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The Chinese Boycott

The Chinese have entered upon a peaceful boycott of Japanese-made goods as a protest against the action of Japan in regard to Shantung. Chinese merchants in their advertisements very generally include this phrase: "We sell no Japanese goods." And the Chinese public is in full sympathy with this movement that affords their only means of showing their indignation and sense of injustice because of the Japanese occupation of Chinese territory.

China ordinarily receives about seventy-five per cent of the goods exported from Japan. This peaceful boycott cannot, under these conditions, fail to bring home to the Japanese the effectiveness of such a program should it be consistently pursued for a considerable length of time. And the Japanese know that patience is one of the virtues of the Chinese and they have, perhaps, not been uninstructed in the philosophy of Confucius, "The cautious seldom err." The boycott is certainly "cautious" and the Chinese may well feel themselves upon firm ground in this sort of resistance that involves only fidelity to purpose on the part of their own people.

We have since governments began to crumble in Europe seen various sorts of revolutions. This that China is opposing to the encroachment of Japan is yet another sort. What the end shall be we have yet to see, but the people of the United States will not be sorry to see the result that the Chinese hope for themselves.

On Familiar Ground

The appropriation of a million and a half dollars is asked to defray the cost of the several proposed investigations of the food situation.

Congress feels its feet upon firm ground in such requirements and is promptly taking action to make available the requisite funds.

The people of the United States will not mind the million and a half if it is spent to secure results in fixing responsibility for the difficulties in which people of limited means find themselves. A million and a half is small change in comparison with sums to which we have grown accustomed during the last two and a half years.

Very little time will be required before the American public will be able to determine for its own satisfaction whether the proposed investigation of food prices is actually designed to bring about relief from the conditions that are growing more and more intolerable. They will be patient with effort that is sincere, but they will expect results. If none are forthcoming, there will be a reckoning when the choice of the members of the federal law-making bodies is again to be made by the electorate.

No Subject For Prayer

This is the day of strange happenings but nothing is stranger than that the Speaker of the House of Representatives should feel called upon to censor the prayers of the Chaplain.

Congress has given little reason to the general public to think that its members took any particular stock in

COMPLETE PLANS FOR PUBLIC FOOD MARKET

Local Real Estate Dealer Is Behind Project To Sell Products Directly From Market Wagons

FARMERS TO CO-OPERATE

Promise To Bring Foodstuffs To Wilmette For Sale To Housewives at Public Market Place

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings will be market time each week for north shore housewives if plans formulated by Paul Schroeder, real estate man, prove successful.

On those days, says Mr. Schroeder, every north shore housewife will be afforded the opportunity to buy foodstuffs directly from the truck gardeners at a public market place to be located in a vacant lot near the Linden avenue terminal of the Elevated railways.

Farmers Favor Plan

Several truck gardeners operating within a radius of three miles to the west of the Village have already announced a willingness to bring their products to Wilmette three times a week and sell directly to market-goes and effecting complete elimination of commission merchants' profits.

Mr. Schroeder insists that the public market brings foodstuffs to the north shore housewife at greatly reduced prices. He declares it to be a fact that 100,000 dozens of sweet corn recently sold by farmers at 20 and 25 cents a dozen on South Water street were sold to Wilmette residents at 50 and 60 cents a dozen. Similarly, he says, red peppers which netted the farmer 2 cents in the commission houses sold in Winnetka for 7 cents a piece.

The market is to be conducted under the supervision of Mr. Schroeder who states he has made a complete canvass of the farming country to the west of Wilmette and obtained the enthusiastic support of several gardeners in the new project.

Blow to High Cost of Living

The plan for a Central market in Wilmette, Mr. Schroeder asserts, is entirely feasible and should mean a great saving to the housewives of the north shore. He holds it to be the most effective means of combating the ever increasing cost of living.

It is Mr. Schroeder's plan to open the market on Tuesday, September 2. He has promised to have several gardeners on hand with their products prepared for immediate sale. Use of the market space will be granted the gardeners free of charge, it is stated, thus eliminating another item contributive to excessive cost of products.

the prayer that is daily offered for their guidance. For the most part they go into the session with their minds made up according to the program that operates in our government. One cannot imagine the twentieth century lawmakers looking to the Lord of the earth for hints of conduct. Clearly the making of present laws is not within the province of Him who set the decalogue for the guidance of men.

But the Chaplain is hurt by the request of the Speaker that he desist from mixing politics with prayer. The league of nations is an earthly affair and divine co-operation is not sought by the men who are discussing it in its details in the halls of congress. Never before, says the Chaplain, has he been reprimanded for the content of his appeal to heaven. Never before has he been accus-

ed of mixing politics and prayer, of, in other words, trying to influence the votes of the representatives of the people of the United States by referring them to God for direction.

One wonders what sort of business is going on in the congress that it is not expedient to ask the blessing of God upon it, or to petition for guidance in a matter that is of the utmost importance to the people of the country.

Let Them Laugh

E. H. Sothern wants to "make it clear to the laughing public that the actors' strike is no laughing matter."

Mr. Sothern ought to forgive the public for a tendency to laugh at this one strike of which it is not made the helpless victim. Other strikes have affected the general public in most intimate ways. They have interfered with the process of the daily routine of everybody's life. They have meant long hours of waiting for means of conveyance home after long hours of work. They have meant all sorts of physical and financial hardships.

Now that there is a strike that affects just the two groups that are concerned in it, the employers and the employe, the public which has been so badly used on other occasions should be at liberty to maintain a complacent attitude, even to smile at the one batch of trouble in which it does not have to take its part, and that the most difficult.

Besides, there are so few opportunities for saving money and the absence of any theater attractions provides a painless way.

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