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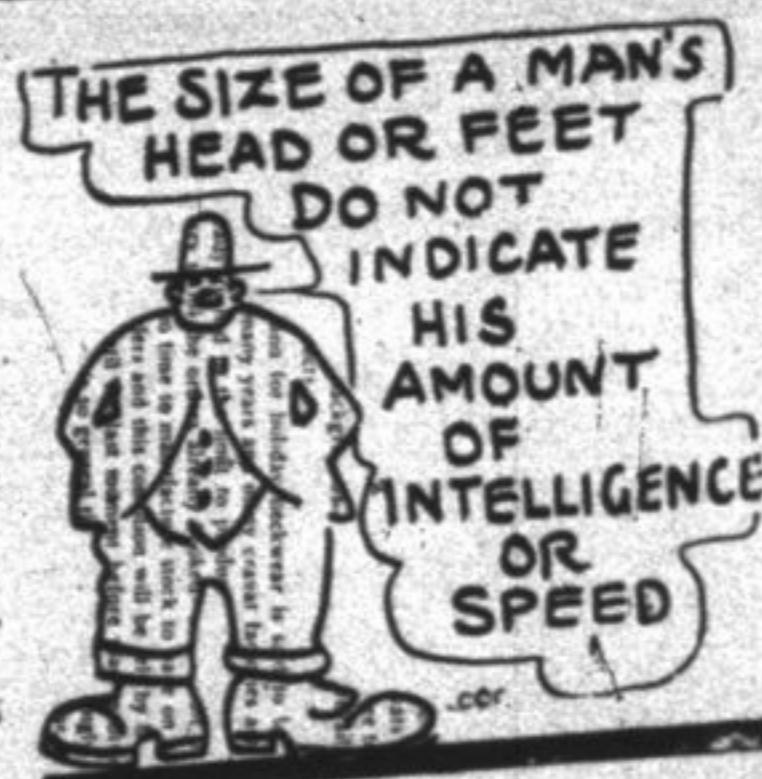
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**POLITICS OF CHINA
IN STATE OF TURMOIL**

LACK SENSE OF LOYALTY

Province is Highest Political Authority Recognized. Government at Peking is Bankrupt

The political situation in China at the present time is one of great confusion and distress which is hard for a foreigner to understand.

China is a republic in name only, and nothing could be further from the truth than to suppose that the government is organized and administered by the people and for the people as in our own country. I doubt if there are many of the common people who know in whose hands the supreme authority is vested, who know under what sort of a government they are living, and what is more, few of them care so long as they are undisturbed in their ordinary occupations.

The Chinese people have many admirable qualities, they are industrious, frugal and peace-loving, and yet in all the four thousand years of their recorded history the nation has seldom been at peace, and only for brief periods have the eighteen provinces been united under a single ruler, and yet notwithstanding all these wars and revolutions the peaceful, orderly life of the people has gone on without serious interruption. If it were not for this fact the present state of confusion would seem more desperate than it really is.

The primary trouble with the Chinese people is that they have no sense of nationality, they do not think in terms of the whole. Every Japanese peasant is passionately loyal to the empire and would gladly give his life for the honor of the Emperor, not so the Chinese, they are almost wholly lacking in this sense of national pride and loyalty, few of them know and fewer care what goes on in Peking, the important things are those which affect their own little circle of interests.

The family and the clan is the basis of Chinese society, if a man commits a crime he involves his whole family in the consequences and so the whole family is responsible for the individual. Every family has its patriarch and every village its head man, and over every patriarchal group is a magistrate who in turn is subject to higher powers up to the governor of the province, who nominally, but generally only nominally, is subject to central authority. The province as a matter of fact, is the largest political unit which the common man recognizes and he is very little concerned in what goes on outside its boundary. It is quite natural this should be so in a country so vast as China, where the means of communication have been so difficult, the natural barriers so formidable and racial and linguistic differences so marked.

The province of Hunan in which we are at present living has always been a distinct unit in the empire and some years ago it declared its independence. It pays no taxes to Peking and it is ruled by General Chang-Heng-Ti, who is both civil and military governor, he levies taxes and exacts quite regardless of the modern provincial assembly which makes admirable laws but is powerless to enforce them, he has relations of offensive or defensive with neighboring barons with whom he is waging war or with whom he is in alliance. Changsha, the capital is under military rule and its merchants have been compelled to contribute such large sums for military expenses that they are all on the verge of bankruptcy. Notwithstanding all this the troops are seldom paid and are almost always ready for mutiny, in fact at the present time there is a serious mutiny in the central part of the province.

That the people as a whole are peaceful and orderly is evidenced by the fact that in Chinese cities and villages there has never been, unless in very recent times, such a thing as a municipal code of law, in fact the only Chinese code is that which treats of crime. In the conduct of their ordinary affairs the people are governed by their immemorial tradition and by their native sense of justice and fair play. They allow every magistrate and official a moderate amount of squeeze and they are all as greedy as the daughters of the horse-leech, but when their patience is finally exhausted the rebel and that is the end of it.

The government at Peking is bankrupt and tottering to its fall, it would not have lasted as long as it has were it not for the fact that it is the only government which is recognized by the foreign powers and through which foreign loans can be negotiated. The real authority in the north is divided between Chang-Tao-lin in the war lord of Manchuria, an ex-bandit, perhaps I ought to leave out the ex, who is said to be hand and glove with the Japanese, and Wu-Pei-fu, a military leader of the old school said to be personally an honest man but surrounded by a hungry and avaricious band of satellites who grind the people for their own profit. When the present Peking government dies of inanition and the end is not far off, one or the other of these leaders will probably become dictator.

Although the government is bankrupt and without money to pay the

police force or to keep schools open, yet China is a rich country and its revenues if honestly administered would be ample for its needs.

The great national sources of revenue in the order of their importance are the land tax, the salt revenue, the customs duties, the liquor, or internal revenue on goods in transit and the tax on wines and tobacco. The land taxes in most places has been collected for a year or more in advance and squandered for military purposes. The salt revenue and the customs are honestly administered under foreign supervision, but they were long ago mortgaged to pay foreign loans and indemnities and yield but little surplus for current governmental expenses, the other taxes are not under foreign supervision and are systematically looted by the Tachuns or military satraps. In this province and in others even the salt tax is diverted for provincial uses and the Peking government which still supervises its collection is powerless to control its disposition.

This in brief is the political situation in China at the present time. There is a government at Canton which exercises jurisdiction over a limited district in the south and is under the direction of Sun-Yat-Sen and Chen-Chung-ming, governor of progressives and idealists who are backed by the student body who have imbibed foreign ideas and are determined to introduce them into China, but it will be a long time before these ideas permeate the mass of China's four hundred millions and fit them for self government and republican institutions.

What the outcome of the present chaos is to be no one can predict. The thing that is most urgently needed today is the disbanding of troops and foreign supervision of the collection and expenditure of the revenues, extending to the other branches the control now exercised over the customs, the salt gabelle and the postal service. This would effectually curb the greedy bandits who now keep the country in an uproar. No foreign intervention other than a fiscal one is in the nature of things possible, but since China is dependent upon foreign loans for the development of its national resources such a measure would be effective.

As for the abolition of extraterritoriality, which the Chinese delegates at Washington are demanding, it would probably compel the withdrawal of every foreign corporation from business in China.

P. C. WOLCOTT.
Changsha, Dec. 6, 1921.

Germany is working with all her might to spend money so fast that she can't pay her reparation installments.

**NORTHWESTERN HEAD
GETS ANCIENT VASE**

Alumnus Sends President Walter Dill Scott Relic Evacuated Near Beirut, Syria

A vase at least 2,500 years old has come to Evanston from far-off Syria from an alumnus of Northwestern University, who sent the relic as a New Year's gift to President Walter Dill Scott. The alumnus is Charles I. Graham, a graduate of Liberal Arts, Northwestern university, now a resident of Beirut. In a letter which reached President Scott a few days before the vase arrived, Mr. Graham asserted that the vase was evacuated from an ancient Phoenician grave and represents the art of the civilization nearly 3,000 years ago.

"I am sending you under separate cover by parcel post," wrote Mr. Graham, "a sample of old Phoenician glass. These pieces are unearthed in this vicinity by the natives when, in excavating, they accidentally open up old graves of the Phoenicians. Most of the coast cities along here were old Phoenician towns, such as Sidon, Tyre and Acre and date back 2,400 or 2,500 years. This vase, in all likelihood, is at least 2,500 years old. The iridescence of the vase is a product of the particular soil in which it was buried, acting upon the glass."

The vase is about six inches high and is of a peculiar brownish color. The iridescence is exceptional and renders the vase very attractive. President Scott has given it a place of honor in his office in University Hall, Evanston.

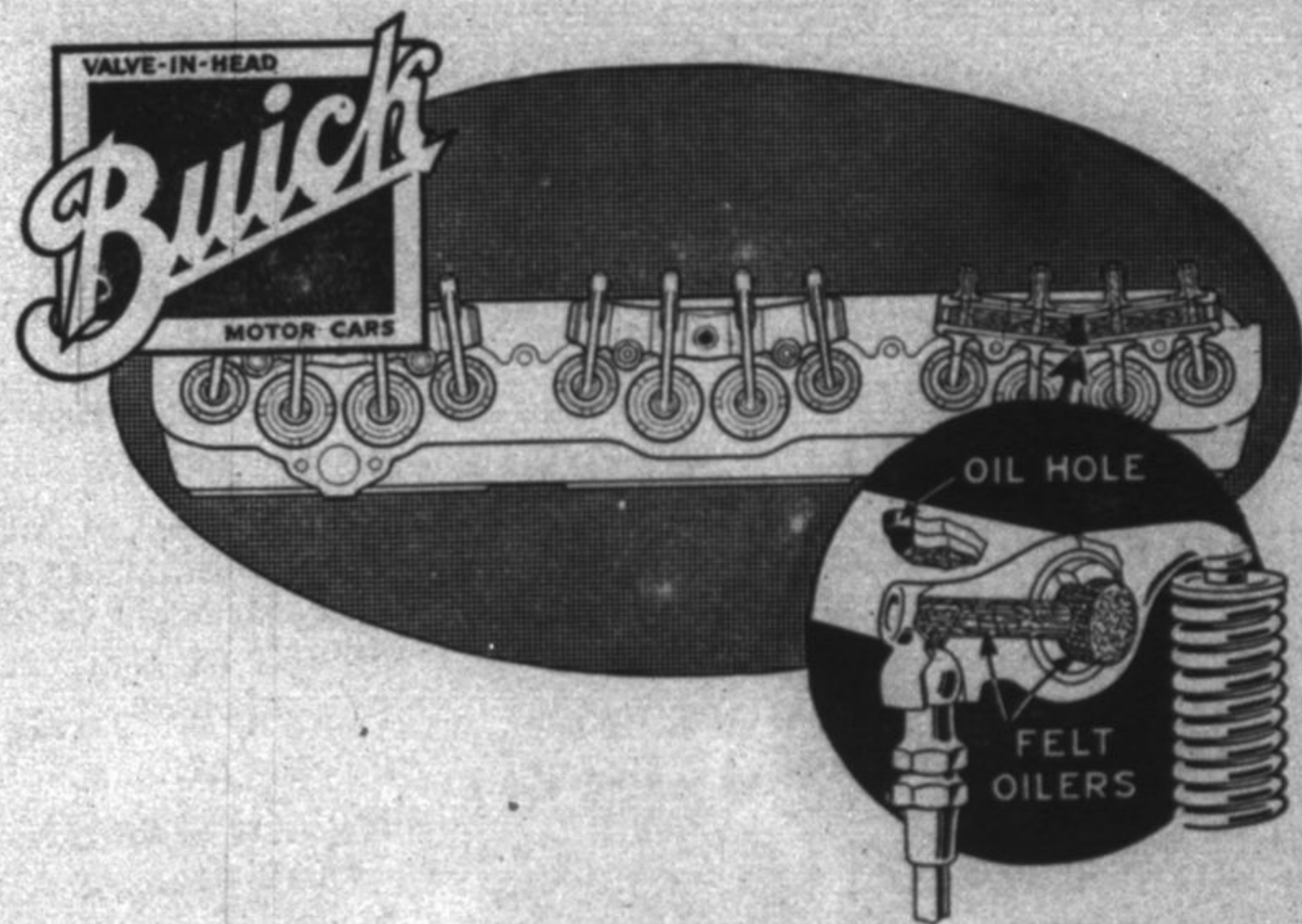
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Elmer E. Adams, Winnetka postmaster during the Taft administration, resumed his duties at the Winnetka post office Monday morning. Mr. Adams' official appointment came from Washington last Thursday.

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