### LOOMS UP BIG IN AFFAIRS OF CHINA

Tang Shao Yi, Once Discredited Premier of Republic, Now Comes Into Own.

#### HE TALKS OF THE FUTURE

ndence of The Associated Press.) Shanghai, China, Sept. 1.-Tang Shao-yi, who was the first premier under the Chinese republic, but incurred the displeasure of Yuan Shikai and had been out of favor for a period of four years, has again loomed big in Chinese affairs and is the center of the crowd of ultra republicans at Shanghai who are endeavoring to direct the reorganization of the re-

Tang Shao-yi was educated in America, and became known in of-ficial circles there when he was sent to Washington in 1908 to thank the to Washington in 1908 to thank the United States government for returning to China the portion of the Boxer indemnity money which exceeded the actual losses suffered by American citizens through the Boxer

rebellion.

Associated with Tang Shao-yi in the present effort to direct the reorganization of the Chinese government along more democratic lines are Dr. Wu Tingfang, former minister to the United States; Dr. Sun Yat-sen, first provisional president of the Chinese republic, and many other Chinese of international reputation.

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Although Tang Shao-yi was designated minister of foreign affairs in the compromise cabinet formed by Premier Tuan Chi-jui after the death of President Yuan Shi-kai, he has not yet gone to Peking to assume his duties, preferring to remain in conference with his associates at Shanghai until his cabinet appointment shall have been ratified by the parliament reassembled under the terms of the Manking provisional constitution proclaimed by President Li Yuan-hung to be the legal constitution of China pending the drafting of a permanent constitution under the direction of parliament.

parliament.
Tang Shao-yi's home on Range road in this city is a large European house, surrounded by a walled garden, bright with tropical flowers and foliand reception rooms, which were filled with Chinese political leaders waiting for conferences with him at the time the Associated Press correspondent called and was received in audience by the Shanghai leader.

Future of China.

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Tang Shao-yi discussed the future of China very optimistically. "I am very hopeful concerning the outcome of the present crisis," he said. "I believe recent disaster has taught Chinese leaders a valuable lesson. It has been demonstrated that the Chinese are earnest about wanting a republic, and will not tolerate leaders who desire to thwart the public will and direct affairs to suit their personal ambition.

"China does not want a continuation of government similar to that maintained under the Manchu em-

perors. They retained their position through military strength and through that alone. By sending northern troops into all the southern provinces they dominated the south, but never won the loyalty and affection of southerners. It has always been very offensive to the south to have troops quartered upon it who spoke different dialects and were really foreigners to the south.

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#### One More Problem For The Hague

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) The Hague, Netherlands, Sept. 9 .bill empowering the introduction

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In convintion she said: "Now, is that all! Are there any further questions you would like to sak about Methusaich?"

"I'd like to know," said the most interested youngster of the lot, "where all his hirthday presents are buried."—Huffalo Express.

### PEOPLE FROM ABROAD INCREASE WAR FUND

Former Britishers and Friends gifts from India are acknowledged by of England Contribute Cash to Help Along War.

FROM AMERICA

A firm in Sandakan, British North Borneo, sent £500, explaining that as that territory contributes nothing as that territory contributes nothing toward the finances of the empire, while enjoying all benefits of British protection, they wished to be allowed to discharge a portion of their obligation in this war. A Britisher writes from St. Louis in the same tone, with a contribution of £100.

The municipality of Matsqui, Pritish Columbia, sends £52. The natives employed at Fanning Island, who live in the Gilbert Islands, have sent two gifts.

The Hague, Netherlands, Sept. 9.—
A bill empowering the introduction of European and native conscription in the Dutch East Indies has been placed before parliament by the minister for the colonies, Th. B. Pleyte, who declares that it is intended to introduce this drastic reform in that colony as speedily as possible.

This question has been under discussion for some time, a prominent member of the general staff of the Netherlands East Indies having drawn up and advocated plans for a conscript army of 119,000 natives. It raises many important points, however, so that it may be some time yet in arriving, but opinion generally in Holland seems to be coming to regard it as inevitable if the colony is to be put in a serious state of defense.

The service obligation for Europeans, says the minister, will begin at about the same age as in the mother country, that is, twenty years, and last for thirteen years, including a period of active training that will not be longer than one year, with a subsant sequent fortnight with the colors every three years.

It nees for Eagences. gifts from officers on active service, some sending a year's pay. Among gifts from retired officers, one writes from a far country to say that he desires to aid the war fund because, after having been made deaf from gunfire as a gunner officer, he had been refused active service now on account of his lack of hearing. A workingman, sending £20 in an anonymous letter, explains that he nover believed in war loans as long as gifts would be accepted.

Many of the gifts are sent in the form of monthly donations, one man in Asia having instructed his bankers to remit a certain sum to the treasury monthly until the end of the war. Among anonymous contributions re-

ceived are those for £5,000 and quired almost a generation of care £4,950, respectively, among the few ful study and discussion, sometimes mentioned. The women are contributing generously, one sending a cheed for a few hundred pounds and declining exchequer bonds in exchange. A number of handsome, even princely, agifts from India are acknowledged by almost every mail.

#### Revision of the School Affairs Throughout England

tactics were followed. Soldiers from the provinces north of the Yang-1se were quartered upon the southern provinces, just as in the Manchu days. It was a continuation of the old military domination. This system will not work. Southern provinces will not submit longer to any such indignity, and there will never be any peace in China until new methods are adopted. I think the time has come when leaders in all sections realize this, and expect to see parliament allowed a free hand to correct the old abuses."

Tang Shao-yi's native province is Kwantung, the center of the greatest political strife in China at the present time. When asked if he thought Kwangtung province will be harmonized and brought into line through the efforts of parliament, Tang Shao-yi responded in the affirmative. He said all the troubles in Kwangtung now are traceable directly to military domination, and can be cured by meeting the demands of the Cantonese for the withdrawal of northern troops and the maintenance of order through the use of the local military.

\*\*Correspondence of The Associated Press.\*\*

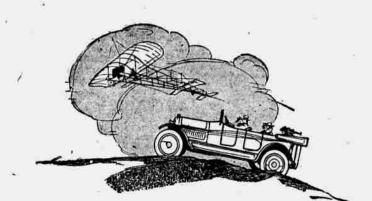
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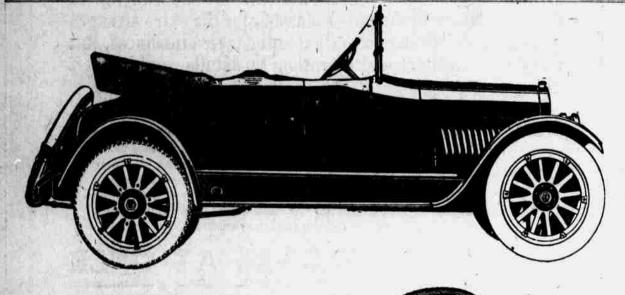
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