Chinese To Have Shakespeare Translated Into Own Tongue

Peiping.—Some of the most competent scholars in China are at work here translating Western clasics into the Chinese language, so that all Chinese who read may have access to the best in Occidental literature, history and science. Unlike translators of a generation ago, they are using the popular language in China, which all literate persons can read, instead of the difficult classical language, which even scholars have trouble in mastering.

The work is directed by Dr. Hu Shih, philosopher, who has settled here permanently, and money is being provided by the China Foundation, which distributes the remitted portion of the American Boxer indemnity. This Foundation has a hand in most successful cultural projects in China today. Three translators have been working for almost a year on the complete works of Shakespeare, which have never been translated into Chinese. They are first turning Shakespeare's English into Chinese prose, but may later use a sort of Chinese blank verse to suggest Shakespeare's medium.

Another scholar, sixty-five years old, has been working almost a year on Gibbon's "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." This scholar, Wu Kwang-chien, is the author of several textbooks in English now used in Chinese schools.

The China Foundation established a translation committee in 1930, putting Dr. Hu Shih in charge, and providing for fiftee nother members to direct the work. The task was divided into three sections: Science, history and literature.

New British Income Tax Favors Bachelors

London.—Many letters are being received daily by British newspapers from married men, protesting that the new income tax proposals favor the single man.

Married men with children appear to be worse hit than bachelors from the standpoint of increased taxes. The so-called injustices to family men become more apparent in salaries over the $3,000 mark.

The following table of the increase in tax payable under the new rates shows a comparison between married men with two children and bachelors:

Salary	Single Man (increase of tax)	Married Men with 2 chidren (increase of tax)
$3,000	$111.25	$108.12
3,500	116.85	166.12
4,000	145.85	173.25
4,500	139.00	180.00
5,000	136.50	174.25

The Tiger Tribute

A keeper at the Belle Vue Zoological Gardens, Manchester, had a narrow escape recently when he was attacked by a tigress.

Fortunately, another keeper witnessed the attack and came to the rescue. But all those who have to do with tigers aren't so fortunate.

For instance, there was a keeper at one provincial zoo who was killed, some years ago, by an elderly tiger who suddenly got tired of seeing him about. There have been similar tragedies before, but this one is likely to be remembered for a long time, because of the tribute the dead man's colleagues sent to the funeral.

It was a life-sized figure of a tiger in arum-lilies and chrysanthemums!—Answers.

Secret Winter Resort For Ocean Fish Sought

Washington.—A secret winter resort of Atlantic coast fish is sought by the United States Bureau of Fisheries.

Large schools of mackerel, sea bass, bluefish, croaker, weakfish, scup and fluke disappear every winter from their summer residence off the shores south of New England and do not return until warm weather.

Fishermen disagree on their destination. Some believe the fish migrate off shore to deeper, warmer waters, while others believe they go south in search of warmth, following the human migration to tropical climates.

The Bureau of Fisheries is seeking to solve the problem, and R. A. Nesbit, aquatic biologist of the bureau, has been cruising along the coast catching fish in nets, tagging them and returning them to the sea.

Saskatoon Expert Assumes Federal Post

Montreal.—Professor L. E. Kirk has arrived in Ottawa to take up his duties as federal agrostologist. Mr. Kirk, who is an authority on grasses, and has recently developed a drought-resisting grass for western Canada, was appointed to the post near the end of the last session on the recommendation of Robert Weir, Minister of Agriculture,

Mr. Kirk's duty will be to advise the Ministry of Agriculture on the suitability of various grasses for certain soils throughout the Dominion. He will also advise the Ministry on methods by which grasses at present growing, but not flourishing, i ncertain areas may be developed or adapted so as to grow well in their environment.

Gets Six Trees From One Apple

WAYNESBORO, Ga.—George W. Mobley, a business man of Waynesboro, now believes that "great oaks from little acorns grow," or words to that effect. A few years ago he was enjoying a particularly fine apple. He threw the seeds in his back yard and in due course was rewarded by having six apple trees spring up. He nursed them along to maturity, and now all of them are bearing fruit.

German Aviation Grows Safer

Berlin.—German aviation is approaching a minimum in accidents per mile flown. In 1926 cases in which pilots or passengers were injured averaged one for each 255,600 miles. This year the rate is only one for each 1,050,000 miles.

Flies and Cold, Wet Weather Spoil Grapes

PARIS.—Bad weather and cochylis flies have made it certain that there will be no overproduction of champagne this year. Indeed, they have done such a complete job that there seems likely to be no 1931 champagne at all.

When the Summer began it was thought there would be a splendid crop. Then the rain came and the sun did not come and the cochylis flies came and more rain came, and now the decision has come not to try to make any champagne. The one comfort is that there is still plenty of wine left from former years in the cellars of Rheims to supply the world without fear of a serious shortage

Like champagne, the burgundy district also suffered badly from the cold wet summer. The only really good wines this year will be Bordeaux and Beaujolais, and even they will not have the quality of such years as 1928 and 1929. All one can say about them is that they will be better than last year.

Farms For Women Planned In Mexico

Mexico City. — A collective farm where women would be barred from the premises may be established near this city by the national congress of women workers and peasants. The organization adopted a resolution approving the project.

The land will be donated by the Government and a managing board will be appointed by the congress. The Department of Public Education will assign feminine experts in poultry and other classes of farming to instruct the workers.

The farm is planned as a model for similar institutions which state governments will be called upon to sponsor. Proceeds will be invested in the establishment of more farms and it is hoped that within a few years many of them will be in operation.

Australian Grub Is Threatened by Fungus

BRISBANE.—Scientists are rallying to the rescue of the Cactoblastis grub, which, originally imported into Australia to destroy prickly pear, is in turn being attacked by a kind of fungus.

The Queensland Goernment is already preparing to throw open for re-settlement 11,000,000 acres of land which the Cactoblastis has cleared from prickly pear.

Meanwhile scientists are trying to evolve a method to protect the grub from the parisitic growth which already has done so much damage to the useful insect that prickly pear is starting to gain ground again in certain districts.

Educational Films

Dr. C. W. Kimmins in the Empire Review (London): The cinema is destined to occupy an ever-increasing position of importance in the education of the child, and the present type of textbook will eventually give place to one more closely associated with cinematographic requirements. Provided always that great care be taken to secure that pure diction be employed in the making of educational films, it should have a beneficial effect in raising the standard of good speech among our children.

Motorcars Cross Africa Regularly

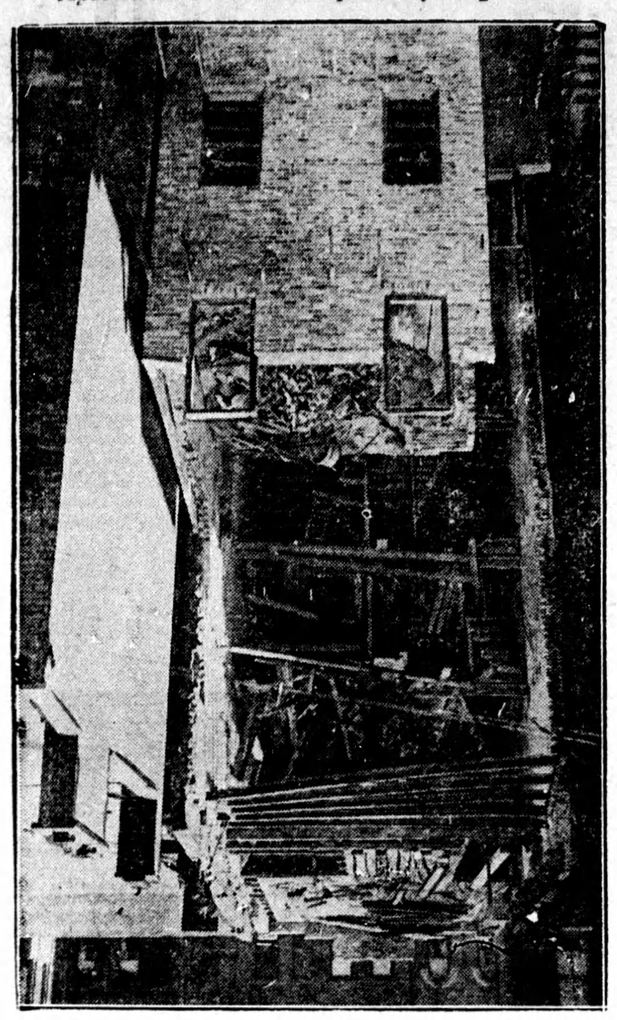
NAIROBI, E. Africa.—Through Africa by motorcar, once an achievement of note is now becoming quite commonplace. Within two days two motorcars, one from Alexandria and the other from Durban, have arrived at Nairobi.

The former carried Dr. Jizi Baum, professor of Prague University and Natural History Museum, accompanied by Herr Soit, a noted Czechoslovakian sculptor. Dr. Baum who is studying natural history in East Africa, has discovered a rare species of "water mouse," which he describes as a huge spider that has adopted aquatic life.

Nautilus To Be Sunk

SOUTHAMPTON, England.—Sir Hubert Wilkins sailed recently for New York. He said the submarine Nautilus in which he cruised under the polar ice would be towed to sea out of the port of Bergen and sunk after the scientific apparatus used by the expedition is removed.

Apartment House Collapses Injuring Two



Two workmen were buried beneath debris and seriously injured when this apartment house collapsed during repair work recently.

Robot Pilot Installed In Passenger Plane

Baltimore Md.—Installation of a robot pilot on a passenger airplane is now nearing completion at the plant of the B-J Aircraft Corporation here, and will soon be placed into service between New York, Baltimore and Washington.

This is the first installation to be made in a commercial passenger airplane, it was announsed. The device has been tested by the inventor and by the United States Army on experimental flights.

Human hand will be used only in the takeoff and landing of the new 18-passenger airplane. When in the air the positior and speed will be regulated by small gyroscopes and controlled by a set of electric buttons A switch places the robot in charge and relieves it of duty.—The Christian Science Monitor

World's Tiniest Baby

Pretoria has what is believed to be the tiniest baby in the world. She was so small at birth that they did not weigh her in case the act of weighing might injure her. At fourteen days she weighed 3 lbs. She is kept wrapped up in cotton-wool and gets her nourishment through the injection of a saline and through the absorption of olive oil, applied to the skin.

'Arctic Patrol' Ordered For Aircraft Carrier

Washington.—The aircraft carrier Langley, with its squadrons of planes, will winter in northern waters on an "arctic patrol." Operations of men and equipment will be put to test under extreme temperatures for the first time.

The Navy expects to learn valuable lessons on the effect of ice and snow on the planes, the flight deck, and the arresting gear that holds landing planes to their floating airport.

Pumpkins and Pickles Pay College Tuition

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Barter continues to be a good word in the vocabulary of the college student.

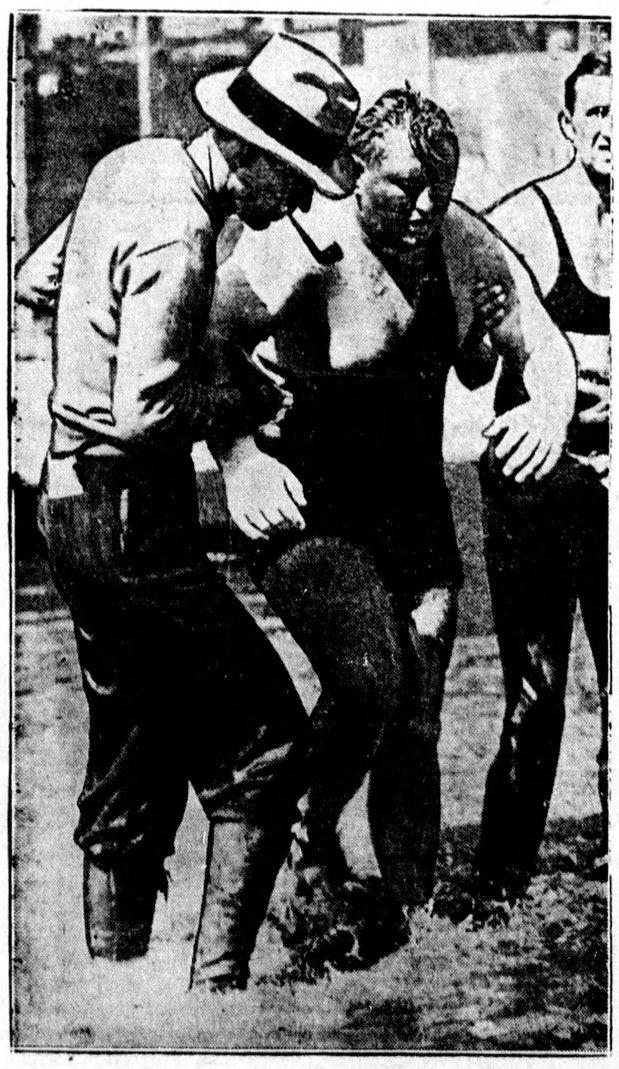
At Drury College, Springfield, Dr. William Thomas Nadal, the president is accepting pumpkins, cabbages or home canned pickles and preserves in lieu of coin of the realm for tuition money.

A cafe in Lawrence, seat of Kansas University, is accepting wheat at 45 cents a bushel for board of students.

Leaning Tower Is Repaired

BOLOGNA.—The leaning tower of Asinelli has been reopened to the public following construction of new stairs to the top. The twelfth century structure is 320 feet high and four feet out of perpendicular.

In Water 95 Hours 45 Minutes



Norris Kellam, "human cork" of Memphis, Tenn., being helped from the water after a 227-mile non-stop swim from Cairo, Ill., to Memphis. His time was 95 hours and 45 minutes. He took meals while floating on his back.

Lone Scouting continues to grow apace in Ontario, and during the past month some thirty new members were registered at Lone Scout Headquarters.

It is gratifying also to note that this month two new Troops have been added to the growing list of Regular Scout Troops which have been formed as a direct result of Lone Scout activity. These are at Maple and at Unionville. The others are located at Paris, Killaloe, Cobalt, Sault Ste. Marie, and Beamsvill .

On October 2nd, the Lone Scout Commissioner, with Commissioner Irwin and Scoutmaster Don Hutchison, of the 1st Ont. Lone Scout Troop, journeyed to Maple to attend the special meeting and present the Charter to the new Maple Troop.

There was a splendid turnout of Scouts, and the Lonies from King also attended to add their good wishes, and after a number of interesting Scout activities, the Charter was presented in the presence of a nice gathering of interested citizens of Maple.

We wish the new Maple Troop, and their Scoutmaster, Mr. Bryan, the very best of Good Scouting.

Ontario Lone Scouts will be interested to learn that a new Shoulder Tape Badge has now been issued.

This reads as follow : "Ontario Lone Scouts," and is to be worn on the right shoulder by all Lone Scouts in this province. These can be obtained from Lone Scout Headquarters for 5c each.

Fire Prevention Week

Lone Scouts are urged to put aside one week during October for special work under this heading. All over Canada this Fire Prevention Week is being observed by Scouts, and the idea is to clean up and destroy all rubbish and inflammable material around your houses, barns and in the vicinity of your premises, and in the case of Patrols, in the Villages in which they are located.

Thus before the winter sets in, everything will be cleaned up and snug, and there will be no danger of fires starting as a result of rubbish left around, or of untended rubbish adding to the seriousness of any fire which might occur.

Bear this in mind, Lonies! You can do lots of "Good Turns" in this way.

Lone Scout Question Box

Is there a Special Badge for Lone Scouts?—(M.L.J., Moscow).

No special badge has yet been issued to Lone Scouts in Canada, although Imperial Headquarters in London, England, have approved of a special badge for overseas Lone Scouts, which consists of a scroll bearing the words "Lone Scout" superimposed on the Fleur de Lys. Arrangements are being made to obtain a supply of these for the use of the Lone Scouts of Ontario.

Ontario Lone Scouts may be distinguished, however, by their Mauve Neckerchief and by the special shoulder tape which is mentioned in this column.

Lonies are invited to address questions on Scouting subjects to "Lone E" at Lone Scout Headquarters, 330 Bay Street, Toronto 2.

Africa-Brazil New Plane Route

French Air Mail Plans To Start New Service in '32

PARIS.—In competition with the Zeppelin air mail which German backers announce will operate weekly between Europe and South America next year the French air-mail line, Aeropostale, has announced that a plan for completely air-carried mail will be ready by the end of 1931 and that early in 1932 planes will replace the French navy dispatch boats between Dakar, on the west coast of Africa, and Natal, Brazil.

At present Aeropostale takes seven days to carry air mail from Toulouse airport in France to Rio de Janeiro, but Montevideo and Buenos Ayres, but when planes replace the dispatch boat on the long step across the Atlantic it will be possible to deliver mail in those capitals three or four days after it is posted here.

Two seaplanes capable of carrying the quantity of air mail that is now being transported have been completed.

One belongs to Aeropostale and is being put through its final tests by the chief pilot, Mermoz, while the other is the property of the French Air Ministry.

These ships are monoplanes, Bernard seaplanes fitted with pontoons, powered by a 650-horsepower Hispano motor. They have a wingspread of twenty-four meters, with the tremendous wing surface of seventy-four square meters. The plane weighs three tons, but can carry six and one-half tons of mail.

Before the end of the year Mermoz will make the round trip by air between Dakar and Natal, and shortly thereafter the ships will be withdrawn in favor of the seaplanes. Their speed of 200 kilometers an hour contrasts favorably with the maximum 110 kilmeter cruising speed of the dirigibles. The zeppelins, however, will be able to make the flights pay a profit by carrying passengers and freight. The French planes will carry only mail.

Napoleon's Grapevine Saved

Paris.—Napoleon's grapevine on the Bastia Highway in Corsica has just been listed by the French Government as a historical object. In his memoirs the Emperor mentioned this grapevine, which was then owned by his family, and said that his rise in the world would not have been possible without it. It was from the products of this vine that his family drew the resources that enabled them to send the young Bonaparte to study in Paris.

The grapevine, which is called the "sposata," has been embellished with a marble tablet, placed on it by the present proprietor, Antoine Lambrischini, on which the above facts are recounted.

Mexico to Aid Farm Education

Mexico City.—Intensification of agricultural education in Mexico has been promised by Ignacio Lopez Bancalari, Under-Secretary of Education. More agricultural schools are to be established in various sections of the republic and those now functioning are to receive added facilities. The Ministry of Agriculture has decided to establish a school of tropical agriculture, either in Vera Cruz or Oaxaca.

Problem of Water in Gasoline Solved by Master Sergeant

DAYTON, Ohio.—A knotty Air Corps problem, caused by water in airplane gasoline, has been solved by an enlisted man. He is Master Sergeant David Samiran, a native of the Island of Cyprus, whose device to provide pure fuel has been adopted as standard equipment by the Air Corps.

His invention, known as an isolator or segregator, makes use of the different specific gravities of water and gasoline.

Glass Walls Installed In German School

A school with outer walls of glass and with glass cabinets for books taking the place of inner walls, in separating classrooms from corridors, has just been built for the school children of Lubeck, Germany, according to Capper's Magazine. The ground floor has a breakfast and milk room, each classroom a bathroom, each desk in the physics department has gas, water and electrical connections, and the geography room has a projection machine by which the movements of the stars and planets are shown on the ceiling. Then there is a greenhouse in which the pupils raise plants throughout the year.

Beavers Conserve Lakes By Damming Streams

Quesnel, B.C.—Beaver from the Bowron Lake game sanctuary, near Barkerville, are being used by the Provincial Land Department to help restore lakes and streams in Lower Cariboo.

The first shipment of eleven beaver passed through here recently by motor truck en route to Williams Lake, where they will be released at selected spots.

Beaver in earlier days before they were trapped out conserved the water supply.

Three Twos

The teacher had been explaining the different meaning of the words "to," "too," and "two," and, finally, to find out if the children had grasped the idea, she decided to give a test.

"Now, children, as quickly as you can, I want you to give me a sentence containing all three spellings."

She had scarcely finished speaking when up went a hand.

"Well, Isaac?" said the teacher, and the boy, the only Jewish child in the class, answered, glibly: "Two shillings is too much to spend."

Too Late

The young suitor had called on his loved one for her reply.

"No, Oswald," she said, "I'm afraid that I cannot marry you."

Oswald shrugged his shoulders.

"Oh, very well, then," he returned savagely, "there are others just as good."

"Better," she retorted. "I accepted one of them yesterday."

Modern Youth

Mother—"You know, Geoffrey, Norma is nearly 17 years old, so to-day I had a frank discussion with her about the facts of life."

Father—"Ah! Did you learn anything?"

"Love, like luck, does not come through necessity or planning."—Peggy Joyce.