

# VAST ORIENT REARS MODERN WORLD

## VANCOUVER HOLDS GEOGRAPHIC KEY TO FUTURE TRADE

Vancouver, nearest world-port on the Pacific Coast to China and Japan, has every reason to be seriously interested in the program of modernization now in progress in those countries. Trade authorities and returning travelers declare that China and Japan are making strenuous efforts to create a modern world against their background of antiquity.

The logical port of exit for Canadian goods exported to the Far East must always remain Vancouver. China, determinedly struggling with the problem of stabilization, will be hungry for Canadian goods, but particularly Canadian foodstuffs, when the Chinese merchant class has reached its ideal of transferring the hundreds of millions population into buyers.

Japan and China are advancing. There has been a change of thought. Aerial transport, the building of fine roads for increased, faster transport, the building of modern railroads and United States practice, and hotel buildings, are an index to the modern East.

**BY FRANK TERRY**

Few reports of China reach Canada except those tinged perpetually with the horror of rebellion and intolerance.

Japan, save that one hears occasionally in general terms that "progress is being made," might be little more than a clearing in the mists of the future of the Far East, the East's bright hope for economic prominence. Do not figure very largely in advice which reach Canada, the one country with Vancouver, as its port of contact, which should be best informed of every forward step in the movements of China and Japan.

Vancouver is British Columbia's and Canada's ready-made port of exit for China's and Japan's imports. The Chinese and Japanese merchant class are imbued with the ideal of seeing their vast populations made into a powerful buying public. In every sphere of activity both countries are forging ahead.

China, a storehouse of wealth, as witness the covetous glance already cast on the country by Bolshevik Russia, whose trade concerns have penetrated Manchuria with a cheap-

### WHICH WILL BE THE LADY'S CHOICE?



CHINA TRUTH CARTOON

The Great Powers have covetous eyes on Miss China and her markets. They are wooing as never before. Little more than a semi-colonial dependency, she is becoming more interested in the offers of the Powers. Will Canada be a successful suitor?

The authorities have focused their attention on the most modern of leave and freight systems, aerial transport. That alone would be sufficient to mark the trend of thought in present-day China.

Ordinary river navigation between Shanghai and Hankow, the mitch of transport in vogue for many years, are being superseded by fast airplanes. The river trip takes as a rule four days to cover this strip of the Yangtze. The airplane has cut the time to seven hours.

This is but one of the service industries in China. It is true that the machines used are luxurious airplanes, fast, well-appointed, with leather seats, and windows giving full visibility, and being speedy and comfortable, are being introduced by business men in the same way that the passenger airplanes as a matter of course, and convenience.

The ex-minister of Railways in China, C. S. Liu, reported after his arrival in America, that progress in Chinese road-building had been phenomenal.

**MODERN HIGHWAYS**

"A modern highway is in course of construction between Peking and Tientsin," he declared. "This is in line with China's policy of developing



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Solution Will Appear Monday

- 1-Action intended to mislead  
2-Old maxim  
3-Logic  
12-One of several Russian terms  
13-Pastry dish  
14-Veritable  
15-Word  
16-Rapid  
17-Spoke  
18-More discolored  
19-Transit  
20-Cereal grains  
21-Musical drama  
22-Word formed by transposing the letters of a different word  
23-Male singing voice  
24-Cape in Tunis Africa  
25-Horse  
26-Perched  
27-Faithful  
28-Members of the Bar  
29-Passenger  
30-Large plant  
31-Prolonged sound of s  
32-Long slender spears  
33-Goddess of discord  
34-Slim  
35-Times past  
36-A ground of contention
- 1-Three-toed sloth  
2-An anti-prohibitionist  
3-Well or streak  
4-Exception  
10-The beaten path  
11-June 22  
12-Excitation  
13-An andiron  
14-The stakes in the centre of the table (poles)  
15-Loop blue glass, used in painting when pulverized  
16-Vociferate  
17-Articles  
18-Compend  
19-M  
20-Something or other  
21-Wreath  
22-Crisp  
23-War-famous river in Belgium and France  
24-Strange from former habits  
25-Former ally of Japan  
26-Chopped cabbage  
27-Fall in  
28-The inner colored layer of the iris  
29-Kind of carnation  
30-The 14th letter  
31-Deer  
32-Sheep  
33-River in Siberia

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fast road transport in preference to antiquated methods of water travel. The motor truck is being popularized, and with the building of highways to accommodate big loads traveling at high speeds, there is no doubt the interior will be opened up as a centre for the disposal of foodstuffs and manufactured goods.

The Highway is being built at the rate of two and a half miles a day," added Mr. Liu, "and modern machinery is reducing to its lowest possible level the use of human energy."

It is interesting to note that the machinery was produced by the United States.

When this nation of road is completed, Peking will be linked similarly with Kalgan in the north. Chinese cities are being rebuilt to conform with modern requirements, and the authorities have drawn on American and European experience for their models.

