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One to rise and then, some day,
Hear them sigh: "Ah, lucky man!"
—S. E. KISER, in Chicago News.

CHINA'S NATIONAL DOWNFALL
Due in Part to the Too Conservative Effects of the Philosophy of Confucius.

After a calm review of the many agents and forces operating at the present in her national downfall, we can only conclude that they arise mainly from the system of philosophy and religion which has been prevalent in China for more than thirty centuries, which was restored and renovated 400 years before the present era by Confucius, the philosopher of China, and propagated after his death by Mencius, one of his followers, whose name and memory, along with that of his master's, are revered and associated in the minds of the Chinese.

That there is an intimate connection between the outward life of nations and their philosophy and religion is now admitted as a general axiom by the philosophic historian, and nowhere is this more clearly observed and self evident than in the history of China. Ere we proceed to criticize the system of philosophy elaborated and taught by Confucius, it will be necessary to acquaint ourselves with the principal details of the life and career of a thinker of whom it has been said: "His philosophy was his life, and his life a philosophy, which for more than twenty centuries has reflected itself in the idiosyncrasies of thought and temperament which have always characterized the Chinese as a nation."

Confucius was born about 550 B. C., in an age contemporaneous with that of Gotama, the Buddha, in India and Pythagoras, in Southern Italy, who were greatly his superiors in their intellectual attainments and knowledge of a man's spiritual nature, which constitute the power and influence of a great teacher. Yet, where they failed, Confucius succeeded. Whilst Buddhism, like Christianity, has been driven out of its original birthplace, and the teachers of the Pythagorean philosophy are entirely lost, Confucianism still exists and flourishes as a vast and potent factor in the problem of human life and destiny. The reason was that, while they raised the structure of their philosophy in the airy regions of metaphysics, Confucius built his upon the solid ground of experience, and thus showed himself wiser than those renowned teachers.

When young he displayed an extraordinary love of learning and veneration for the laws of his country, and acquired general respect for his prudence, rectitude and philosophic gravity of conduct. At the early age of 17 he entered public life, and became inspector of the corn marts, and distinguished himself by his industry and energy in repressing fraud and introducing order and integrity into the whole business. What a great field of usefulness lies open for some American Confucius! He next became inspector general of pastures and flocks, which resulted in the general improvement in the cultivation of the country and the condition of the people. On the death of his mother, which occurred in his 23rd year, he shut himself up in his house to pass in solitude the customary three years of mourning for her. The whole time was dedicated to philosophical study and meditating on the eternal laws of morality, tracing them to their source and inquiring his mind with a deep sense of their obligation, and determining to making them the immutable rules of all his actions.

On his entry again into public life he came forward as a teacher, and commenced instructing his countrymen in the precepts of morality. His philosophy was more ethical than religious, and acted exclusively at fitting men for action honestly and prudently in this life. He also labored assiduously in the revision and abridgement of ancient works of literature for which he always professed unbounded reverence. He travelled through China, propagating his principles of right government, with varying success and mall gratification to himself. In some instances he met with persecu-

tion. Once he was imprisoned and nearly starved to death, and, seeing no hope of securing the favorable attention of the mass of his countrymen, he returned in extreme poverty to his own State, and spent his last years in the composition of literary works, by which posterity might be instructed. He died 479 B. C., in the 70th year of his age.

As with many other great teachers, the seed that he sowed sprang up after his death, when his name and memory became venerated by the whole of the Chinese nation. Now in almost every town throughout the Empire there is a temple erected to his honor. Such is a brief outline of the life and labors of Confucius, who in many respects may be regarded as the Socrates of his country, whose teachings have mainly contributed to the political longevity of China as a nation, as also to the endurance of those in vogue, and which have caused China to become an anachronism amongst the nations of the world.

Legal Complications in the Hawaiian Islands.

According to a recent decision of the Hawaiian Supreme court the insular tribunals have no jurisdiction over cases arising under federal laws. Smuggling, piracy and infringement of patents must go unpunished, and there is no method available to review the proceedings of the United States collector of customs in arbitrarily excluding from the islands Chinese entitled to land. It now appears that the Hawaiian courts are practically enjoined from proceeding in any criminal case whatever. In every case of felony recently brought before the Circuit court a plea against the jurisdiction of the court was entered, based on the ground that the constitution of the United States provides that no person shall be held to answer for felony or infamous crime except upon a presentment or indictment of a grand jury. The grand jury has never been a part of the judicial system of the islands, criminals being held for trial on information of the public prosecutors.

In its indecent haste to make the Hawaiian Islands a part of the territory of the United States, congress quite overlooked the need of removing the inconsistencies between Hawaiian and American laws. The lesson should be heeded in future acts of annexation; for if Puerto Rico, for instance, should be brought within the jurisdiction of the federal constitution without a previous recast of existing Spanish institutions the result would be chaos on that island.

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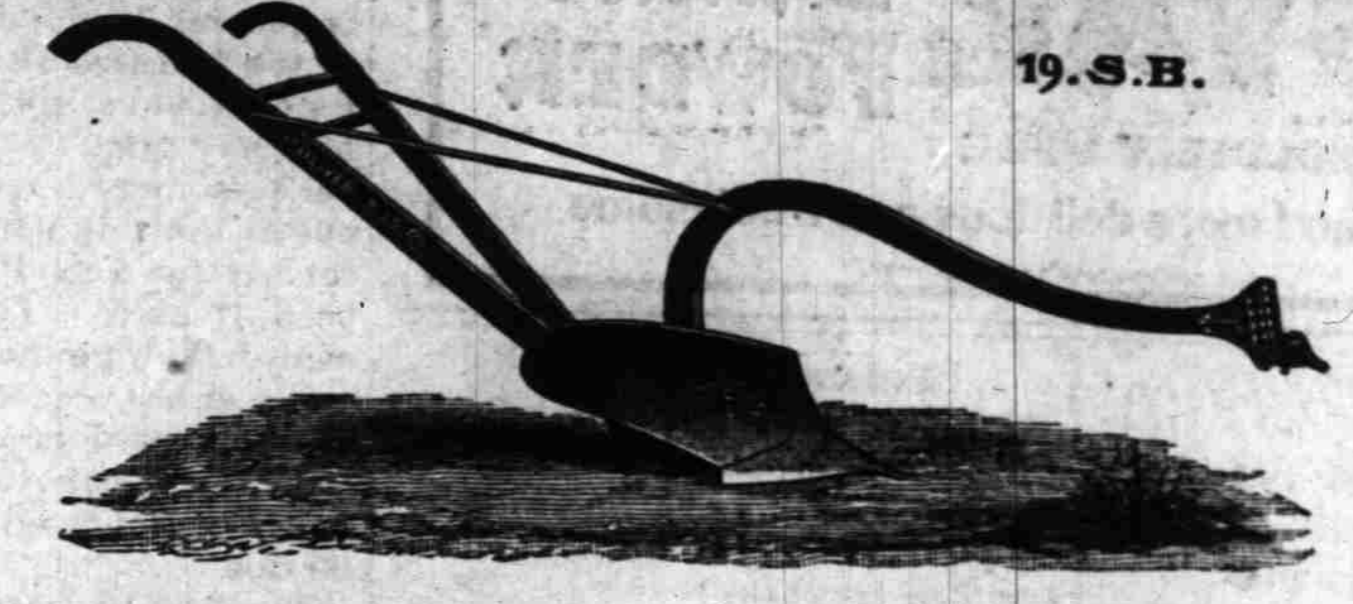
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