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Some of the history making events of 1909 are told by a writer in the New Orleans Times-Democrat in this way:

The liberal "budget," proposing a system of land taxation in England, based upon values rather than returns (as at present), with the "unearned increment" feature added, has been referred to the voters by the peers. Parliament has been prorogued and a general election will be held after the holidays, the enthusiastic campaign being already entered upon.

The Payne tariff law was passed by an extra session of the Sixty-first congress, allegedly fulfilling the republican promises of "revision downward." In answer to widespread dissatisfaction with it, President Taft calls it the best such measure ever approved by the federal legislators.

A Nicaraguan revolution, led by Estrada against the dictatorship of Zelaya, has brought actual war to the isthmus, and, through the executions of two Americans, forced practical intervention by the United States.

Fighting in the Rif region of Morocco has followed a Spanish mining adventure there, the engagements having dragged their way through half the year, with several hundreds killed.

The Chinese railroad loan has been opened at last so that the United States may share it with England, France and Germany; the Celestial government having also taken the first steps towards constitutional reform, and the building of a great navy.

The sugar scandals at the port of New York are being aired in the lower courts, while the supreme court itself is now to pass upon the two rulings that (1) the Standard Oil company is an illegal corporation, acting in restraint of trade; and (2) that the Federation of Labor officers, Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison, acted in contempt of court in the matter of a boycott injunction.

A United States of South Africa promises to be born early in 1910, as a result of the agreement to union reached by Cape Colony, Natal, the Orange River and Transvaal Colonies and Bechuanaland. Lord Morley has also brought his British Indian reforms into play.

Widespread and costly strikes have marked the year in France and Sweden, Australia, Argentina and the United States. Barcelona, Spain, and Lima, Peru, have been the centers of serious riotings with bloodshed.

The Cretan imbroglio failed to eventuate in the union of the Isle with Greece, but paved the way for the appearance of a "military league" at Athens, which has begun with a strong hand to set the national house in order. Rumors of King George's abdication have not been fulfilled.

Somebody found the north pole. Cook's claim to the discovery is yet held "under popular advisement." Peary's visit there being everywhere granted. An English naval officer, Shackleton, has set a new Antarctic record, penetrating to within 111 miles of the southern "stick."

MINISTER WU'S CHRISTMAS SERMON

The wit and wisdom of Minister Wu will be missed when he returns to China. Many people look on this Oriental diplomat as a sort of Chinese Bernard Shaw because of his sharp comments on Occidental ways and things. It is the natural right of his race to take unconventional views and say unexpected things when abroad, and that privilege helps the more to give piquancy to their remarks.

Wuism, for instance, the Chinese minister explained to an Evening World interviewer last week, is "consistent selfishness." Then he added

without the least irony, "Wuism, you might say, is the Bible made practical." As we send more missionaries to China than we import, consistent selfishness sounds like unfamiliar doctrine. But it is not so strange when the Chinese moralist gives this interpretation of the words:

"You see, it is this way: No human soul can be happy at the expense of unhappiness to another soul. It is a positive law of nature that a good deed performed inevitably brings happiness to the doer. To be completely happy I must to the extent of my capacity be of benefit to my fellow-creatures. As long as I am of benefit to humanity I will be happy. Happiness is the sole and paramount aim of existence; therefore my desire to be happy is logically selfish. To be completely happy I must be consistently selfish. Do you get what I mean?"

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