and architecture. Aisles through which royal processions marched. Arches under which kings were carried. City with reservoir twenty miles in circumference. Extemporized lakes that did their cooling, and refreshing for twelve centuries. Ruins more suggestive than Melrose and Kenilworth. Ceylonian Karnaks and Luxors. Ruins retaining much of grandeur, though wars bombarded them and time put his chisel on every block, more than all, vegetation put its anchors, and pries, and wrenches in all the 'crevices. Dagobas, or palaces where relics of saints or deities are kept. Dagobas four hundred feet high; and their fallen material burying precious things for the sight of which modern curiosity has digged and blasted in vain. . Procession, of elephants in imitation, wrought into lustrous marble. Troops of hor es in full run. Shrings, chapels, cathedrals, wrecked on the mountain side. Stairs of moon stone. Exquisite scrolls rolling up more mysteries than will ever be unrolled. Over sixteen square miles, the ruins of one city strewn. Throne rooms on which at different times sat 165 kings, reigning inputhority they inherited. Walls tions, whipeginos triumphs . A trace at which millions bowed ages before the orchestras - celestial woke the

shepherds with midnight overture. When Lieut. Skinner, in 1832, discovered the site of some of these cities, he found congregated in them undisturbed assemblages of deopards, porcuoverthrown.

Preposterous! says some one, to European cities which have stood so lived far longer than our present cities, or nation, have been semichred. Let all the great municipalities of this and other lands ponder. It is as true now as when the psalmist wrote it, and as true of cities and nations as of individuals: "The Lord knoweth the way of

## ALL UNDER ONE ROOF.

A WHOLE CITY FULL OF HAPPY PEOPLE.

Capitalists Said Considering the Erecting a Vast Building Capable of Holding Twenty Thousand People.



RACTICAL AR chitects admit that t is possible to put a complete city under one roof, and there are signs that before the century closes such an ar chitectural miracle will be attempted in the eastern metropolis. Indeed, a

that the entire block at the corner of West Nineteenth street and Fifth avenue, stretching east, has been bought up by a secret syndicate of benevolently speculative millionaires. It is hinted that Charles T. Yerkes is one of the guiding spirits in this tremendous enterprise. Mr. Yerkes is well known to the scientific world as the giver of the famous Yerkes telescope, and it is easy to understand how a man of his practical mind might be faseinated by the prospect which this gigantic scheme presents. Who the New Yorkers are connected with the Chicago business genius in this plan, which involves millions to start, can only be surmised at present. But it is shrewdly suspected that the brilliant son of a famous judge who abandoned law for business is one of these choice spirits, and that several very rich women of New York | to make only slight changes in the ad-

rumor is printed in a New York paper

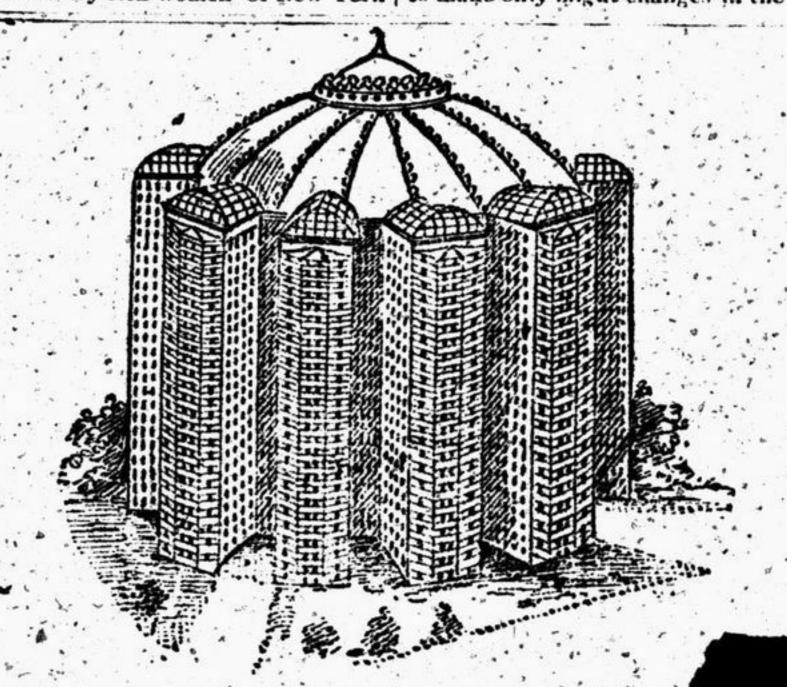
place where not only everything is cheaper than elsewhere, according to quality, but where so much tremendous architectural beauty is set off by such unimaginable splendor of electric lights, shifting through all tints?

It should be added that besides the spiral driving park, which will be large enough for five phaetons to move abreast, there will be several glass and aluminum aerial lakes or reservoirs on different floors of the central dome, into which water from artesian wells will flow. These will be lined with grassy banks, flowers and trees, and little bath houses, looking like kiosks, will be sprinkled here and there on the borders. Some of these will be so arranged that in sufficiently wintry weather they can be thrown open and absolutely perfect skating rinks thus formed. In other parts of the vast central dome gymnasiums and chapels will be found, and, crowning glory of the whole, a magnificent newspaper will probably be published.

Like the crystal palace at Sydenham, the entirety of this city in a city will be roofed over with plate glass, but it will be so constructed that at the pressure of a finger this prismatic erown can be lifted and laid aside to allow air from heaven free entrance, and also for hygienic purposes there will be various pumps, and fans throughout the different compartments to insure daily purification of the atmosphere.

CANADA'S NEW PREMIER. MacKenzio Boweil Makes But Few

Changes in the Cabluct. Hon. MacKenzie Bowell, appointed premier of Canada, to succeed the late Sir John Thompson, has as yet developed no radical views, and is expected



THE PROPOSED CITY,

are also subscribers to the stock. One ministration of his predecessor. He i thrig is absolutely certain in this con- a strong advocate, however, of extendnection. The real estate deal for the ing Canada's commercial relations with couple of ladies dropped down un property has been consummated, and Great Britain and the sister colonies | him in the attire worn by the han the former owners or renters of pri- While he favors reciprocity with the vate houses in that block are seeking | Laited States he is not hopeful of much

new abodes. But what does the plan actually propose? According to the best obtainable information from inside sources it may, unless the magnificent intention collapses, eventuate something like this: Every building on the block are reasons for belief that this was the like the Ceylonese, worship it! How resumed its scepter. But all is down; open space big enough for a football walk under the tree branches on tablets down; the glory of splendid the fashionable heart of the city. The earth, we may see the "Tree of life arches down. What killed those cities? foundations will be dug very deep and which bears twelve manner of fruit. Who slew the New York and London the main piles will be wrought iron. and yields her fruit every month, and of the year 500 B. Co? Was it un- Iron interspersed with aluminum, with the leaves of the tree are for the heal- healthed with a host of plagues? Was, glass and with stone for pictorial efit foreign armies laying siege? Was it feet, will be need chiefly in the con-Two processions I saw in Ceylon whole generations weakened by their struction of the building. This will

> barie tribes can pack them. But their rooms leasable in turn by the neighknell was sounded; their light went bors of the covered city, so that the out. Giant trees are the only royal probable height of the building will be family now occupying those palaces, over half a mile. Each one of these The growl of wild beasts, where once flats will look out on the inner court the guffaw of wassail ascended. Anur and also on the street of the outside years ago, asked a friend: What is Lateran, now standing at Rome adhapura and Pollonara will never be world, and each will be arranged for a rebuilded. Let all the living cities of family of six or eight persons. They prompt answer: 'Four feet on the and weighs 440 tons. the earth take warning. Cities are will be so arranged in building the human, having a time to be born and separate outside sections that none of a time to die. No more certainly have their windows will look into those of they a cradle than a grave. A last an opposite neighbor. The sections of his study, sitting alone by the fire, judgment is appointed for individuals, the apartment turrets or series of flats but cities have their last judgment in will be fifty in number. Hence the this world. They bless, they carse, calculation is easy that about 20,000 they worship, they blaspheme, they people can be accommodated in this suffer, they are rewarded, they are mammoth apartment palace. The rentals of these 2,500 most desirable flats will not average less than \$2,000 think that any of our American or a piece. This item alone gives \$5,000,-000, or 5 per cent interest on the origlong can ever come through vice to ex. inal investment of \$100,000,000. Conhave not stood so long as those Cey. families, who will be supplied from lonese cities stood. Where is the the great central restaurant. These throne outside of Ceylon on which 163 food bills will not be less than ansuccessive kings reigned for a life other \$5,000,000 per annum, half of time. Cities and nations that have which, or more, may be reckoned as sheer, clear profit. Consider next that all the stores, Turkish baths, theaters, etc. in this place will be owned and managed by the company, and that in addition to the constant profit accruing from those who live in the city will be the stream of traffic

> > from the outside. For is it not clear

that outsiders will come in floods to e



MACKENZIE BOWLLE.

legislation in that direction. He will energies in extending tanada's trade. Suffolk, England, 1823, and went to early manhood he was a newspaper from North Hastings, and, after an

Story of Dr. Holmes. This touching little story about Dr. Holmes comes from the new rquarries of Monte Grassi Bareno, "Book Bayer:" "Dr. Holmes, several Italy. The obelisk of St. Joha of your idea of happiness?' And the 105 feet high without the pedestal, fender, gave him great satisfaction. Some time leter-perhaps a year or more-this friend found Dr. Holmes in looking not very happy. To the visitor's solicitious greeting came the reply: 'Only two feet on the fender.'

Webster's Head. A story was told by Ticknor, who said it was a singular fact that the head of Daniel Webster grew larger after he had passed middle age. Ticnor, knowing Webster intimately, asked him about the matter and received the reply: "Yes, I find that have constantly to increase the size of my hats."

Rueing Ostricken. Gottlieb von Klackenberg, a South African Boer, has two racing ostriches. One of them has developed a speed of twenty-two miles an hour and has a stride of fourteen feet. The breeding of ostriches for racing been seriously interferred with by the

The value of pearls has been ages commensurate with their In the East, especially, they been greatly admired, and en sums of money have been p them. Pliny observes that pour the most valuable and excellent precious stones; and from our Savier's comparing the kingdom of heaven to s pearl it is evident they must have beer held in very high estimation at that time. It is said that Julius Casar gave a pearl to the mother of Marcus Brutus that was valued a £48,417 10s. of our present money and Cleopatra dissolved one worth \$250,000 in vinegar, which she drank at the supper with Marc Antony.

From time, immemorial there have been fisheries of pearl in the Persian gulf, the Red sea and in the bays of Ceylon; and when Columbus arrived in the gulf of Paris on his first voyago to America he was astonished to find the precious gems abounding there in unparalleled quantities. His men landed, and saw the Indian women adorned with splendid pearls round their arms, as well as round their necks. But their possessors seem to have been perfectly ignorant of the true value of the gems, as it is recorded that an Indian woman gave one of the sailors four rows of her pearls merely in exchange for a broken ourthenware plate.

The Spanish king forbade any one to go within fifty leagues of the place where such riches were found without the royal permission, says the Gentleman's Magazine, and took possession of the fisheries for himself; but in cruelly did the Spaniards behave to the natives, making them by force dive for them, and brutally illtreating them when they were, insuccessful in pearl dinding, that fone morning at dawn the Indians assailed the Spaniards, made a sanguinary slaughter of them, and, with dancing and leaping, ate them, both monks and laymer."

## MUSSULMAN'S :WIVES.

How They Were Punished for Exposing Themselver Indiscreetly. ..

Dr. Jessuf Bloch, a native of Budspest, ledged upon the ground floor of a house on Bulak street, where he had an .extensive 'practice among the Turkish population. The flat above was occupied by a bey and his harem, composed of three or, four women, who, us is the custom, were jesiou ly Secluded from the gaze of all maje creatures, says the Neue Frei Presso. During the night of the first earthquake Dr. Bloch lay on his couch sleeping the sleep of the just, and all unconscious of impending dang 'e, when suddenly the catastrophe came The earth trembled, houses recked, cracked and toppled over, and among house in Bulak street like a house of cards. started up from his

leep, when he the ceiling burst as incershower of miscellaneous articles

The doctor and the women es into the open air, and, in tion of Dr. Bloch's fance stern Mussulman refrained ing vengeance on the Gia two women, on being que grand mufti, were drowned in the Bosphorus actually drowned, only sym to speak, for they were sacks and immersed in the immediately drawn out expiation accomplished.

A Mighty Block of Granite. When Cleopatra's needle brought from the banks of the Nile and set down in Central park. New York, it was considered a great feat of engineering. Recently a block o granite weighing 1.217 tons was used as the pedestal of the equestrian statue of Peter the Great at St. Petersb rg. having been transported four miles by land over a railway and thirteen miles in a enisson by water. The railway consisted of two lines of timber furnished with hard motal grooves bytween which grooves were pleed spheres of hard brass about six inches in diameter.

On these spheres the frame with its loud was easily moved by sixty men, working at the capstans with treble-purchase blocks. Another huge block, measuring 35x16x14 feet was recently taken out at the Craignair quarries near Dalbeattle. weight was estimated at 650 tons. A block of granite measuring 97x it feet was blusted some time ago from the

Patriots in Japan. Among the reasons for the almost uninterrupted success of Japan in prosecuting the war with China is the spirit of sacrifice and gen :rosity exhibited by her people. Voluntary contributions amounting to almost \$15.000,000 have been received by the government. The bank of the bility, which has given \$1,000,0134 right, has also placed \*15, 10 1.0 interest free, at the disposal of authorities. The noblemen and w merchants have been must patel and a number of them have contributed spirit in China with

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