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Colonel Ferdinand W. Peck, of Chicago, one of the leading spirits of the World's Fair there, and commissioner general to the Paris Exposition, recently concluded a visit to St. Louis and is extravagant in his praise of the completeness and extent of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition. Especially was he surprised at the extensive display in the Palace of Agriculture. "No such presentation of agricultural exhibits has ever been made in the world," said Col. Peck, in discussing what the Palace of Agriculture contained. "I have attended all the Expositions of any importance that have been given in this country and Europe, and the agricultural exhibits, even in those where agriculture was made a specialty did not even approximate what may be seen in the Department of Agriculture here at the World's Fair. I recall only two or three exhibits at the other Expositions that I have attended which measured up to the average of the exhibits in the Palace of Agriculture. Here there are scores above the average. The foreign countries have contributed more largely to this branch of Exposition work than ever before, and their exhibits are of incalculable value in many ways. Whoever is interested in agricultural science in any way should see the World's Fair Agricultural exhibit. I do not believe any such valuable display will ever again be gotten together." What Col. Peck says of the Palace of Agriculture would apply to almost all the great structures which have been reared to house the world's exhibits in every branch of human industry and endeavor.

Americans Want Land

If the Tourist Committee desires to take up oft repeated suggestions that its campaign should be devoted to securing permanent settlers rather than transient visitors, it would seem that there should be little difficulty in making a success of the plan, if the possibilities at this end can only be shown to be satisfactory. Every time the United States Government opens good lands for settlement there is such a rush of applications that the crowd develops into a veritable army and military force is needed to handle the situation and keep order. There are apparently thousands upon thousands of Americans wildly anxious to get hold of land that is productive, and settle on it. The great question is as to the possibilities of raising and marketing produce.

Recently the federal government announced the opening of 382,000 acres of land in the Rosebud reservation, South Dakota. The efforts of no promotion committee were needed to bring settlers. There was a rush of applications that made it necessary for the government to adopt the lottery system, leaving chance to settle which of the thousands of citizens applying should get land and which should draw blanks. The terms were \$1 per acre down and seventy-five cents per acre for four years. The 382,000 acres were divided into 160 acre lots, so that there were over two thousand of them. All were taken on the spot. The only requirement except the nominal payments is that the holders shall settle on and cultivate the land. Those disappointed in getting land on these terms number thousands. If Hawaii has anything to offer them, it should be easy to reach them. They want to settle on land they can call their own, but it must be land that is productive and has a near market easily reached. In the present conditions of Hawaii roads and transportation facilities, it is doubtful whether the territory can meet the demands, though of course roads and transportation would improve with need for improvement.

The Rosebud case is not an exceptional one. When Oklahoma was opened there was a rush that has become historic, and a great state grew in a day. All over the country there appear to be thousands of men, married and unmarried, who have enough means to establish themselves on small farms. In less than a year there will be thriving cities in the great Rosebud tract, just as such cities have grown up in Oklahoma. There is no reason except that of distance why the same class of people would not come here, and the matter of distance is not a hard one to overcome,—always providing that we have anything to offer them. Uncle Sam has no difficulty at all in finding homeseekers when he has some really valuable land to offer them on easy terms.

China And Exclusion

The United States would be in an embarrassing position were China to carry out the suggested policy of excluding Americans from China as Chinese are excluded from the United States. Probably if China attempted to do it with anything like the brutal injustices which characterize the American law, the United States would immediately go to war. For expansion, a big navy and aggressive foreign policy, America is supposed to be rewarded by increased commerce, and the nation is looking to China and the Far East for a tremendous volume of business. What would happen if China should decide to reciprocate the exclusion act business? Of course the United States has no vast population of cheap laborers, or laborers of any kind, who want to settle in China, but he has a large and increasing traveling population and undoubtedly a growth in American business houses in China is looked for. The average American business man would cut a sorry figure,—perhaps as sorry as the unlucky Chinese doing battle with our immigration bureau,—if required to qualify or landing in China as Chinese qualify to land here.

Imagine an American citizen arriving at Shanghai and being herded away from other travelers to be examined by Chinese officials as to his right to land. Imagine him being examined and cross-examined as to all sorts of details of his life, his ancestry, his business and his intentions,—and all the while kept even from communication with shore until he had passed the test, not even allowed to shout good-day to other white men on the wharf, suppose the unlucky American to have been born in China and to be returning after a visit to the states. Imagine him having then to prove his Chinese birth and former residence by two witnesses, not American, in the cases of those already in the country, conceive them all calling at some great Chinese bureau of registration and being photographed as if for gigantic national rogues' gallery and each told that if he were ever found under any circumstances, without a certificate bearing a photo and a lot of comprehensible Chinese characters, he would be subject to summary deportation. Imagine Americans being told they could not hold property in China. Conceive the American in a Chinese court of law, listening to a Chinese judge, gravely laying it down as one of the principles of Chinese jurisprudence that an American was not to be believed under oath and that any man who would as soon believe an American as a Chinese is a fool. Finally fancy a Chinese Congress enacting into a law of the nation, the doctrine that American testimony in a court of law required the corroboration of Chinese witnesses.

All this would of course be impossible. No one can conceive a white race submitting to such indignities and injustices, as long as white navies and mics have the power to resist them. Yet it is what we are forcing upon Chinese all the time. From the standpoint of an impartial, unprejudiced server, it is doubtful whether there is a statute on the books of the Chinese empire more barbarous than some of the provisions of our own Chinese exclusion law. It has been known to operate to tear husband and wife, parent and child, from one another as breeders separate cats. It hardly recognizes the Chinese as human beings. All this in the name of necessity, say those Americans who support the law. But it is no wonder at now and then voices are raised against such race injustice. It is no wonder that a justice of the United States Supreme Court recently compared the law to the old witch laws of Massachusetts, and predicted that the exclusion law will one day be regarded as equally barbarous.

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The situation in Shanghai harbor yesterday appeared to be ripe for a very pretty row. The American war vessels on the spot seem to have taken a very prominent part in the affair. There must be many more British war vessels on the scene than there are American and Great Britain's interests at Shanghai are greater, yet as the cable reads it appears that the duty of enforcing the neutrality of the port was undertaken by the American war vessels.

The Democratic convention in Honolulu today was larger than the Home Rule gathering of a few weeks ago, but it was not very much larger. It did not begin its deliberations with any more enthusiasm. Both the conventions were in striking contrast to the crowded hall which greeted the Republican chairman when he called his party convention together.

It would be just like the Russians to declare that the destruction by the Japanese of the cruiser cruiser Novik was Novikvictory.

The situation at Shanghai with the Russian cruisers there refusing to disarm and a Japanese torpedo boat ready for action is fraught with all sorts of dangers to the peace of the world. The average person if asked what power is responsible for maintaining the neutrality of Shanghai would probably reply off hand that China was but the reply would be incorrect. There are no less than three Shanghais, all distinctly defined. First there is the Chinese city, a walled place of many hundreds of thousands of people and of almost as many smells. Next it is the French city, a concession which offers many attractions to the visitor and then comes the territory known officially as "the Shanghai Municipal Corporation." It is in this latter tract that all of the consulates, other than the French, are located. It is practically a republic on an international basis, or rather a mild despotism with the "chairman of the corporation" as its despot. Its territory is made up of the old British concession and that of the United States which lay north of the Soo-Chow or Su-Chau, creek and was known as Hong Kow. The corporation is absolutely international in its character and its neutrality is guaranteed by the powers. This leads to the belief that the despatch which indicates that the United States war vessels are taking independent action towards keeping the Russian and Japanese ships apart is understanding the case. The United States would

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have no right whatever to interfere without joint action with the vessels of the other powers and it is not to be conceived that the senior officer of the American forces would make any such mistake. The situation, with all its dangers, is a perfectly plain one. The Russian ships must be anchored in that part of the Whang Po river which is under the control of the Shanghai corporation, for they were off the French concession or the Chinese city there would be no cause for international interference. If the Russians refuse to dismantle they will violate the neutrality of the port and will consequently put an affront on all of the powers other than France. It is not to be imagined that the Japanese will open hostilities in the port under these conditions for Shanghai is always crowded with shipping and the idea of a fight there is not to be entertained. Still the matter may culminate in some sort of a conflict and if it does that would seem reason to believe that the trouble in Shanghai will be the bolt to bring down the Heavens.

BAND CONCERT.

A public moonlight concert will be given by the Territorial band this evening, when the following program will be played, beginning at 7:30:

- PART I.**
March—"The Army".....Berger
Overture—"Anita".....Williams
Selection—"A Runaway Girl".....
Vocal—"Four Hawaiian Songs".....
.....arr. by Berger
PART II.
Selection—"The Prince of Pilsen".....
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