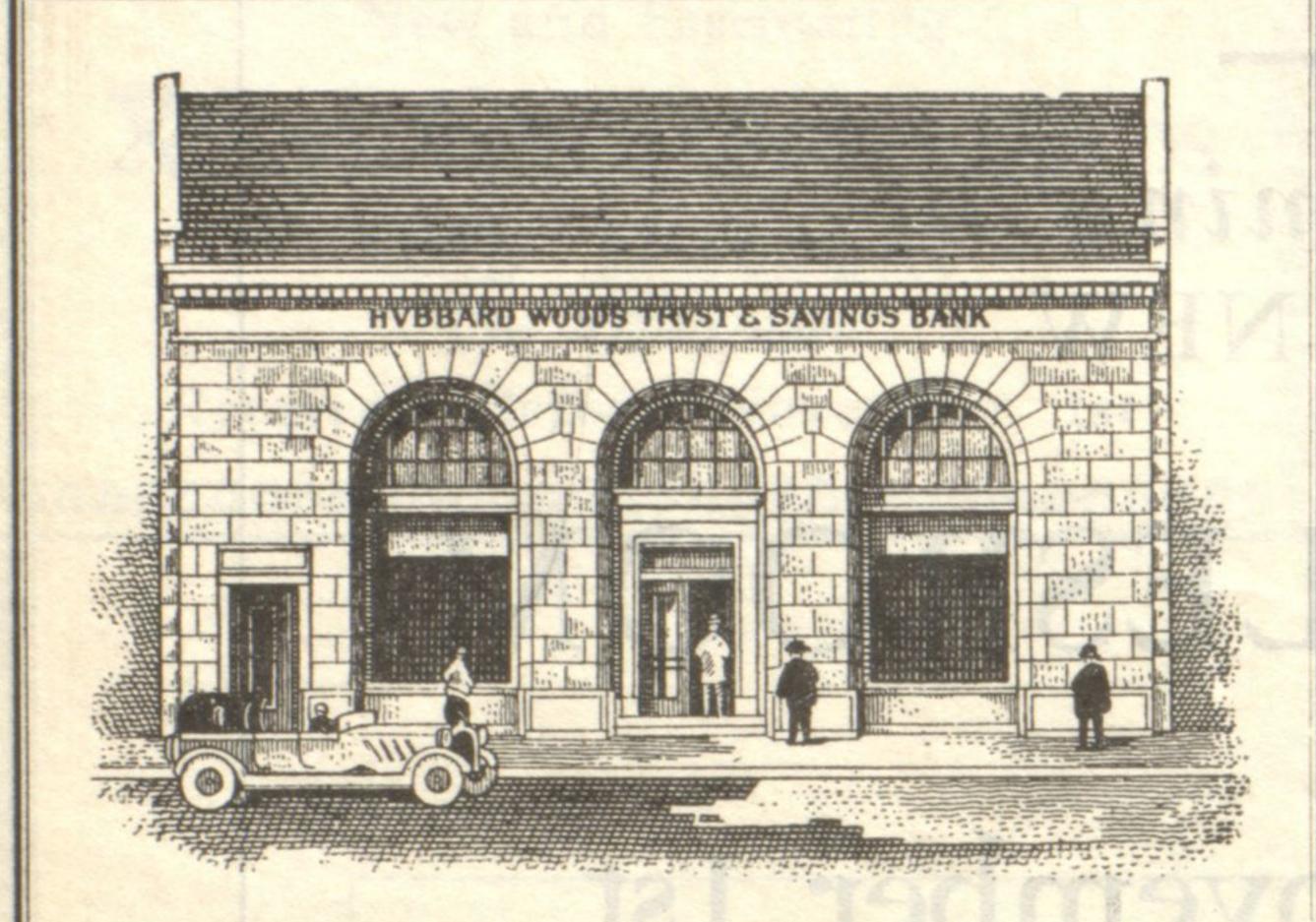
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REV. PAUL REYNOLDS IN WINNETKA SUNDAY

Congregational Minister to China Seeks Changes of U.S. Policy in China

The Rev. Paul R. Reynolds will be in Winnetka tomorrow visiting the Winnetka Congregational church, of which he is a minister. Mr. Reynolds, who is in this country on furlough from his missionary work in China, will preach at the morning service, and will speak at a business meeting of the church to be held at 3:30 in the afternoon.

This meeting is to give further consideration to a proposal which was considered at a business meeting held about three weeks ago. This proposal would ask the American Board Foreign Missions, the Congregational missionary organization, to request the government to exempt from diplomatic protection such missionaries in China as do not desire such protection. When previously before the congregation, action was postponed until further information could be obtained.

Finds Work Handicapped

This question has come before the Congregational church here because of the feeling of Mr. Reynolds, its missionary, that his work in China is seriously handicapped by the circumstances now surrounding his position as an American missionary. Mr. Reynolds explains these circumstances to be not only the extraterritorial status of all American citizens in China, but the special protection afforded missionaries, and the refusal of the United States government to exempt such missionaries as do not desire it from this protection. Practically all missionary societies, both in Great Britain and this country have recognized the difficulties put in the way of their work by the present treaty conditions, and have petitioned the two governments for a revision of the treaties, expressing the hope that when the treaties are "toleration revised the so-called clauses," which give the missionaries their special status, may be eliminated.

Treaty Revision Remote

Revision of the treaties, because of chaotic conditions in China, seems to be far off. Mr. Reynolds is one of large number of missionaries who be-

lieve that some way must be found of freeing mission work from its embarrassing connections with political questions, at once. To make a beginning in this direction, and to avoid the question of the treaties entirely, he has suggested that there might possibly be a re-interpretation of American diplomatic policy in China which would make possible the exemption from protection of such missionaries as do not desire it. The action contemplated by the Winnetka church asks the American board, if it is agreeable, to suggest this re-interpretation to the government.

This question is not one of treaty conditions, but of American government policy, in the interpretation of the treaties, according to Mr. Reynolds. For years there has been a growing feeling on the part of numbers of missionaries that, no matter what the status of traders and other foreigners in China, their business as messengers of a gospel of peace demanded that they be freed entirely from any trace of connection with a diplomatic protection that might lead to the use of force. This feeling reached expression three years ago when a group of missionaries presented this petition to Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, then minister to China, and now ambassador to Ger-

Want No Military Protection

"The undersigned, American missionaries, are in China as messengers of the gospel of brotherhood and peace. Our task is to lead men and women into a new life in Christ, which promotes brotherhood and takes away all occasion of wars. We therefore express our earnest desire that no form of military pressure, especially no foreign military force, be exerted to protect us or our property; and that in the event of our conture by lawless persons or our death at their hands, no money be paid for our release, no punitive expeditions be sent out, and no indemnity be exacted. We take this stand believing that the way to establish righteousness and peace is through bringing the spirit of personal good will to bear on all persons under all circumstances, even through suffering wrong without retaliation. This is what we understand the example of Jesus Christ to mean."

This petition reached Dr. Schurman while he was in this country in consultation with the state department. He replied in a long letter addressed to the Rev. Robert E. Chandler (the first signer of the petition), the essential parts of which read as follows:

"I have been greatly interested both in the statement and in the letter. I knew there was an element among the (Continued on Page 56)

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