

The Mahommedans of Kansu, the finest fighting race of China, have been oppressed for ages, and it is only since the advent of the Republic that they have been able to assert themselves, and now they are beginning to retaliate on the Chinese, to whom they bear no love.

In the south, the fierce Nosu (Lolo) have been oppressed in the past by many corrupt officials, they have lost their best lands, and a branch has been driven into the wild mountains of southern Szechwan, where they have maintained their independence and bear an undying hate to the Chinese. Here they have not remained passive, but year after year they have seized harmless Chinese families of the farmer class and driven them as slaves into their mountain fastnesses, from which they generally never return.

To the eternal disgrace of China this has been allowed to go on, and never a word of protest is raised by the wretched students of Szechwan and Yünnan.

One can imagine what a howl of indignation would be raised in any country if such a state of affairs were allowed to continue. One cannot imagine what the state of public opinion would be if it were possible and an announcement made that a small alien race was in the habit of raiding the surrounding country, kidnapping British farmers and their families, and bringing them and their descendants up as slaves in the heart of our own land, and yet these things have been happening for years within less than 200 miles of Cheng-tu, and never a word of protest has arisen from the Cheng-tu student.