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–*The Imperial and Asiatic Quarterly Review and Oriental and Colonial Record* [1902]: A racy and well-written work, exhibiting various amusing characteristics of the people of China. The writer deals with the teeming population, their religion, the poverty of the masses, their intense family federation, their customs of politeness, the difference of town and country life, their hatred of foreigners, a description of some of the actors in the tragedy of 1900, the difference of rule in the West, with Mandarindom in the East, the Chinese language, a Chinese bookstall, and a Chinese daily newspaper. The edict relating to the latter is reproduced, and is as follows:

"As newspapers only serve to excite the masses to subvert the present order of things, and the editors thereof are composed of the dregs of the literary classes, no good can be served by the continuation of such dangerous instruments, and we hereby command the entire suppression of all newspapers published within the Empire, while the editors connected with them are to be arrested and punished with the utmost rigor of the law" (Imperial Decree, October 8, 1898).

The author states that this Imperial command was evaded in two ways—one to subsidize the mandarins, and the other to add a foreign name as proprietor on the front-sheet, thus placing the newspaper under foreign protection. The organization of the press is such that London telegrams to Shanghai are in the Chinese readers' hands within twenty-four hours, and all the leading national or diplomatic events are portrayed, together with condensed reports of the British Parliament on Eastern questions, with an accuracy which leaves little to be desired, and the author adds, as his opinion, "that the daily press of Cathay will prove an important factor in the new China which is coming to birth with the new century.

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