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**STUDENTS CALL
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Patriotic Demands.

GOVERNMENT ALLOWS POINTS

Miss Harriet Smith, Y. W. C. A. Student
Secretary in China, Relates Amaz-
ing Story of How 20,000 Stu-
dents Organized Themselves.

By BERNICE GRISWOLD.

Miss Harriet Smith, for ten years a student secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association in Shanghai, China, relates the amazing story of how 20,000 Chinese students organized themselves to oust the militarists from Government offices in Peking and how they succeeded in becoming the leaders of China.

Fearing that China was not to be protected from the aggression of other nations by the Peace Treaty, as she had expected to be, some 20,000 students, all of them between the ages of twelve and twenty-one years and including 8,000 girls organized themselves into the Chinese Students' Patriotic Society immediately after the publication of the first draft of the Peace Treaty to fight for Chinese rights.

Their first move was to strike from school or, rather, from lectures, as they remained in their respective schools and spent so many hours daily in private study. They then organized into bands for getting out propaganda literature and for public speaking in the country and small towns and in the tea shops in poorer districts of the cities in order that they might reach the vast numbers of people who could not read.

Immediately upon organizing, the students published their demands, four in number: (1) that the militarists, who as a party were pro-Japanese and practically controlled the Government at Peking, be put out of office; (2) that Shantung be returned to China; (3) that the twenty-one demands made by Japan in 1915 be cancelled; (4) that there be freedom of speech and of the press. They also insisted that the Chinese constitution be finished.

An immense amount of literature was put out, much of it in the new phonetic script which is being launched in China, so that the uneducated classes might learn what was happening. Students lectured everywhere on the demands, stirring the people to patriotism. When many of them were arrested while parading in the streets of Peking they formed an Association of Imprisoned Students within the prison and refused to be released, picketing the stockade themselves when Government guards were taken away, until the Government submitted a proper apology for having imprisoned them in the beginning.

When it became evident that economic pressure was all that would be effective both the bankers' and merchants' guilds were called upon to back the students. "In less than two hours," Miss Smith said, "the shutters were up at every shop in that great city of Shanghai, where telephones are few and communication difficult. Every shop, whether large or small, was closed. The laboring people, feeling as patriotic as the bankers, merchants and students, also joined the general strike. For a week everything was closed—shops, money exchanges, fish markets, shipping, everything. The students struggled to keep public utilities running. The telephone service was stopped for a short time, but the students soon had it running again. They held meetings day and night, try-



MISS HARRIET SMITH
Of Chinese Y. W. C. A.

ing to keep the railroad employees at their posts and explaining that it was patriotism for them and for water works and electric light employees to continue to work. At the end of that week the students had won the first point and the militarists were out of power.

When suffrage in any form finally comes to China Miss Smith feels that it will be granted to both men and women because of the way women are helping to build things up now. Women-students took an active part in all of this bloodless revolution. They had their places on all of the councils. Their part of the work was to translate much of the literature into phonetic script and when a boycott was declared on Japanese goods to begin production of goods in China.

"All of the students threw away their straw hats—purely Japanese products—at the beginning of their movement, and the women students set about making white duck hats, which were called patriotic hats and immediately became very popular. Then they began devoting themselves to the making of parasols and of talcum powder. Some of them paraded but none was arrested.

"China is the last country in the world to fear class feeling and antipathy, which seems to be gripping the rest of the world," Miss Smith says. "In China there is a wonderful social solidarity. People get together, not so much by localities, but by trades and professions. Every one belongs to a guild, and these guilds are wonderfully organized, as the Chinese have a genius for organization. Despite poor lines of communication, lack of railroads and telephones, these guilds hold closely together. Yet their organization has nothing to do with caste.

"With a leadership as highly organized as that of the students a great amount can be done. Leading men of China interpret the student movement as very significant—the forming of a new national party. It is the duty of all Christian organizations in China to give these students, who are now the leaders of the Government, every possible bit of aid and inspiration, as they need more than human help to bring China out of her difficulties successfully. The Y. W. C. A. is doing what it can to help the women students. All of these students have given up their vacations and are working hard throughout the summer."

Miss Smith has seen China change, within ten years, from one of the oldest and most rigid monarchies of the world into a republic. She saw the first republican flags go up and feels that China has accomplished a great deal, fighting all the time as she has, against the great odds of Japanese and European aggression in addition to the old monarchistic party. Given time, China will become one of the great republics of the world, she says.

Miss Smith lives in Richmond, Va., and is home on a year's furlough. She expects to return to China in the spring.

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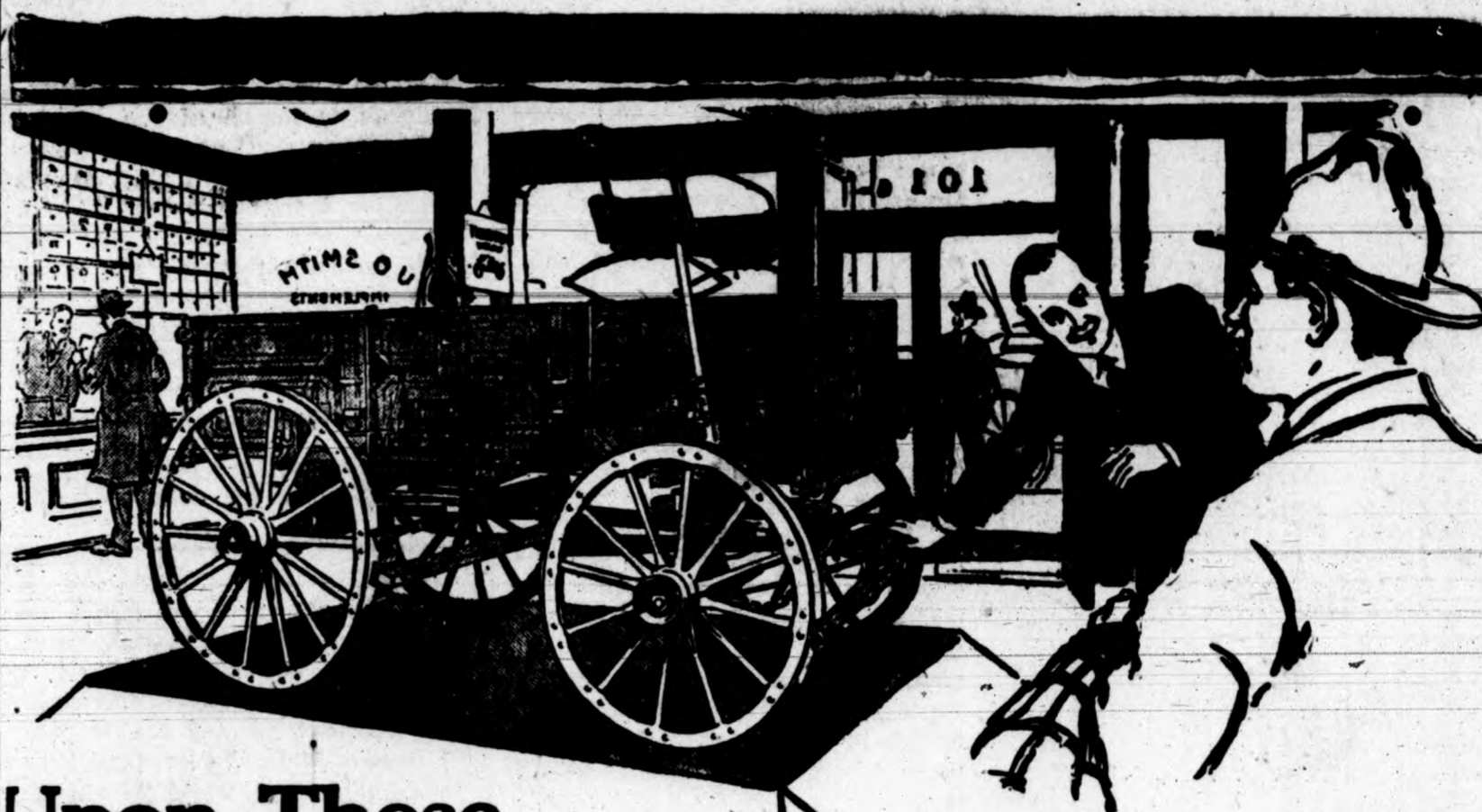
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