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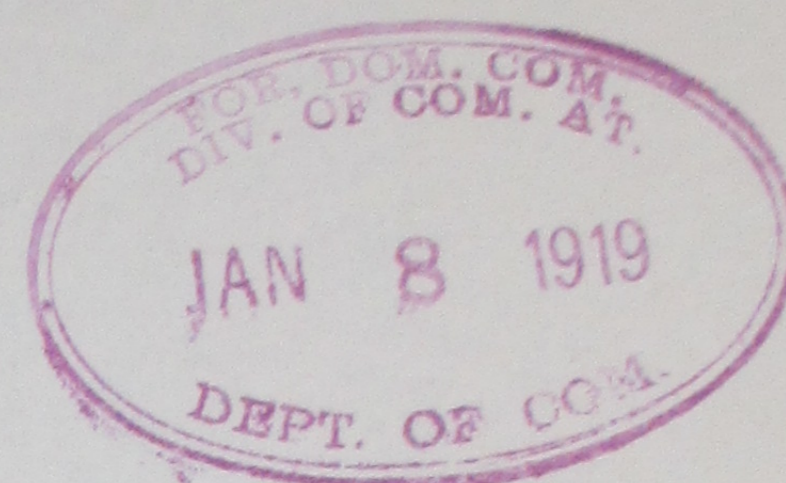
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C. Chief, Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce,
Department of Commerce,
Washington



Sir:

I have to inform the Bureau that there is in process of formation here in Shanghai a British-American Chinese Club. Three members of the British Chamber of Commerce and British China Association, three members of the American Chamber of Commerce and American Association and three members of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce are to form a committee to launch the project. The British and American Commercial Attaches have been invited to assist. I met with portion of the committee and agreed to co-operate with my British colleague in making representations to Peking to secure our respective Minister's aid in getting the Chinese Government to consider favorably a proposition to lease the premises of the former German club, the most desirable club property in Shanghai for this purpose. It is proposed to make the club a tiffin or luncheon club after the style of the American luncheon clubs. It is expected that it will have a membership of 500 Chinese and an equal number of Britishers and Americans or about 1,000 in all. Kindly consider this matter confidential for the present. It is a big move in the right direction and is bound to do much indeed to advance Anglo-American Chinese co-operation.

Very truly yours,

Julian Arnold
Commercial Attache.

January 10, 1919.

Mr. J. E. Fitzgerald,
Chamber of Commerce of the United States,
Riggs Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fitzgerald:

I am enclosing copy of a communication just received from Commercial
Attaché Julian Arnold, dealing with the proposed British American Chinese
Club in Shanghai. The requirements for membership are interesting.

Very truly yours,

Commercial Attaché Division.

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