

**THE SHANTUNG QUESTION**

**Involves the Territorial Integrity of China.**

**HOW JAPAN GOT HER FINGER IN**

**By Rights Territory Taken By Germany Should Have Gone Back to China; But by Secret Treaty the Allies Had Given it to Japan.**

"What is the 'Shantung Question' after all, and what part do Kiaochow and Tsingtao play in it?"

This question is answered in a bulletin issued from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic Society as follows:

"The 'Shantung Question' had its genesis when Germany, eager to compete with other European nations which were becoming more and more important in the Far East, determined to have a port and naval base of her own on the shores of northeast China. It took definite shape when in 1897 two German missionaries were killed in teeming Shantung, most densely populated and economically and sentimentally one of the most important of China's provinces. By way of indemnifying herself for the loss of her nationals, Germany forced China to grant her a 99 year lease on an area roughly ten or twelve miles in diameter on the coast of Shantung at the entrance to Kiaochow Bay, and to neutralize a zone 33 miles wide skirting the entire bay and including the leased region. On the leased plot the Germans built a typical German town Tsingtao.

**First Only a 'Kiao-Chow' Problem.**

"The leased and neutral zones together comprise a relatively small part of the 56,000 square miles of Shantung. So far as area is concerned, it is very roughly as though Virginia, Maryland and Delaware were substituted for Shantung, the District of Columbia for Tsingtao, and for the neutral Kiaochow territory, a fan-shaped area of Maryland counties with a radius equaling the distance between Washington and Baltimore.

"When this most stubborn of Far Eastern questions first emerged with Germany and China as the chief parties concerned, it seemed to be only a 'Kiaochow Question.' But the Kiaochow 'inch' rapidly developed into the indefinite but looming Shantung 'ell' when Germany's economic designs were understood; and the later amendment of the plan made the problem still broader. For the agreement included concessions to build railways outside the leased and neutral areas, in Shantung proper; and coupled with the railroad concessions was the right to exploit mines in zones twenty miles wide traversed by the railroads.

**The Question Springs up Again.**

"The 255 mile railway line from Tsingtao to Tsinan, the capital of Shantung, was opened in 1904. When in 1914 Japan announced that she would support Great Britain's interests by taking the town of Tsingtao, the Chinese wished to send troops to make the attack a concerted affair, but were dissuaded. When Japan had stormed the town and taken it from the Germans, the Chinese considered the matter merely a 'Tsingtao Question,' but it rapidly grew into a 'Shantung Question' again when secret treaties were disclosed whereby Japan had obtained more than a year before the Peace Conference the engagements of Great Britain, France, Russia and Italy to support Japanese claims to all privileges which Germany had acquired in Shantung. Although the Chinese delegates protested that when their country entered the war against Germany and abrogated all treaties with the latter, her territories and concessions automatically reverted to China, the Paris council followed the secret treaties and provided in the Treaty of Versailles for the transfer of "all rights formerly belonging to Germany" in Shantung, to Japan. The Chinese refused to sign the treaty; and there the matter may be said to rest, though it has since been the subject of almost ceaseless diplomatic discussion.

**is China's Holy Land.**

"Most of the coast of Shantung is rough, but within this minor barrier much of the province is plains country with unending fields of beans and kaoliang, a kind of grain sorghum. The level sections of the province are traversed by the great Yellow River, which periodically inundates the country; and the Grand Canal, a waterway second in importance as a commerce carrier only to the Yangtze-kiang.

"Near the central part of Shantung rises Tai-Shan, the highest and most famous of the five sacred mountains of China. A short distance to the south of the mountain is a little town which probably ranks as the most venerated spot in all China, the birthplace and burial place of Confucius, one of the world's greatest religious teachers. To both Tai-Shan and the grave of Confucius at Choufu, thousands of pilgrims journey annually. The presence of these sacred spots raises Shantung sentimentally above the other provinces. They transmute it into the Chinese Holy Land."

**Don't Be Like the Duck.**—Once upon a time there was a duck that kept laying nice, large delicately colored eggs all summer. At the end of the summer she complained that her efforts were not appreciated.

"Look at that hen over there," she said pettishly, "she hasn't laid near so many eggs as I, nor such large ones, but she has books written about her and poems composed in her honor. 'Faint hen'—that's what it ain't. Nobody says a word about me."

"Madam," said the rooster, to whom she addressed her remarks, "the truths with you it that you don't tell the public what you have done. You lay an egg and then waddle off to the pond and never say a word about it. While that wife of mine never lays one without letting the whole neighborhood know it. If you want to get your name and virtues into the barnyard you must learn to advertise every time and all the time."

All of which recalls to mind a poem once used by the cyclone Eva Tonquay in vaudeville. In this poem she described the dilatory tactics of a peddler of clams in Baltimore, who carried a fish-horn with which to announce his coming with seafood. The peddler, becoming discouraged over business in one block, did not continue to blast his trumpet, and consequently, made no further sales. The finishing line to the poem we recall as: "Toot your horn, mister, if you don't sell a clam—or others will outsell you."

In early days the methods of advertising often were accomplished by the use of a bell in the hands of an energetic town crier. Today the American public has the advertising—reading habit to guide itself when seeking knowledge of things generally.—Easley Progress.

**WAR ON RATS**

**Government Points Out Great Menace of Rodents.**

Intensive warfare on the rat has been declared by the Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, and the call has gone out for volunteers to help eliminate the pest. In urging swift death to the rodents the department presents the following bill of particulars:

No other animal is so persistent or dangerous an enemy of mankind; no other succeeds in inflicting so great and continual damage. A rat in the field, the house, the barn, or the store costs, on an average \$2 a year to maintain.

There are as many rats in the country as there are men, women and children. Two hundred million dollars' worth of foodstuffs is devoured annually in America by the rat; an equivalent of 200,000 men devoting all their working time to producing the things the rat destroys or defiles.

Aside from the economic loss of injury, the rat is a most efficient germ carrier. It frequents all the places that are vile and loathsome. The germs of the dreaded black death have killed more human beings than all the wars of the world's history, and these germs are introduced into the human system by the bite of a rat flea.

In India, no longer ago than 1896, the bubonic plague killed 9,000,000 persons. In Europe, during the fourteenth century, it is believed to have brought death to 25,000,000 human beings.

Other diseases, almost as dreadful, are traced to the common rat. Thus, from the standpoint of public health, as well as from the necessity of controlling the drain upon the public purse, it is essential that the rat be exterminated. Once the extermination is complete, or as nearly so as modern methods will permit, every precaution must be taken to prevent the rat from multiplying and regaining lost ground.

"Trapping should be done continuously and systematically at all rat-infested places," says the department. "Rat poisons, especially baits treated with barium carbonate as recently developed by the Biological Survey, should be employed. In furthering the destruction of the rat, community or civic organization is of the greatest importance. It does no good to drive the rats from the cellar into the next if they are allowed to breed unimpeded in their new quarters. When the campaign is made general the pest is allowed no rest and no opportunity to intrench in a new position. If one pair of rats is left they can reproduce the original number in a little while, as rats breed five or six times a year with an average of ten to the litter.

**Real Obedience.**—Four-year-old to her favorite doll, the loss of whose arm exposes the sawdust: "Oh, you dear, good, obedient dolly! I know I told you to shew your head fine, but I had no idea you would chew it as fine as that."—London Post.

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They were accompanied by Frank H. Buck of San Francisco, zoological collector, who arrived in California Oct. 10 from a collecting and trapping trip to the Malay Peninsula, where he was accompanied by his wife, who goes into the jungle with him on all his trips after animals. Mr. Buck brought East also a cargo of animals for the Philadelphia Zoo, including a large tapir.

"The king cobra was captured by Malay natives, who slipped a sack over its head," said Mr. Buck. "This snake and the gadung, a wild buffalo, are the only two creatures that attack man without provocation. The

big cobra glides through the jungle with his head raised three or four feet above the ground when men are near and dashes to attack without warning.

"The young orang-outang was captured by Borneo natives in an interesting way. The orang-outang grows as large as a man and is a ferocious fighter as long as he is in the tree-tops. An old paid build a house—a regular platform with a roof—in a tree. The natives locate such a nest and cut down all the surrounding trees and build fires, then they make a tremendous noise with drums, frightening the old couple and their children nearly to death. They cut down the tree and in the excitement throw nets over the family, putting them into cages.

"The orang-outang will kill a man in the tree tops and can go a hundred miles through the branches, but on the ground he is practically helpless. The old ones are killed generally in the fight and the babies are taken to native villages and nursed by the women. On my collecting trips I have seen native women nursing a human baby and orang-outang at the same time. I have seen a native woman

who had lost her own baby cry piteously when her husband sold the baby orang-outang she had nursed.

"Black panthers, tigers, lions, and other big cats are caught by being enticed into pits, entangled in bamboo nets and finally put into cages like tapirs and carried to the coast for shipment. On one of my trips a 26-foot python, which had just eaten a big tapir and was expected to be sleepy but wasn't, was entangled in a net by a crowd of natives in India and the python got a couple of loops of its body around a native at the same time. I shouted to the head man to cut the snake in two, but he replied: 'No, no. We've got him now, I have plenty of men here.' We saved the man through."

**Truthful Johnnie.**—The pastor was interrogating the pious of the family. "And do you always say your prayers before you go to bed?" "Yes, sir," replied Johnnie. "And what are the things that you pray for?" pursued the good man. "Well," responded Johnnie thoughtfully, "mostly that papa won't find out what I've been doing during the day."

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THE COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT WILL MAKE A NUMBER of "pop calls" and if the County Legislative Delegation could arrange a trip for the purpose they would get some mighty good first-hand information on both roads and schools.

TEACHERS ARE REQUESTED to note the number of visitors and report to this office. Such a report will indicate the neighborhood interest in school affairs.

A GENERAL CITIZENS' MEETING WILL BE HELD IN THE COURTHOUSE ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10TH. ARRANGE TO HAVE A GOOD DELEGATION PRESENT FROM YOUR COMMUNITY.

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