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Dear Mother:

Things are coming to a crisis more rapidly than we had expected, and we are now living on the edge of a violently erupting volcano, - figuratively speaking. Last week, in Shanghai, a coolie was killed in some factory by a Japanese in authority. It was a lamentable affair, but Chinese themselves kill them by the hundreds every week, and nothing is said about it. Japanese being foreigners made a different case, and the wild, young, irresponsible students of Shanghai decided to settle the matter themselves. So what did they do but leave school on strike and parade the streets with banners & distribute anti-foreign pamphlets and destroy property in general. As this was done in the foreign concessions the policemen naturally tried to keep order by stopping all such demonstrations, with the result that all police authority was disregarded. First water was used

to disperse the crowd, but that had no effect, so rifles were resorted to, - and several students were killed. This infuriated and spurred their young blood on to greater martyrdom. They were shedding blood in a good cause they said, and on they went with their dirty work.

When students from other parts of China heard of it they wired down for them to continue the good work, - and then all other schools in various cities began to go out on strike to show how much they love their country and hate foreigners.

The government students in Nuchang went on strike last Wednesday and began with distributing all sorts of anti-foreign literature and trying to get the students from mission schools to go out with them.

The boys in Wesley College were the first to go out. Boone High School has closed but the college boys are at work. The government students make their lives miserable as long as they stay in school by hissing at them and calling them foreign slaves.

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marshal law has been declared and all foreigners are requested to stay off the streets. When they have to go out they are requested to call for a body-guard of policemen or soldiers to conduct them safely to their destination.

One of the wives of a teacher in Boone was badly bruised by coal balls and sticks and stones ~~last~~ one day when the mob overpowered the police. Two or three men have also suffered in the same way. The report this a.m. was that the students were planning a raid on all foreign property, - but we haven't heard whether the threat has been carried out or not. Soldiers (Chinese) were sent around to protect the foreigners, - but they're no better than a number of children.

Posters have been pasted on the gates of our hospital over there forbidding Chinese to enter, because "it is only a foreign trap," - but it hasn't stopped patients from going yet. They are trying to persuade the merchants & laborers to go on strike also. So far only a few merchants have gone out, and they are not selling food to foreign institutions. Of course

if this continues all institutions will have to close, especially the hospital.

How little do these people know how they are harming their country! The military could stop it in short order if they would, but they are sympathetic and I suspect help them out in their propaganda in secret. The officials have refused to stop anti-foreign literature, - the only thing they will promise is protection to foreigners, - which is just the same as nothing.

So far, we haven't been disturbed in Hankow, - and we are praying nothing will explode over here until after school closes which is $2\frac{1}{2}$ weeks longer, - We are keeping our ^{boarding} pupils on the compound, - and the day pupils seem to be as regular in attendance as before.

St. Hilda's in Wuchang is still going on, but St. Mary's Shanghai is out on strike. I could go on for an hour longer enumerating annoyances, but this is quite enough to let you know what the situation is.

This is not a sudden growth or feeling that has sprung up, but it isn't a thing ^{those}

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Of us out here like to talk about. China as a nation is afraid of foreign powers, and that is the only reason we are tolerated. Of course the Christian Chinese, are so grateful for our coming, - but even they resent our authority sometimes. They are such a proud race they just can't imagine anybody knowing better how to teach or manage affairs than they do themselves. They are also jealous of the money we are able to spend. But the wonderful part about it all is, the church of Christ is here and it has come to stay.

If we should have to close all institutions for awhile we would be besought or begged free to open them again. In their hearts they know they can't carry on anything as well as we can.

You asked me what other missions are in our 3 cities. There are 3 represented in this center, - 2 English societies + 1 American, - besides the Y. M. C. A. + Y. W. C. A. which is international.

1. London Missionary Society:

- In Hankow. 1 hospital
2 churches & several day schools.
1 Boys college.
In Wuchang 1 hospital
1 school
In Hanyang 1 Boarding school for girls.

2. Wesleyan Mission:

- In Hankow, 1 hospital
1 church & several day schools
1 School for blind boys.
In Wuchang, 1 hospital
1 boarding school for boys
1 College for boys
several day schools &
I don't know how many churches
In Hanyang, 1 boarding school for girls.

3. American Church Mission:

- In Hankow 1 training school for Catechists
1 " " " Bible Women
3 English High Schools
5 churches & 10 day schools
St. Lois Boarding & Day school
for girls.

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In Wuchang: Boone University
Church General Hospital
St. Hilda's High School (boarding)
1 Social Service Center
2 English High Schools (boys)
6 churches with day schools for
boys & girls on each compound.

In Hanyang: 2 Churches with day schools
1 English School (boys)

In addition to these there are several Union
Institutions, as, - a normal school for men,
a similar school for men, and the Central
China University.

The China Inland Mission and the Christian
Missionary Alliance and the United Lutheran
Churches all have forwarding stations here
but no missionary work.

A "drill" mistress is one who teaches physio-
cal education or gymnastics, - only it will
have to be done out of doors in our school and
without any apparatus. I do hope we get some

one to come out this fall.

Mrs. Smith left last Thursday night, so for a few weeks I am doing part of her job as well as my own.

After reading over my letter it sounds rather alarming in parts, but I think I'll send it on any way. Just don't worry about us. It may all blow over within a few weeks, so everything may be perfectly calm by the time you receive this. I hope the newspapers at home haven't given alarming accounts.

Love from

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Keep List of Missions
in Hankow, Kuchang &

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