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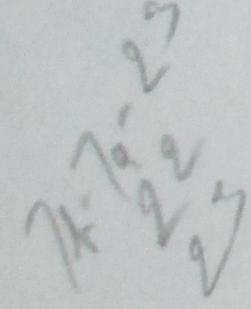
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Mr. French was, until his retirement from China, connected with an American firm, Andersen Meyer & Company. At the time of his retirement he was the manager of this firm. He had for several years served as president of the American Chamber of Commerce here at Shanghai. Thus, he is fully cognizant of the workings of the Chamber. Probably there is no person who is better qualified than is Mr. French. Fortunately he is very publicly spirited, in fact during the past few years while he has been residing in Washington he has represented the Chamber and American interests here in China at certain meetings of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States and also the National Foreign Trade Council. His presentation of the American situation in China at the annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States is regarded by those conversant with conditions in this country as one of the most able that has ever been made.

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