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CHINA, BORING FROM WITHIN AND WITHOUT.

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WHEN one contemplates the course of events in China—on the one hand, the revolutionists in the provisional parliament boring from within and sapping the foundations of Manchu autocracy; on the other hand, the revolutionists outside of parliament throwing shot and shrapnel into the same Manchu autocracy; each set of revolutionists, those within and those without boring to the best of their ability and to a common end—when one contemplates this course of events, the thought springs up, Happy Chinese with no Kangaroo borers from within, pure and simple, to lame their labor!

What a picnic would not the Manchu autocracy enjoy if it could have bribed enough revolutionists to decry boring from without absolutely and unqualifiedly! What a picnic for Manchu imperialism had it had its hands free from without, free to throttle every protest against it, and a lot of weak-kneed poltroons within who, while calling themselves “revolutionists,” set up as the leading Role of Revolution to keep hands off, and lie low, and even pronounce a “noble waging of the revolution” every act of betrayal of the revolution!

Had that been the case Manchu Tyranny would now be feeling safe. Its throne would be buttressed by Old Age Pension laws proposed by “revolutionists” in parliament; “revolutionists” would be banqueting by proxy at the board of Manchu Civic Federationists; Manchu Militias-of-Christ would be quietly admitted to representation at conventions where “revolutionists” boast of having a large delegation; and Manchu victories on the field would be shouted over by “revolutionists” as triumphs.

But it was otherwise. No cry of “head-hunting” stayed the avenging arm of the Revolution when a traitor showed his colors. The revolutionists were kept straight

and on the go by the Revolution. Praise of a revolutionist by Manchu agencies, so far from being hailed as “signs of progress,” was sized up for what it actually was, a symptom of corruption, and was dealt with accordingly, and summarily, too. Endorsement of a revolutionist by a Manchu and the acceptance of such endorsement instead of its scornful repudiation was a decree of death to the endorsee and acceptor of the “honor.”

And thus, intolerant as logic; narrow as the multiplication table; despotic as a geometric proposition; and boring from without, apace with boring from within, the Revolution in China has progressed to the undoing of Manchuism—just as all true Revolutions ever have progressed and ever will.

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