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艰难的国运与雄健的国民

李大钊

历史的道路,不会是坦平的,有时走到艰难险阻的境界。这是全靠雄健的精神才能够冲过去的^①。

一条浩浩荡荡的长江大河,有时流到很宽阔的境界^②,平原无际,一泻万里^③。有时流到很逼狭的境界,两岸丛山 迭岭,绝壁断崖,江河流于其间,回环曲折,极其险峻^④。民族生命的进展,其经历亦复如是。

人类在历史上的生活正如旅行一样。旅途上的征人^⑤ 所经过的地方,有时是坦荡平原,有时是崎岖险路^⑥。志于旅途的人,走到平坦的地方,因是高高兴兴地向前走,走到崎岖的境界,愈是奇趣横生^⑦,觉得在此奇绝壮绝^⑥的境界,愈能感到一种冒险的美趣^⑥。

中华民族现在所逢的史路,是一段崎岖险阻的道路。在 这一段道路上,实在亦有一种奇绝壮绝的境致,使我们经过 此段道路的人,感得一种壮美的趣味。但这种壮美的趣味, 是非有雄健的精神的,不能够感觉到的。

我们的扬子江、黄河,可以代表我们的民族精神,扬子江及黄河遇见沙漠、遇见山峡都是浩浩荡荡的往前流过去,

以成其浊流滚滚,一泻万里的魄势^⑩。目前的艰难境界,那能阻抑我们民族生命的前进。我们应该拿出雄健的精神,高唱着进行的曲调,在这悲壮歌声中,走过这崎岖险阻的道路。要知^⑪在艰难的国运中建造国家,亦是人生最有趣味的事……。

National Crisis vs Heroic Nation

Li Dazhao

The course of history is never smooth. It is sometimes beset with difficulties and obstacles and nothing short of a heroic spirit can help surmount them.

A mighty long river sometimes flows through a broad section with plains lying boundless on either side, its waters rolling on non-stop for thousands upon thousands of miles. Sometimes it comes up against a narrow section flanked by high mountains and steep cliffs, winding through a course with many a perilous twist and turn. A nation, in the course of its developlment, fares likewise.

The historical course of man's life is just like a journey. A traveller on a long journey passes through now a broad, level plain, now a rugged, hazardous road. While a determined traveller cheerfully continues his journey upon reaching a safe and smooth place, he finds it still more fascinating to come to a rugged place, the enormously magnificent spectacle of which, he feels, is better able to generate in him a wonderful sensation of adventure.

The Chinese nation is now confronted with a rugged and dangerous section of its historical course. Nevertheless, there is also in this section a spectacle of enormous magnificence that inspires in us passers-by a delightful sensation of splendor. And this delightful sensation, however, can only be shared by those with a heroic spirit.

The Yangtse River and the Yellow River are both symbolic of our national spirit. The two mighty rivers negotiate deserts and gorges until their turbid torrents surge forward with irresistible force. The present national crisis can never obstruct the advance of our national life. Let us brace up our spirits and march through this rugged, dangerous road to the tune of our solemn, stirring songs. The greatest joy of life, mind you, is to build up our country during its most difficult days.

注释

李大钊此文载于 1923 年 12 月 20 日《新民国》第 1 卷第 2 号上,短小隽 永,堪称一首诗意盎然的抒情散文诗。作 者用象征、比喻等手法,说明历史发展的 必然规律以及中国革命面临的艰难险 阻。译时除文字须符合英语规范外,应力 求传达原文的形象、诗一般的美感和雍 容聲策的笔调。

- ① "这是全靠雄健的精神才能冲过去的" 译为 nothing short of a heroic spirit can help surmount them, 其中 nothing short of 相当于 nothing less than 或 only。
- ② "宽阔的境界" 须按上下文译为 a broad section。 "境界" 在这里不宜译为 realm、place、area 等。
- ③ "一泻万里" 译为 rolling on non-stop for thousands upon thousands of miles,但也可译为 rolling on vigorously for tens of thousands of miles 或 rolling on for thousands of miles at a stretch。
 - ④ "回环曲折,极其险峻"译为 winding through a

course with many a perilous twist and turn, 其中 twist and turn 来自成语 twists and turns。此句亦可译为 following a dangerous tortuous course。

- ⑤ "征人"即"远行之人", 故译"旅途上的征人"为 a traveller on a long journey。
- ⑥ "有时……,有时……" 译为 now...,now...(= sometimes...)。
 - ⑦ "奇趣横生"意即"极度吸引人",故译为 fascinating。
- ⑧ "奇绝壮绝" 意即 "无限壮观", 故译为 the enormously magnificent spectacle。
- ⑨ "感到一种冒险的美趣" 意即 "一种敢于冒险的美妙感觉", 故译为 a wonderful sensation of adventure。
- ⑩ "遇见沙漠、遇见山峡都是浩浩荡荡的往前流过去,以成其浊流滚滚,一泻万里的魄势" 译为 negotiate deserts and gorges until their turbid torrents surge forward with irresistible force, 其中动词 to negotiate 的意思是"顺利通过" (to succeed in getting past something difficult)。又,注意 until 在这里的用法。它在此句不作"直到……为止"解,而是 so that finally ("以至于……"或"最后")的意思。
- ① "要知"译为 mind you, 插入句中。成语 mind you 的意思是 mind what I say 或 however, 相当于汉语的"请注意"或"说真的"。

螃蟹

鲁 迅

老螃蟹觉得不安了,觉得全身太硬了 $^{(1)}$,自己知道要蜕壳 $^{(2)}$ 了。

他跑来跑去的寻。他想寻一个窟穴,躲了身子,将石子堵了穴口,隐隐的蜕壳。他知道外面蜕壳^③是危险的。身子还软^④,要被别的螃蟹吃去的。这并非空害怕,他实在亲眼见过。

他慌慌张张的走。

旁边的螃蟹^⑤问他说:"老兄,你何以这般慌?" 他说:"我要蜕壳了。"

- "就在这里蜕不很好么?我还要帮你呢。"
- "那可太怕人了。"
- "你不怕窟穴里的别的东西,却怕我们同种么?"
- "我不是怕同种。"
- "那还怕什么呢?"
- "就怕你要吃掉我®。"

The Crab

Lu Xun

An old crab grew restless. Finding himself stiff all over, he knew it was time for him to moult his shell.

He dashed here and there in search of a cave to hide. He was going to block up the mouth of the cave so that he could moult in secret. He knew it would be very dangerous to shed his shell in the open because, with his new shell still being soft, he might be eaten up by other crabs. This fear was not groundless for he himself had really seen it happen to other moulting crabs.

The old crab kept moving about in a hurry.

A nearby crab asked, "Hey, brother, what's the rush?"

"I am going to moult," answered the old crab.

"Wouldn't it be all right to moult right here? I could help you out with it."

"How horrible that would be!"

"You mean while you're not scared of other things in the cave you're scared of your own kind?"

- "No, I'm not scared of my own kind."
- "Then what are you scared of?"
- "Nothing but being eaten up by you."

注释

《螃蟹》是近年发现的鲁迅佚文。文章发表于 1919 年 8 月间,时值五四运动方兴未艾,作者通过寓言故事,提醒人们新生事物往往有被旧事物消灭于萌芽状态的危险。

- ① "觉得全身太硬了" 译为 Finding himself stiff all over, 其中 all over 意即"全身"或"浑身",作状语短语用。如逐字译为 Finding his whole body stiff 并无不可,但语言稍欠地道。
- ② "蜕壳" 译为 to moult his shell, 其中 to moult 为 专用语, 意同 to cast off。
- ③ "外面蜕壳"中的"外面"意即"在露天",故译为 (to moult) in the open,以代替 to moult outside the cave.
- ④ "身子还软"意即"蜕去旧壳后新壳还软",故译为 with his new shell still being soft。如按字面直译为 with his body still being soft 则欠确切,因"身子"在此指"新壳",不泛指"躯体"。
 - ⑤ "旁边的螃蟹" 译为 A nearby crab, 比 A crab be-

side him 灵活。

⑥ "就怕你要吃掉我" 译为 Nothing but being eaten up by you, 乃 I'm scared of nothing but being eaten up by you 之略。