

AFTER THE MAYORALTY OF OHIO'S FOREST CITY

A Contest Which Has Become a Matter of National Moment and Is Being Watched Carefully by the Leaders of Both Parties

FUNDAMENTALLY the great thing in local government, said Governor Hughes of New York in a recent public address. This truth the American people are beginning to recognize. They are seeking out the old habit of leaving the government of cities to ward politicians and looking to state and national legislatures to correct the evils born of municipal laziness. Conspicuous among communities striving after the highest ideals of home rule and where first citizens are proud to be their servants is Cleveland. In that city on the 5th of November next the mayoralty will be awarded either to Tom L. Johnson, characterized by Lincoln Steffens as "the best mayor of the best governed city in the United States," or to Theodore E. Burton, whom Speaker Cannon has called "the ablest man in congress." Whoever wins, Cleveland will have the distinction of being ruled by a man of national reputation.

Tom L. Johnson is a reformed monopolist, a self made millionaire who has turned from the pursuit of more millions to practical philanthropy. He has been four years a congressman, three times mayor of Cleveland, Democratic boss of his state, candidate for governor and a "presidential possibility." Theodore E. Burton is serving his eighth term in congress, and since the retirement of Warren B. Hooker has been chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors, one of the most important divisions of the national house of representatives. Chosen by acclamation by the Republicans of Cleveland to lead their assault on the hitherto impregnable citadel of Johnsonism, he has the enthusiastic endorsement of the national administration. Johnson is a radical of the old school, a political giant both, their battle will be almost a national contest and will engage the brotherhood and otherwise from far beyond the confines of Cleveland. Paraphrasing Napoleon, "Forty-five states are looking upon this election as a crucial blow to Johnson, but he took up the captain's fallen sword and has wielded it like a warrior."

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whose shoulders fell the mantle of Henry George. Sensationally successful as an exploiter of public utilities, he is the mahatma of municipal ownership. Faced with inconsistency by a political opponent, Mayor Johnson replied: "I advocate and have advocated the abolition of all forms of monopoly, and yet I am and have been a beneficiary of them all. If there is inconsistency in that, it is not my fault. I preach what I sincerely believe to be the true and just social condition, the condition of equal rights, of real freedom. But the people will not yet listen. Through monopoly which should be abolished, but which the people permit to exist, I am a rich man. But with the money I make out of monopolies I am doing all I can to destroy monopoly root and branch, for I should prefer to die poor and know that my son and daughter would live in a community where they could find easy subsistence than to leave them fortunes, the loss of which might expose them to the scramble that is the fate of the great mass of the people."

He has made good his promise to combat monopoly. Six years ago he disposed of the great part of his industrial enterprises and opened his arms to the campaign with a demand for three cent fares on street cars, an issue which elected him mayor of Cleveland and gave him his sobriquet of "Three Cent Tom." He has kept up the fight by day and by night, ridding up tracks, defying courts and sticking injunctions in his pocket. Denounced by former business associates as a political renegade seeking to ride into power upon the backs of the deluded and debased populace, he is hailed on the other hand as the prince of privilege turned deliverer, as Moses was acclaimed by the Hebrew children when he left the pride and power of Pharaoh's court to lead them through the desert to freedom.

Tom L. Johnson was born in Georgetown, Ky., July 18, 1854, of a family which boasts a vice president of the United States, senators, congressmen, generals and colonels galore. His father was a planter and a great owner of slaves. He was named Tom, and Thomas, and Loftin, after his mother's family. His brief Christian name has been the cause of much confusion and of charges of levity against its users. When Robert P. Porter took charge of the Cleveland World the first rule he gave his subordinates was, "Never use a man's nickname unless you quote somebody, and then be sure to quote him right." Soon after this general order No. 1 some editor wrote of "Tom" Johnson. Up the stairs three at a time went Robert P. Porter and the whole editorial staff was almost "fired" hotly before the managing editor could explain that Tom was Tom's full name.

His family ruined by the civil war and stranded penniless in Staunton, Va., Tom began his career as a monopolist at the age of eleven. Cultivating a pull with the conductor of the only train running into Staunton, he got exclusive control of the daily newspaper business there, promptly raised prices to fifteen cents per paper, and in five months had cleared up \$35,000, enough to take his family to Louisville. There the Johnsons lived four years in poverty, but Tom managed to attend school some of the time, and his parents tutored him when he couldn't go to school. At fifteen he got a job in a rolling mill, which he soon abandoned for a minor post with B. Du Pont of the powder family, who was running a horse car line in Louisville. Before he was of age Tom was secretary of the company.

Theodore E. Burton's youthful feet trod a less stony path. He was born in Jefferson, O., Dec. 29, 1851, two and a half years before Tom Johnson saw the light. His father was a country minister, and there was no silver spoon in Burton's baby mouth, but his parents were able to keep him continuously in school until he was graduated from Oberlin college in 1872. Burton was something of an infant prodigy. At the age of twelve, it is said, he was the village authority on the battles, armies and generals of the civil war. Aged villagers used to go to him for the latest news from the front. At thirteen he had read all Shakespeare's plays. In school and college he was renowned for his memory and perspective, a reputation which his congressional career has enhanced. Managing a river and harbor bill in the house of representatives, he has explained and defended every one of its 509 items without a slip in facts or figures, answering offhand every pertinent question with a correctness that astonished his colleagues. He knows more about every harbor, river or rivulet in the United States than the natives on its banks, and no frivolous representative dares ask Burton for an appropriation to dredge a stream which ought to be muddied.

After remaining some time at Oberlin as instructor in Latin and Greek, Burton studied law. While Burton was devouring Blackstone, Tom Johnson was studying the science of horse cars. He invented a fare box which besides taking in money for the company made money for Tom. He invented a switch and a rail which increased his capital. Then he concluded to run his own horse cars, borrowing \$20,000 from Mr. Du Pont. he bought a decrepit street railway in Indianapolis. When Theodore E. Burton came out his legal shingle in Cleveland, in 1875, Tom Johnson was already a street car magnate. He owned a company of which he had selected his father president and of which the older Johnson laughingly remarked, "Tom is the board of directors." He was all that and more. He was the whole thing, and so successfully that within a few years he had sold the company for over \$100,000.

The Prize to Be Won Seems Quite Disproportionate to the Consequences That May Follow the Winning or the Losing of It

mate of William McKinley and helped him frame the McKinley bill. One day Tom Johnson was riding on a railroad train when a neighbor gave him Henry George's "Social Progress" to read. He read it. When he got home he read others of George's books and was converted. He visited Henry George, built a house next door to George's on the shore road in Brooklyn and became his devoted disciple. The monopolist legend had changed his spots.

In 1890 the Democrats of the country rose up on their hind legs and attacked the Republican party tooth and nail. In Cleveland Tom L. Johnson went after the congressional scalp of Theodore E. Burton. He went out with a brass band and a circus tent, and his triumphs shook down Burton's settlements as the trumpets of Joshua fell the walls of Jericho. In congress Johnson cordially attacked the tariff, while admitting that its pay had fed him. He got Henry George's "Progress and Poverty" into the Congressional Record and distributed 1,000,000 copies of it throughout the republic. Four years he fought monopoly in the house. Then the political tide turned. Johnson went back to Cleveland. Burton returned to Washington, and his seat has not since then been successfully assailed. If he is elected mayor of Cleveland he will have to sacrifice a big place in Washington. Besides being chairman of the house committee on rivers and harbors, he is chairman of the deep waterway commission, when great convention in Memphis took President Roosevelt to the Mississippi and which may revolutionize transportation in America.

Johnson advanced in the single tax faith, and when Henry George ran for mayor of New York in 1897 he acted as his political manager. George's dramatic fall on the eve of election was a crushing blow to Johnson, but he took up the captain's fallen sword and has wielded it like a warrior.

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The Return of a Jolly and Popular Celestial

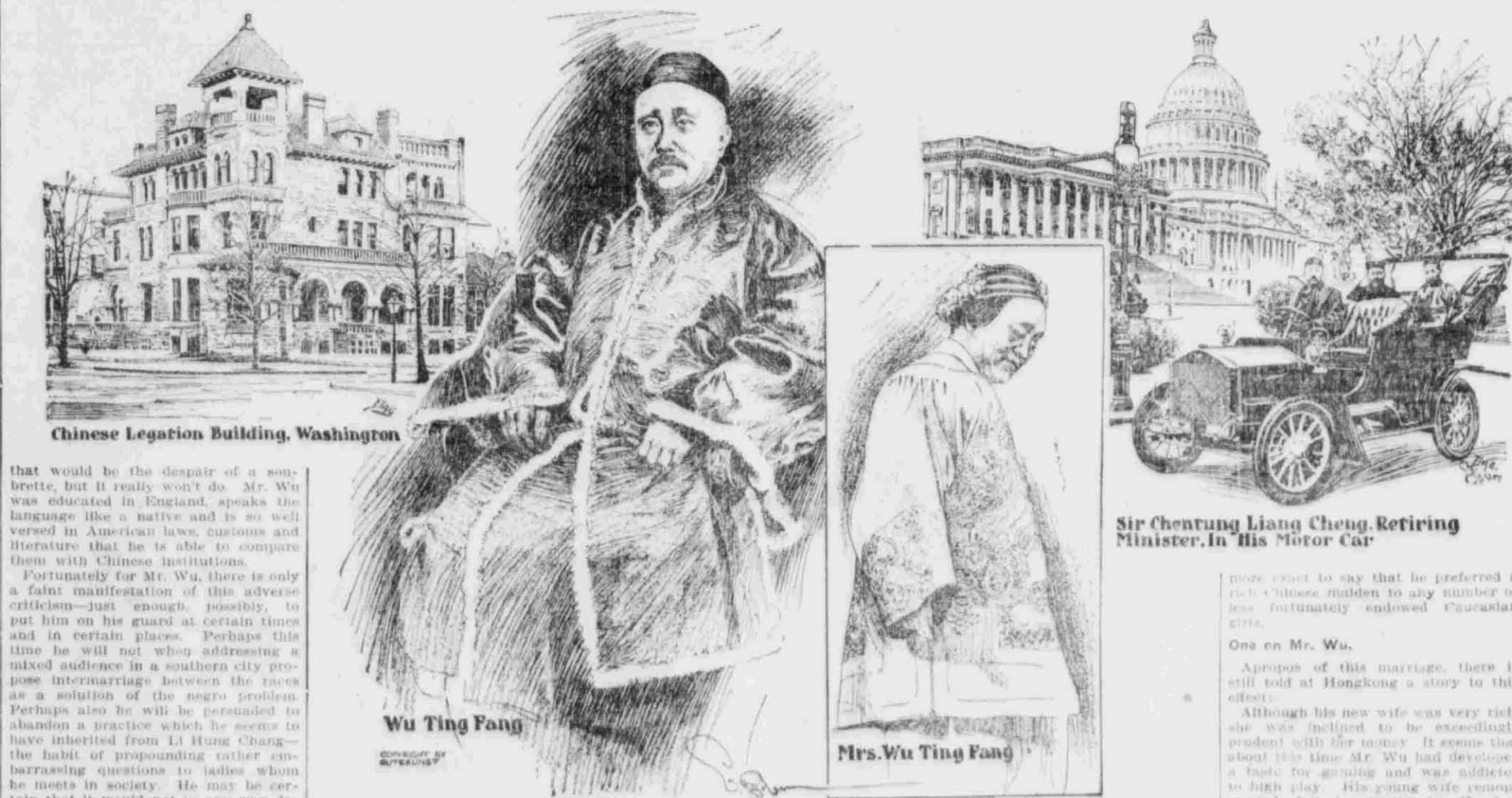
THE recent appointment of Mr. Wu Ting Fang as representative of the Chinese government at Washington names an agreeable surprise to the American general public, however it may be regarded by the authorities at the national capital. Five years of the dignified and highly circumspect Sir Chengtung Liang Cheng, the retiring minister, have by no means effaced the favorable impression made by the jolly and astute Mr. Wu, who was the accredited tenant of the beautiful Washington home of the Chinese legation from 1897 to 1902.

For Mr. Wu is by far the jolliest and most picturesque Celestial who has held the position. His capacity to dispel monotony is well nigh inexhaustible, and he is always ready to draw on it generously. During his official stay in this country he made no less than 824 speeches, not one of them tiresome or lacking in interest. With such a record to his credit no man—even though he be a Chinaman—need hesitate to return to the scenes of his oratorical triumphs.

Mr. Wu is of especial moment that Mr. Wu's talent for entertaining was purely oriental. An envious London journal once insinuated that the alleged American distaste for orientals must be a sham since we were so fond of Mr. Wu—Mr. Wu, who did nothing but poke fun at us during his five year sojourn in this country. Now, Americans do not like to have their noses poked at them in the oriental fashion, that is. The late clever Li Hung Chang was not slow to appreciate that fact, and he governed himself accordingly.

It is quite likely that the Peking government is wise to this American peculiarity. Perhaps it regards the sending of Mr. Wu as a sort of antidote to the antioriental feeling which seems to be springing up in some parts of the country. If any living oriental can jolly the Americans out of their bias or fanned dislike for his yellow brethren that supreme jollier is certainly Mr. Wu.

Some Criticism. Of course Mr. Wu has made some mistakes in America. Most of them are in high places, in official circles. They affect to be rather astonished that Mr. Wu has been returned. They make no secret of their distaste for his society and declare that no other Chinese minister or ambassador ever was guilty of a title of Mr. Wu's social transgressions. They point out his gross partiality for the Chinese, his possible excuse for Mr. Wu. It is very amusing, they admit, for him to carry off his pranks for an air



Chinese Legation Building, Washington

Wu Ting Fang

Mrs. Wu Ting Fang

Sir Chengtung Liang Cheng, Retiring Minister, in His Motor Car

that would be the despair of a sourette, but it really won't do. Mr. Wu was educated in England, speaks the language like a native and is so well versed in American laws, customs and literature that he is able to compare them with Chinese institutions.

Fortunately for Mr. Wu, there is only a faint manifestation of this adverse criticism—just enough, possibly, to put him on his guard at certain times and in certain places. Perhaps this time he will not when addressing a mixed audience in a southern city propose intermarriage between the races as a solution of the negro problem. Perhaps also he will be persuaded to abandon a practice which he seems to have inherited from Li Hung Chang—the habit of propounding rather embarrassing questions to ladies whom he meets in society. He may be certain that it would not in any way detract from his popularity should he consent to "cut out" these little peculiarities of social intercourse.

Not Always Thus.

It seems that Mr. Wu Ting Fang has not always borne that name. Rather more than thirty years ago he was a round faced and very optimistic looking young Celestial who answered to the name of Ho Kai. As such he appeared one day in the new colony of Victoria, just established on the island of Hongkong, and entered the English school as a pupil. Here he got on famously, so well that he took several prizes in the school and was given a

gold medal for general excellence. Even in those early days he must have been an expert at the art of pleasing, for he made his way into the most exclusive circles and was quite a social lion in the new life of the settlement. The attraction was mutual too. The young Celestial was quite as fond of the society of his English friends as were they of his cheery presence and ability to entertain. In the course of time he announced his intention to become a British subject, and a little later he actually acquired citizenship under the name of Wu Ting Fang, the title he bears today.

This step of putting himself under the immediate protection of Queen Victoria served to increase his popularity greatly. It was also of very decided material benefit to him, for by means of it he succeeded in transferring his Oxford degree in him to such an extent that he was regarded at that ancient seat of learning as a pupil. He remained in England several years—until he had won his baccalaureate.

Then he went back to Hongkong and hung out his shingle as a writer. He did not begin as an ordinary competent practitioner. Mr. Wu was altogether too clever for that. He adopted

the very shrewd specialty of representing British firms in their dealings with his countrymen, and he made money, plenty of it. In time he received an appointment as magistrate, but his judgment was so severe against his fellow Celestials that the colonial authorities were obliged to cancel his commission.

He chose for his wife a very rich woman of his own race. It is stated by those familiar with the situation that he must have had his pick from among the colonial belles, but Mr. Wu's tastes were not so radically occidental as that. Perhaps it would be

more exact to say that he preferred a rich Chinese maiden to any number of less fortunately endowed Caucasian girls.

One on Mr. Wu.

Appropos of this marriage, there is still told at Hongkong a story to this effect:

Although his new wife was very rich, she was inclined to be exceedingly prudent with her money. It seems that about this time Mr. Wu had developed a taste for gambling and was addicted to high play. His young wife remonstrated, but he persisted. He lost large sums frequently and seemed to be going the pace of the continued gamblers. Madame paid a number of his gambling debts, but eventually revolted and "put on the lid."

Mr. Wu, however, was quite equal to that emergency. The Chinese New Year was at hand, and every Chinaman was expected to pay up and begin anew. Madame was abdicating with, very well, but her husband said resignedly, "Only suicide remains."

Thereupon the wily Wu proceeded to go through the operation of auction, but enough to do the business. Madame relaxed and begged him to live for her sake and to use her money

as he chose. Physicians arrived sometimes and relieved the distinguished sufferer of the opium flavored miasma which had served him so admirably, and the barrister lived to pay his debts like an honest man.

JAMES R. BENTLEY.

CRIMINALS WHO WORSHIP CHILDREN.

One of the most striking traits in the complex, many sided personality of Chicago May, the woman now undergoing fifteen years' imprisonment for complicity in the attempted murder of Edith Quinn, is her passionate love of little children.

After her conviction she was given by the police the character of the most dangerous woman criminal in Europe. In this they probably erred on the side of leniency. They should have said "in the world," for America knows and dreads—her equally with Europe—Mark Twain, the fiction king of Cleveland. After a series of hot encounters peace was declared, with most of the feathers in Tom Johnson's hat Johnson waved his physically and financially. He acquired street railway interests in Brooklyn, St. Louis, Detroit and elsewhere. He built steel rail mills in Johnstown, Pa., and Lorain, O.

Meanwhile Burton was prospering as a lawyer, and his friends were predicting for him a brilliant future at the bar. Interest in public affairs led him into the city council and thence to congress. There he became an influential

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