

THE HIGHBINDERS AT HOME.

How the Secret Societies of China Control the Empire and Incite Revolution.

The Army Hounded With Them—They Help the Rebels and Control China's Greatest Danger—All About the Kuo Hui Society, Which Caused the Revolution of 1911—The Triad Society and Its Influence—The Family in China—The Joy of the Emperor and His Four Hundred Relatives—Families of Thieves and Blacksmiths—China's Latest Tamed Empire in the World—In Wonderful Trades Union and How the Barbers' Strike, an Anti-Confucius—The Barbers' Guild, Which May Help the Government in Raising Money—How Mechanics Sit an Employer in Debt.

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THE CHINESE government is greatly alarmed over the rebellion that is being fomented in nearly every state of the empire. The Peking Gazette is full of the reports of the arrest of members of the Kuo Hui Society, and sometimes are taking place in many of the cities. It is now death to belong to this society, and the heads of the members are hung up outside of the cities as a warning to others. Notwithstanding this, the organization steadily increases, and it is being recruited from the disaffected soldiers and others of the empire. It is said to have had its origin among the soldiers of the Hunan province, which is one of the most rebellious of the Chinese states. The Hunan men are noted for their bravery, and hundreds of thousands of them were employed in putting down the Kaitung rebellion. After the war was over, numbers of them were kept on in the retinue of the different viceroys, and notably so by the Viceroy of Nanking. A few years ago an attempt was made to disperse with their services, and some of the soldiers got together and organized this society. By others it is said to have been founded about sixty years ago, but it undoubtedly had its great impetus through its work at Nanking, and today its membership runs well up into the millions, and it has its secret meetings in every city of China. It is avowedly against the Manchu government, and its motto is "China for the Chinese." Its members swear to be faithful to the society under penalty of death, and each society has its own constitution, and any member is supposed to commit murder at the command of the society. Members are initiated by the drinking of hot wine mixed with the smoking blood of a cock which is killed at the time, and the ticket of membership is a small card of linen, or calico, stamped with a few characters, two of which are "China." These cards are diligently looked for by the officials, and the man who has one upon him is immediately arrested. The society numbers among its members a large number of army officials, and the great Viceroy of Nanking, who died not long ago, was, for a time, an active member. It may have been this that made his capital the center of their activities, and the latter part of his life he became lost in his support of the society, and it is said, finally destroyed its orders. Within a week of his death he died suddenly, and it is currently believed that he was poisoned. The next viceroy played fast and loose with the society, and it is said that his action was, to a certain extent, the cause of the riot against the missionaries at Shanghai.

I was told at Nanking that this secret society had threatened the viceroy that if more money was not paid to the soldiers they would cause him trouble by building the foreigners. Shortly after this the "Devil's Palace Gallery" was burned. This was made up of various charges the missionaries and foreigners with killing Chinese babies, with arranging girls into their houses and cutting off their breasts for medicine, and with stealing the eyes of dead and live Chinese, used among them as photographic material. Millions of these cartoons were circulated, and the people were urged to drive the foreigners from the country. This caused the Viceroy of Nanking and the central government a great deal of trouble, and they had to pay a heavy indemnity. This spring an organized rebellion broke out near Canton, and the conflict was being fought at the time that the Japanese came into Corea. The recent troubles in the Shanghai province, where the people refused to respond to the call for money, was backed up by the Kuo Hui, and there is a large branch of the organization in Manchuria, and it exists in great strength in north China. It is so organized that in case of the fall of Peking a simultaneous rebellion would be brought to the front in several provinces in China, and the government might fall at one blow.

It is hard to understand much about the present trouble without knowing something of the different Chinese states. The country is divided up into eighteen provinces, and there are many more or less independent provinces, and the people under their families, live in interest in the government and support it only as a necessary evil. The family and the clan form the basis of Chinese society. A great number of the members of the empire are influenced by the family, and most despots are justified without recourse to the courts. Family ties are close in China, and the Chinese are in the world. If a man strikes a man because his forty-second cousin from all parts of the empire swears down upon him and he has to support and help him. If a man gets a position in the

supposed to take his own family in first in the showing of the revolution, and the whole of the empire is in a state of confusion. I met a man in Canton, the Joy Gong of China. His name is Hsu Yun, and he is a native of Canton. He was looking for relatives and his country are being better, and he came to the United States and fourth generation were seeking the United States of the United States. He was a judge, about forty years old, and as an instance of how strong family authority is in China, his mother today is all matters of society, and he is being asked by several people to dinner not long ago he says: "I don't know whether I can go or not. I must go first and ask my mother."

Afterwards met his mother. She was an old lady, whose eyes shone as brightly as the diamonds which decorated her cap and whose feet were no bigger than the feet of a baby. She told the whole of her life. She was a native of the Hsu family, and she was probably the head of the Hsu family.

These clans of China are very much like those of Scotland. Every family keeps its pedigree, and the reason why Chinese men do not get married to their own country is that they will be buried with their families. The clans have their heads, just like some of the mountain families of Kentucky, and they lay out each other with laws and guns. Every family has its ancestral hall in the town or village near where it lives, where all the different members of the family meet and worship their ancestors. The members of a clan combine together to punish those who have injured the family, and there are said to be families who make a business of blackmailing and stealing. There are in all China about one hundred and fifty thousand families, which make up the Chinese people living in these.

The secret societies are run, however, independent of the clans, and the Kuo Hui is only one of a large number of them. The oldest society in China is the Triad Society, known as the Sam Hip Wai. This is said to have been the cause of the Taping rebellion, which lasted for years and cost China ten millions lives. It sprang up in the south and spread all over the empire, and had its headquarters at Canton and Li Hung Chang, the Tartar dynasty would certainly have been overthrown. The head of this rebellion was a Chinese, who gave out the word was the younger brother of Jesus Christ, and had been sent to this world to reform China. The Triad Society has its lodges, and there are flags, banners and uniforms connected with it. It holds its regular meetings, and it forces members to sell its organization, if they are not amenable to persuasion, it has the power of life and death over its members, and the members with their own blood with which they are bound to the order to the death. Among the punishments for treason to the order is the having the ears chopped off, the head cut off, and the body thrown to the dogs. The members have their own signs and passwords. You can tell, in a single minute, whether a man belongs to the order by the way he enters the house, and I am told that they stop a moment at the door and put the left foot down. In some cases they enter the house, and I am told that they stop a moment at the door and put the left foot down. In some cases they enter the house, and I am told that they stop a moment at the door and put the left foot down.

The Triad Society and Kuo Hui are very much like the Kuo Hui of San Francisco. They swear to defend each other against the police, to hide each other's crimes, and they are ready to kill for the cause. The Triad Society is a Chinese army, and the Kuo Hui is a Chinese army, and they are ready to kill for the cause. The Triad Society is a Chinese army, and the Kuo Hui is a Chinese army, and they are ready to kill for the cause. The Triad Society is a Chinese army, and the Kuo Hui is a Chinese army, and they are ready to kill for the cause.

said that the taxes do not amount to 25 cents per head of the population. A large part of the revenue is collected from the selling of salt, and there are import and export taxes collected on goods passing up and down the river, and customs duties everywhere, and the most police is quite extensive. The people understand very well just how much taxes they ought to pay. They are thoroughly aroused, and any radical movement, such as that come from the present war with Japan, which is probably costing them a million dollars a day, is almost certain to create a revolution. I have seen different kinds of signs of the revolution, and the people of China, and in no case have the amounts involved into the government. The government has been very much alarmed, and it is almost certain that Japan will probably demand it in the near future. The Chinese people have, indeed, a theory about the taxes.

The greatest danger arises in the character of the Chinese as regards social and other considerations. The government is perhaps the only despotic and despotic part of the country. Every city, every state and almost every province is packed full of different families, and all members of industry are being better. Every city, every state and almost every province is packed full of different families, and all members of industry are being better. Every city, every state and almost every province is packed full of different families, and all members of industry are being better.

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