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## THE CRISIS IN CHINA

Journal, writes:

"Three hundred and fifty years ago the Manchu Tartars, a warlike risings on the part of the Chinese.

its members, except perhaps in unrest would still have been inevit- will not be hoodwinked by profused influence in their own neignborhoods.

"During all these centuries the government has not been unmindful of the danger from this organization immediate causes of the outbreak. and from time to time has used drastic measures for its suppression Japan there has been a concensus of States would be the most potent but without effect. Whenever the opinion among Chinese and Europ- factor in settling China's difficulties. native has been engaged in a war with a foreign country or the power bolstered up by the powers, and if farther than to save life and property of the government, for any reason, radical reforms were not speedily and share the responsibility with weakened, the secret society men introduced the dynasty would be other nations of reorganizing the have seized the opportunity for an overthrown. Accordingly the true government of China the question of outbreak. Several times they nearly spirit of reform was begotten in the the future will be simple. And I accomplished their object, viz., the breasts of a few young men who believe when the time comes our overthrow of the dynasty. At each had been influenced more or less by government, as in the past, will not uprising they assumed a new name western science and civilization, and shirk any duty in the interest of op-(being careful usually to select a they decided to reach if possible the pressed peoples and universal peace. good name) and setting forth as ear of the emperor. They were suc their object something quite differ ent from their original purpose, and bibed the same spirit. Radical renot nece sarily distasteful to the forms, such as the world has seldom the other nations; but if she goes sovereign, but which if unsuccessful witnessed, were decided upon. forward fearlessly the combination would, they hoped, result in the Whereupon the empress dowager, opposed to the dismemberment of downfall of the government.

name striving ostensibly to suppress headed as many of the reformers as dare to oppose. To dismember who says they are true, loyal citizens, the boxer revolt. and who cashiered Aeneral Nieh for several times shook the Dragon of power in favor of the open door

Throne before European merchants and Protestant missionaries took up their abode in the flowery kingdom, we shall readily see that the latter Rev. J. H. Worley, a former mis- are no more responsible for the sionary to China, in Sunday's State boxer outbreak than the ministers are for the outrages in the city of society could not have been so quick-St. Louis.

race from the north, conquered into the present disturbances, some China. Since the Chinese have been of which I shall mention. The ruled by the Tartars. In order to Japan-China war five years ago was is opposed to Europeans and proplacate the Chinese about half of the the beginning of radical changes in gress and the boxers are opposed to government patronage has been dis- the latter country. As a result of tributed among them, while the Tar | the war China was forced to permit tars have kept the military power in the exportation of rice, something their own hands. Another safeguard she had never done before. Very was the settlement of several of tens soon the price of rice advanced. Such of thousands of Tartars in the capital prices have seldom if ever been of each province, who, though fol- known. Prices on nearly all comlowing the ordinary vocations of life, modities have advanced for the received grants from the imperial same period. Except in the case of treasury, and hence are ready to as- rice i is not so easy to disdover the sist the government against any up- cause, and yet it is only a repetition of what has transpired in other "Soon after the Tartar invasion lands. Europeans in China subpatriotic Chinese organized a secret mitted to the inevitable and raised society for the purpose of overthrow- wages, but the Chinese have not ing the Tartar dynasty. The society done so generally. Hence there continued to spread, and long ago has been a long season of hard times reached every city and hamlet in the for wage earners. Had ther been empire and its members are number- universal advance in wages com ed by the millions. All classes, from mensurate with the high prices so the highest to the lowest, are enroll- that laboring people really would ed, though usually men in official have been as well off as before, the positions do not openly train with cry of hard times and the spirit of and surely this time the powers extreme cases like the present crisis. able, because the people have been promises by the empress dowager However, the most active emissar es so long accustomed to consider the and she be allowed to remain. For are expectant officials—that is, men price of rice as the index to general future peace and safety it is even who have passed the civil service conditions, they could not belt ve more imperative that she and her examination but have not received that times were good when rice was appointments. This class is very dear. In other words, if rice is large as there are several times as cheap times are good and people are in the present task depends much many men as officers, so that multi- happy; if rice is dear times are upon the viceroys in the southern plied thousands after spending years hard and there is discontent. This of hard study are doomed to a life opinion is so deep seated that farm. the messages they have sent to varitime of bitter disappointment. These ers who have rice to sell complain ous nations express their real inmen have given the government of hard times when they are selling tentions. If so, and they remain much trouble in the past by means at high prices and realizing large firm the problem will be greatly of the secret society and the common returns for their labor. So far as I simplified. people over whom they exercise am aware this question has not been mentioned before by any of the question comes with greater pertinwriters on the boxer revolt and I am sure it is one of the most important

eans that the government was simply If this government will go one step cessful and the son of heaven imbacked by most of the high officials, "Hence the boxer movement is with high handed usurpation deposreally the old society under a new ed the Emperor Kuangsu and bedangerous innovations and expel they could lay hands upon. From China will be a more difficult task Europeans; a very laudable purpose this memorable act the drama has in the eyes of the empress dowager advanced with logical precision to

killing some of them. I understand light and shadow. A bright ray of tent on the part of the Chinese, but the name of the society is Li Hwo hope shot across the eastern horizon Chuan-Trutn, peace and palms; when news of Admiral Dewey's governing the several district. Amerpalms probably meaning industry. epoch making victory reached China What noble objects to fight for! A With one voice the progressive door in these petty dependencies of new, atrioc'c society, says Minister Chinese exclaimed, 'Our country is other nations, but in the reorganized, Wu. Patriotic, I admit; but not not to be dimembered and America new except in same and object of its is our saviour.' That is, America is attack. Keeping this in mind and a new power thrust into the eastern the open door for progress, civilizaremembering the same organization question which will be the balance tion and Christianty.

eousness and the integrity of China. There was no wavering from this Africa, when a feeling of apprehen sion began to come over the people It was hoped that Eugland, regard not be long engaged with the Boers, but as time and events advanced the struggle in South Africa seemed likely to be prolonged, interest rapidly spread throughout China. It is true there had been disturbances prior to this in the northwest, probably due to the reactionary policy of the empress dowager, who immediately after the emperor was dethroned cancelled the edicts of the emperor, and from that time to this in private and public she has not concealed her bitter opposition to everything foreign. "With this old society thoroughly

organized, the people maddened by hard times, the empress dowager gone mad and Russia conniving the boxer revolt is no surprise. A new ly and thoroughly organized, though "There are other factors entering new elements, as I have said, enter into the present disturbance. This much is plain, the empress dowager her and under the present stress are probably also opposed to Europeans. They may believe, and perhaps do, that the quickest way to accomplish their end will be to bring their government into collision with western nations. They certainly do believe whatever comes in the future nothing can be worse than the Tartar dynasty. The empress dowager and her advisors cannot, I think, believe the boxers other than the old society, but they have planned to use them together with the imper ial forces to distroy their common enemy, the Europeans, who, many of the people beleive, are the cause of the hard times. 'And the same day Pilate and Herod were made friends together, for before they were at enmity between themselves.'

"The boxers will be suppressed advisors be destroyed than that the boxers be suppressed. The difficulty provinces. It is to be hoped that

"... int what of the future? This ance to the United States than to any other nation, strange as it may appear. Two years and a half ago "Since the war between China and no one dreamed that the United If she fails to assume her share of the responsibility there is great probability of war between some of China and in favor of a protectorate would be so strong that those nations seeking more land will not than many suppose; greater even than to suppress the boxers. And should it be dismembered there "The scene has not been devoid of would not only be universal disconconstant friction between the nations ica could never maintain the open reformed China there would not only be the open door for commerce, but

"Marvelous as has been our in-

of commerce, civilization and right- crease in trade with China the past five years it is nothing compared to what we shall witness in the near belief until war broke out in South future if China is not dismembered but compelled to adapt herself to the demands of the age, If no mistake is made by our government ed as China's chief support, would now the Pacific ocean will be the greatest highway of commerce and the United States the greatest com mercial nation in the world before twenty-five years. Together with this there will be such an opportunity for missionary opperations as has not been afforded the church in any age.

rugrimage to Grave. For over forty years Affred de Muset's disciples have made an annual grimage to his tomb at Pere-Lahaise, in the beginning of "Le Joli Mois de Mai." The willow tree which tands close to his grave—the "light hade' he so pathetically requestedwas brought from South America by a 1000, who undertook the task in order fulfill the desire of De Musset, whose works he revered. The poet's name is Hilarip Escasuba, and the tree came from Parana.

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nearly three miles and a half.

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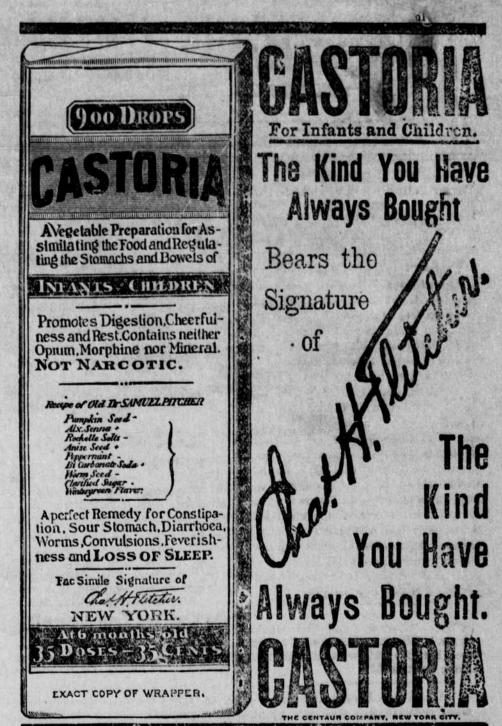
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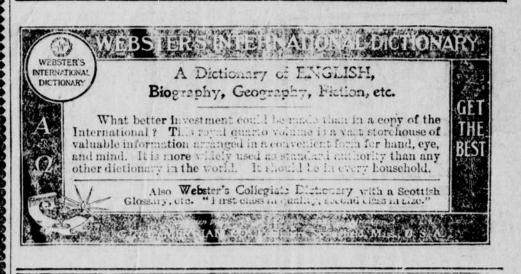
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