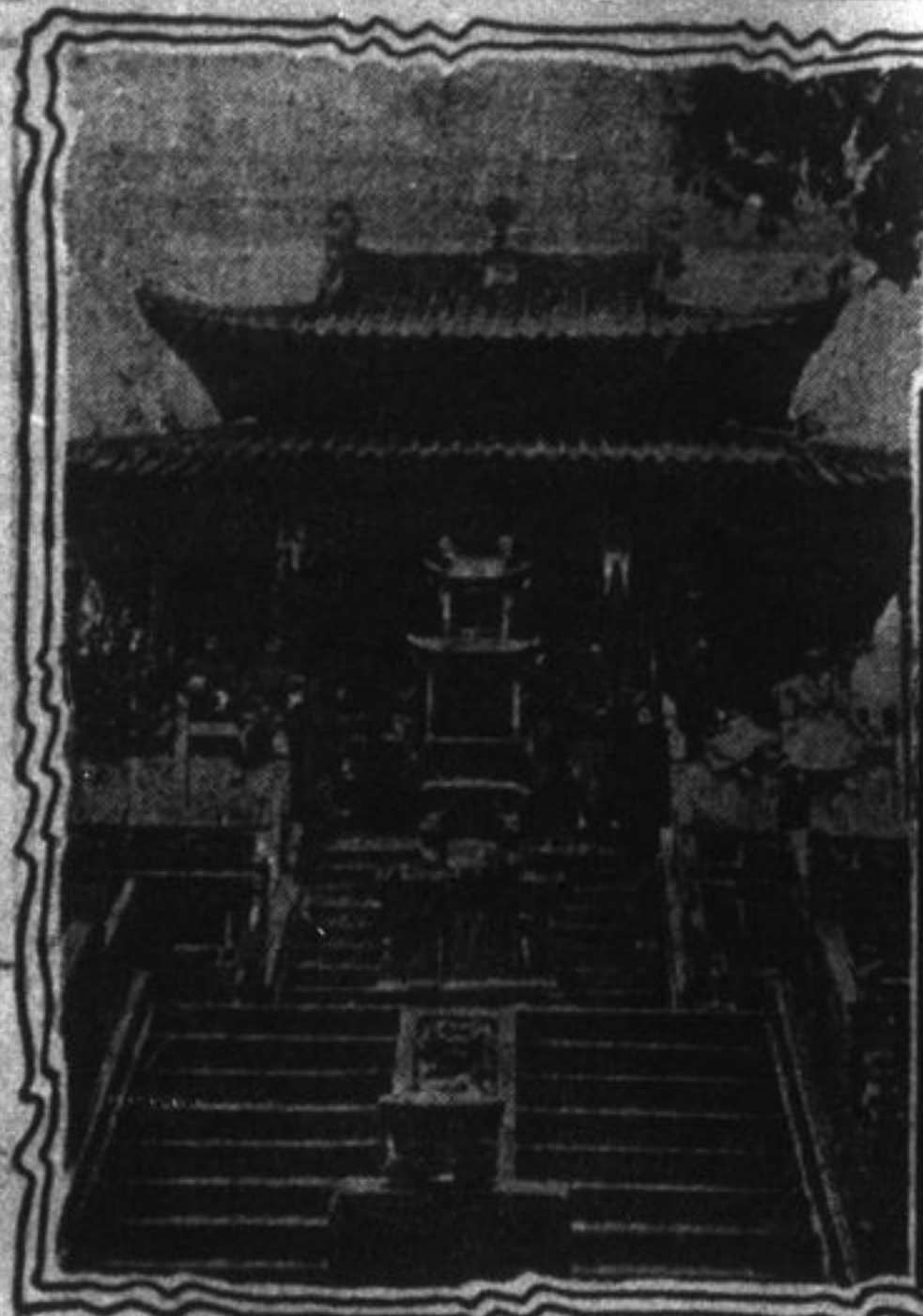


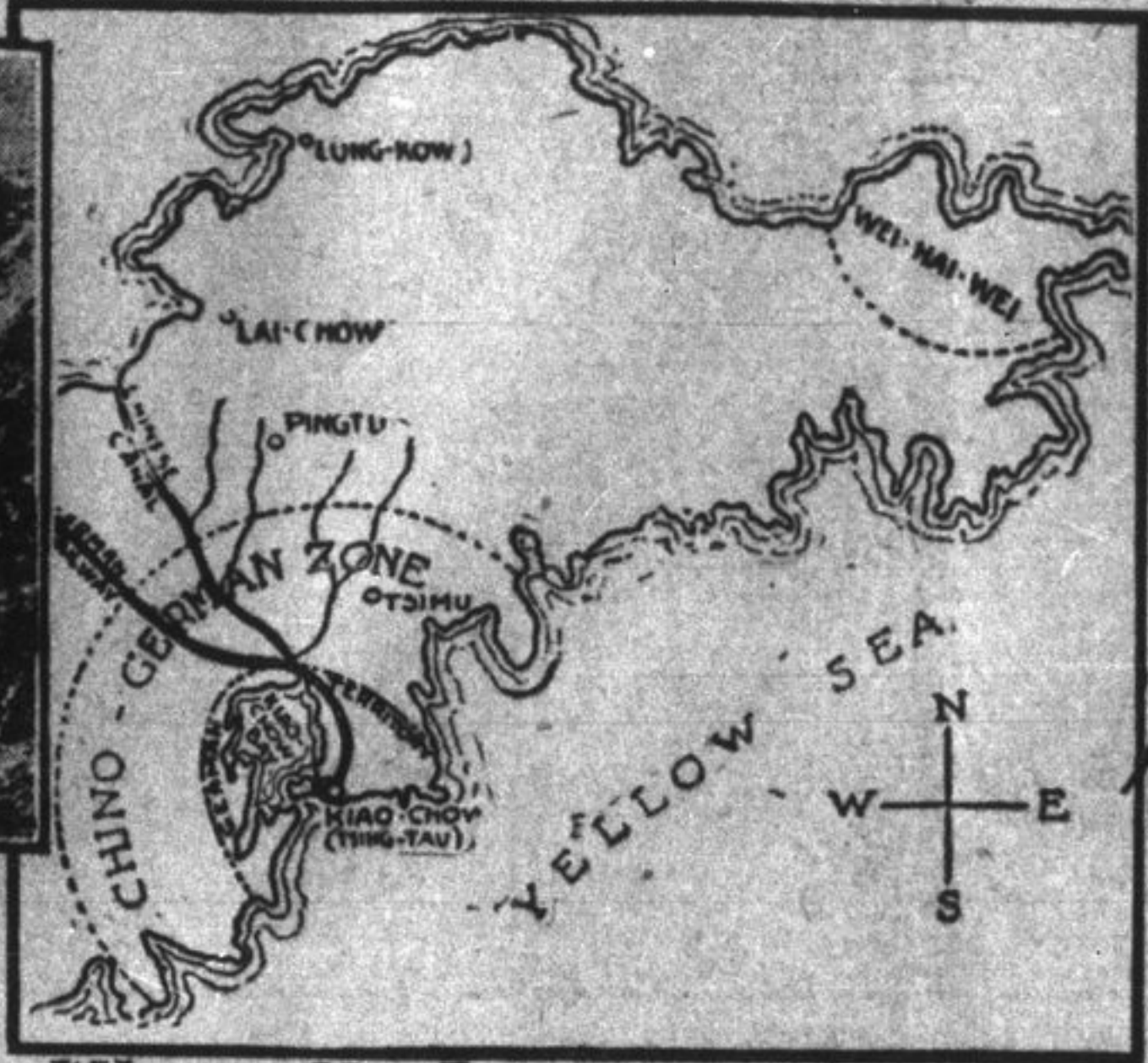
SHANTUNG



Temple



Beautiful Pagoda



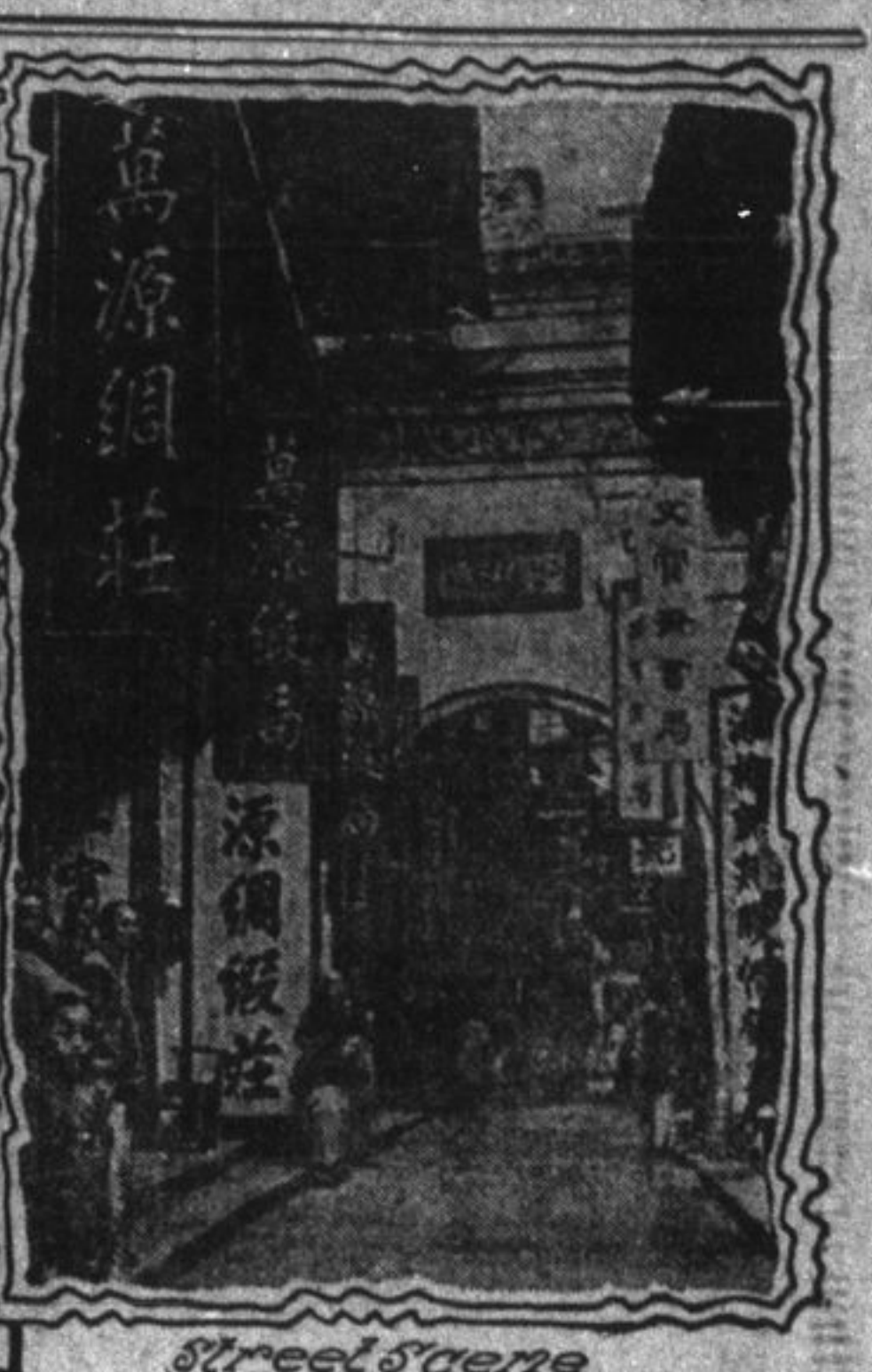
Where the Peace Treaty started trouble



Basin of Shop



A Family Group



Street Scene

One of the smaller and yet quite significant points in the Treaty of Peace was the disposition of the German interests or rights in China. On more than one occasion the German Empire had used a trivial matter as a pretext to extort from China some territorial or commercial concession. When the Great War broke out Japan sided with the Entente, and proceeded to capture what the Germans possessed on the mainland of the Chinese Empire. In the settlement of many conflicting interests and demands, Japan was given the German holdings in the Province of Shantung, with all the rights and privileges which that nation had ceded to Germany.

The Chinese are the oldest living nation in the world, and of all the human family her people have the longest story. They have probably invented and originated more than any other people whose history we have read. The people called Chinese are a composite race formed of a hundred tribes and nobody knows whence or how the first settler came to China. They are at present a frugal, temperate, laborious people, who are invariably honest.

Rich Province. Shantung is one of the richest and most beautiful provinces of the Chinese Empire, a portion of which consists of a mountainous promontory one hundred miles wide which projects eastward into the Yellow Sea for nearly two hundred miles. The province has an area of 55,970 square miles and a population of over 32,000,000. Owing to the fact that it was the birthplace of both Confucius and Mencius it has played an important part in the history of the country. Neither the Christian religion nor our system of education has made very much progress in Shantung. One missionary of the Christian religion declared that a Chinaman and an elephant were alike. They would do what you wanted them to do when they fully understood it. "Now," he said, "there are some things in the Christian religion that one cannot explain, and it must be taken on faith. Here is where the difficulty with the Chinaman comes in. He wants to know."

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Flower Lovers. They love flowers and every Chinese gardener is filled with flower beds and the women always wear flowers in their hair. All along the Grand Canal, which runs through the whole province of Shantung, there are rows of flowers. Agriculture flourishes there, as cotton, wheat, indigo, maize, fruits and vegetables of all kinds are raised. Silk is the most important product of the province. And pongee and broadcloth are shipped in large quantities. The care of the silk worms is left to the women, who take the best care of them, cultivating the mulberry trees and feeding them the white, delicate leaves.

There are many beautiful pagodas in Shantung towns and cities, built to perpetuate the memory of some distinguished man or woman. They are usually octagon in shape, eight stories high, each story being nearly thirty feet, and surmounted by a gilded ball fixed to the top with an iron bar. Besides pagodas there are great temples wholly unlike those found in Japan, but quite as beautiful. When one becomes thoroughly acquainted with the Chinese people, one finds that they have some excellent qualities and seem ready to follow the Golden Rule. The Chinese to-day are fervid patriots.

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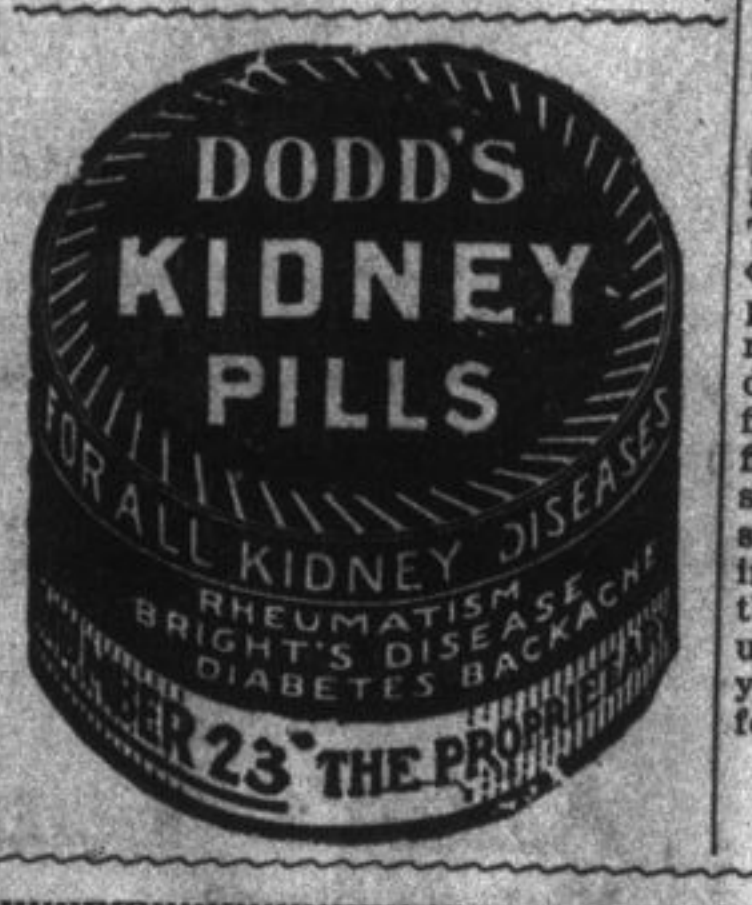
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Recently the campers at Hillcrest serenaded Mr. and Mrs. F. Rixon, Trenton, it being the fifteenth anniversary of their marriage, and presented them with two camp chairs and a camp lamp. Capt. Brooks of Toronto made the address.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hopkins, Smith's Falls, on Wednesday when their only daughter, Mae, was united in marriage to Charles Ernest Trueman, Smith's Falls.

John B. McDonald, former resident of Bancroft died Thursday in Thurlow. He was a native of Murray township and was a carpenter by occupation. Miss Helena G. Raitt, who recently resigned her position as teacher of moderns in the Arnprior high school, has accepted a similar position on the staff of the Perth collegiate institute.



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