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## The New China

"The Spirit of My  
Country Is  
Reform"

By WU TING-FANG,  
Chinese Minister to the United States.



The spirit of China is reform. We are advancing in every direction. We have awakened. Mark my words. From now on we will make progress which will not merely astound a Chinese returning to his country after a long absence, but all who have an interest in my country.

One can go from Peking to Paris by rail; from Peking to Hankow by rail. This is one of the interesting features of the awakening of my country. No longer is there hostility to the train. The people want the railroad. They are eager for it. They like to ride in trains. We have about 4,000 li of road now and we want a great deal more. But there is the question of capital. Many Chinese believe in the slogan: "China for the Chinese." They don't want capital to come in which will give foreign powers a chance to interfere in the affairs of the empire. At the same time they want the railroads built. This must become the subject of agreements so that our rights and interests will be fully protected.

It won't be long before a railroad connects Shanghai and Peking. They are building it now. When I go back to China again I certainly expect to run to Peking from Shanghai by rail. One of our troubles is a lack of expert men to run the engine. Our native workmen make excellent engineers, but they have to be trained. They are doing well, however. We know now how to harness the locomotives and we are making them do the work as you do it in the United States.

Within five years I believe China will have a constitution. We had commissions abroad which made thorough investigations of the constitutions of the most advanced countries. The reports of these commissions have been studied with the greatest care. Preliminary measures have been taken for the adoption of an instrument best suited to the needs of our people. We are not ready yet for anything of the kind, but we learn fast. There has been constituted already in Peking a body similar to that of the House of lords in England. This is made up of the nobility. Then we are getting an assembly together. Some day these two bodies will be joined together in a parliament and we shall then have a constitutional government.

Marriage was the first thing we really made ethics about, and we have been making ethics about it ever since and will continue to make ethics about it, for the ethics of marriage is still in the process of formation.

In the matriarchal period, before there was marriage, when woman was free and only respected and honored in her motherhood, there was little or no ethics. But in the patriarchal period, which saw the introduction of the family, even though women were only property and a man had as many wives as he could buy, a very certain

## Marriage Ethics Are Advancing

By CHARLOTTE PERKINS GILMAN,  
Author and Lecturer.

and new ethics was developed, and from that time until the present that very certain and new ethics has been developing.

A higher order of marriage has developed as the race has advanced and a higher order of ethics has developed as our ideas of marriage have advanced, until to-day we have a cleaner, nobler, more practical and altogether higher idea of marriage than ever before, with ethics to correspond.

In our life to-day, in marriage and out of it, as in centuries gone, more importance is attached to the sinning of women than to the sinning of men, and for what reason? For answer we must go back to the remote past, to which we are so securely anchored and by the ideas of which we are so surely influenced in all we believe, think and do, and find our explanation in the fact that woman's duty developed first and became more or less fixed before man's duty was considered of any importance.

We must go back to that remote past for explanation of many points of ethics of to-day. We are tied in many respects to the ethics of centuries ago. The ethics of our ancestors have been handed down from generation to generation; they have kept their hold on the world through their continued influence on children.



Sometimes marriage is called a state of bliss and again we hear people say that it is something else than bliss. That is as the man and the woman make it. When two persons are joined together according to God's word in the holy estate of matrimony, which St. Paul says is honorable among all men, they have it in their power to be very happy or quite the reverse. If love has brought about the union and both husband and wife have the consideration for each other they should have, they will be happy and their home will be an altar of God and will be blessed by him.

## True Mating Means Happiness

By Rev. Cornelius F. Thomas,  
Baltimore.

Every man or woman centers his or her affection on some object. Sometimes it is a dog, sometimes a horse and very often another human being of the opposite sex. In most cases when this last is so marriage is the result. Since this is true and since marriage is a sacrament, it behooves every person to choose the right partner in life and be very careful about that choice. In choosing men for their husbands women should be careful not to be attracted by the flashy and entertaining man, but by one of stability and character. Good men come high. It is not hard for a woman to get a husband, but the difficulty lies in getting the right sort of man.

In the choosing of wives the same rule obtains. A man should not set his affections on a young woman because she is pretty, because she can sing well, dance gracefully or kick high, but because she has character, because she is a good woman and because she will be a loving and faithful companion along life's journey. When husbands and wives are chosen for any other reasons that marriage is not as God's word doth allow, and will not be a happy one.

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## FOR UNION MEN

### CONVENTIONS IN 1908.

Where and When Trades Union Gatherings Will Be Held.

- May 11, New York City, Actors' National Protective Union of America.
- May 11, St. Louis, Mo., American Federation of Musicians.
- May 11, —, United Brotherhood of Papermakers of America.
- May —, Detroit, Mich., International Tin Plate Workers' Protective Association of America.
- May —, York, Pa., National Print Cutters' Association of America.
- June 1, St. Paul, Minn., Brotherhood of Boiler-makers and Iron Shipbuilders of America.
- June 1, Detroit, Mich., International Association of Steam and Hot Water Fitters and Helpers of America.
- June —, Washington, D. C., International Union of Journeymen Horse-shoers.
- June, Mobile, Ala., International Printing Pressmen's Union.
- June 1, Columbus, Ohio, Chainmakers' National Union of the United States of America.
- June 1, St. Louis, Mo., International Association of Marble Workers.
- June 8, —, International Ceramic Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' Union.
- June 8, Cincinnati, Ohio, International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.
- June 8, —, International Brotherhood of Tip Printers.
- June 8, Milwaukee, Wis., The Commercial Telegraphers' Union of America.
- April 6, Toronto, Canada, International Association of Fur Workers of the United States and Canada.
- May 3, Brockton, Mass., International Union of Cutting Die and Cutter Makers.
- May 5, Youngstown, Ohio, Amalgamated America.
- July 4, —, Amalgamated Leather Workers' International Union.
- July —, Atlantic City, N. J., National Brotherhood of Operative Longshoremen's Association.
- July 6, Buffalo, N. Y., International Jewelry Workers' Union.
- July 6, Cincinnati, Ohio, Brush-makers' International Union.
- July 7, Baltimore, Md., Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada.
- July 13, Toronto, Canada, International Piano and Organ Workers' Union of America.

- July 13, Indianapolis, Ind., Lithographers' International Protective Association.
- July 13, Minneapolis, Minn., Theatrical Stage Employes' International Alliance.
- July 18, Holyoke, Mass., American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.
- July 20, New York City, International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union.
- August 3, Buffalo, N. Y., National Association of Heat, Frost, General Insulators and Asbestos Workers.
- August 4, Detroit, Mich., International Glove Workers' Union of America.
- August 10, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen.
- August 6, Detroit, Mich., International Brotherhood of Teamsters.
- August 10, Boston, Mass., International Typographical Union.
- August 10, Boston, Mass., International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union.
- August 11, Indianapolis, Ind., Shirt Waist and Laundry Workers' International Union.
- August 24, Milwaukee, Wis., United Garment Workers of America.
- September 1, —, Table Knife Grinders' National Union.
- September 2, Milwaukee, Wis., American Brotherhood of Cement Workers.
- September 7, Denver, Colo., International Association of Machinists.
- September 8, New York City, International Photo Engravers' Union of North America.
- September 10, Boston, Mass., Spicers' International Union.
- September 14, Montreal, Canada, Journeymen Stonecutters' Association of North America.
- September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., International Union of Steam Engineers.
- September 14, Philadelphia, Pa., International Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers' Alliance.
- September 15, Salt Lake City, Utah, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.
- September 17, New York City, Pocket Knife Blade Grinders and Finishers' National Union.
- September 21, Indianapolis, Ind., United Association of Plumbers, Gas-fitters, Steamfitters and Steamfitters' Helpers of United States and Canada.
- September 21, Indianapolis, Ind., International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

- October 5, Washington, D. C., Bakery and Confectionery Workers' International Union.
- October 5, St. Louis, Mo., International Union of Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers.
- October 20, Cohoes, N. Y., United Textile Workers of America.
- November 9, Denver, Colo., American Federation of Labor.
- November 10, Bangor, Pa., International Union of Slate Workers.
- November 12, Vinalhaven, Me., Lobster Fishermen's International Protective Association.
- December 7, New Orleans, La., International Brotherhood of Maintenance-of-Way Employes.
- December 7, Brooklyn, N. Y., National Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers of America.

### AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR.

A Few of Its Declarations Upon Which It Appeals to All Working People To Organize, Unite, Federate, and Cement the Bonds of Fraternity.

1. The Abolition of all Forms of Involuntary Servitude, except as a punishment for crime.
2. Free Schools, Free Text-Books, and Compulsory education.
3. Unrelenting Protest Against the Issuance and Abuse of Injunction Process in Labor Disputes.
4. A workday of not more than Eight Hours in the twenty-four hour day.
5. A strict recognition of not over Eight Hours per day on all Federal State or Municipal Work and at not less than the prevailing Per Diem Wage Rate of the class of employment in the vicinity where the work is performed.
6. Release from employment One Day in Seven.
7. The Abolition of the Contract System on Public Work.
8. The Municipal Ownership of Public Utilities.
9. The Abolition of the Sweat Shop System.
10. Sanitary Inspection of Factory, Workshop, Mine, and Home.
11. Liability of Employers, for Injury to body or loss of life.
12. The Nationalization of Telegraph and Telephone.
13. The passage of Anti-Child Labor Laws in States where they do not exist and rigid defense of them where they have been enacted into law.

14. Woman Suffrage coequal with Man Suffrage.

15. The Initiative and Referendum and the Imperative Mandate and Right of Recall.

16. Suitable and Plentiful Playgrounds for Children in all cities.

17. Continued agitation for the Public Bath System in all cities.

18. Qualifications in permits to build of all cities and towns that there shall be Bathrooms and Bathroom Attachments in all houses or compartments used for habitation.

19. We favor a system of finance whereby money shall be issued exclusively by the Government, with such regulations and restrictions as will protect it from manipulation by the banking interests for their own private gains.

The above is a partial statement of the demands which organized labor, in the interest of the workers—aye, of all the people of our country—makes upon modern society.

Higher wages, shorter workday, better labor conditions, better homes, better and safer workshops, factories, mills, and mines. In a word, a better, higher, and nobler life.

Conscious of the justice, wisdom and nobility of our cause, the American Federation of Labor appeals to all men and women of labor to join with us in the great movement for its achievement.

More than two million wage-earners who have reaped the advantages of organization and federation appeal to their brothers and sisters of toil to participate in the glorious movement with its attendant benefits.

There are affiliated to the American Federation of Labor 118 International Trades Unions with their 27,000 Local Unions; 36 State Federations; 537 City Central Bodies and 1,650 Local Trade and Federal Labor Unions having no International.

We have nearly 1,000 volunteer and special organizers as well as the officers of the unions and of the American Federation of Labor itself always willing and anxious to aid their fellow workmen to organize and in every other way better their conditions.

For information all are invited to write to the American Federation of Labor headquarters at Washington, D. C.

Labor Temple Benefit. Auditorium, April 23, 24, 25. "In the Land of Gold." James Fulton and His Merry Company. Tickets, 50 cents.