

A detailed black and white line drawing of a traditional Chinese street scene. The scene is filled with multi-story buildings with tiled roofs, some featuring balconies and windows. People are walking along the street, some carrying goods or using rickshaws. The overall atmosphere is that of a bustling historical marketplace.

# CHINA FROM EMPIRE TO REPUBLIC

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