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**Look Out
For a Fight**

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The canteen question is an old one. It was fought out in Congress several years ago, with the earnest, eloquent and well meaning champions of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, aided by a portion of the army, on the one hand, and a large number of army officers and most of the privates, albeit the latter had little to say, on the other. When the temperance advocates won, and persuaded Congress to abolish the harmless canteens in which soldiers were wont to drink good beer, the prediction was made all over the country that every army post would soon be surrounded by demoralizing saloons, at which the men would destroy both physique and character with cheap, fiery liquors. If the reports recently made are true, the prediction has been verified to an unfortunate extent in the Philippines, and it is well known that the Presidio, at San Francisco, supports a collection of vile saloons that were not able to make ends meet in the days of the canteen. Even in our small army post here a similar effect could be observed among the artillery which recently left. The conduct of the men after they lost their canteen compares unfavorably with their conduct before,—they were more frequently seen drunk about Honolulu at night, they patronized illicit joints along the beach and in one case a crowd of them broke into a saloon which had closed for the night and burglarized it to get beer. It is not improbable that the few years for which the well-meaning temperance advocates succeeded in having the canteen abolished have done untold and irreparable injury to hundreds of young men turned from the quiet respectability of an army canteen to the depravity of a secret brothel near camp.

Corbin will have company in throwing down the gauntlet to the W. C. T. U., though it is safe to say that the ladies will give him and all who stand with him all the fighting they want before Congress restores the canteen. The army itself cannot do any bombarding more thorough than the women will do through the mails, with Congressmen as the targets, in the fight against canteens. But in trying to stop marriages Corbin deliberately invites another battle. How does he propose to stop army officers from marrying? Does he want to make rules preventing them from entering society at all, or meeting any of the tender sex? Everyone knows that it cannot be done, and everyone knows that when once a gallant youth in uniform has met his ideal, Cupid does the most rapid work he ever does. Everyone also knows that when the work has been done no army rules can interfere, and that the wedding will take place whether Corbin, or the Secretary of War, wants it or not, even if the uniform has to be discarded for a costume in which more money can be made.

Since the Spanish war, the influence of women in the American army has seemed very prominent. We in Honolulu have seen for years transports passing through in the Philippine business, on which the proportion of women has been very large. A glance over the deck of a typical American army transport shows a scene that looks like the happiest kind of peace, rather than like a part of war's grim business. There are spunky couples on every hand, brides and grooms patrol the decks, elderly married couples sit in reclining chairs, even children run to and fro amid the peaceful, summer-resort-like calm, while couples who soon will be brides and grooms steal away to quiet corners to blissfully forecast the happier days to come,—military officers, by the grace of the war department making love en route to the front! It is all very pleasant and romantic and there has not been much war in the Philippines anyhow. The government has seemed to do all in its power to encourage its officers to wed. It has transported maidens over the six thousand miles of ocean between San Francisco and Manila, in order that their uniformed lovers might claim them at once. If Corbin wants to change all this, if he wants to stop even one free born American army officer from taking the great Plunge, he will find that he has even a more powerful enemy to reckon with than the esteemed W. C. T. U.

**May Outlast
Kuropatkin**

There is an interesting possibility that Stoessel may outlast Kuropatkin and that the splendid resistance at Port Arthur may be made useless by a gigantic Russian failure in the north. If Kuropatkin suffers an overwhelming defeat, which he very nearly did in the battle of Liaoyang, there will be no use in trying to hold Port Arthur longer, unless the Russians hope to hold it until the Baltic fleet and a new army reach the scene, which seems quite incredible. The results at Liaoyang show how wrongly Kuropatkin gauged the Japanese power of advance and attack. The enormous quantities of supplies abandoned by the Russian army show that the tactics of Oyama made it suddenly necessary for the Russians to devote every energy to getting away, without giving a thought to arms, ammunition and army supplies of tremendous value. Kuropatkin did not even stop to destroy them. He withdrew without ceremony and this shows conclusively, no matter what his reports may say about retiring in excellent order and with perfect morale, that the Japanese overcame his army far more quickly than he had the least idea of.

The hard fighting has not stopped Japanese operations. Every day brings reports, more or less inaccurate and cloudy as to detail, of new movements which make battle seem imminent and show that Oyama, not content with his victory, intends to force the issue with all possible rapidity and make Kuropatkin fight the "decisive battle." With all their recklessness in actual battle, the Japanese are extremely cautious in strategic movements. They are criticized by their admirers for a carelessness before making attack that is costly in delays, and it is pointed out that if Kuroki and the others associated with him had moved north more rapidly and fought the great battle sooner, the Russians would have been less able to resist. But the Japanese habit is to spend all necessary time in preparation, and though in battles there have been attacks showing the utmost recklessness, in tactics there have been no hasty movements. It is evident that during the present lull in actual fighting they are bending every energy to the preparations for another engagement. One feature of the interval which seems to require explanation is the apparent superior rapidity of the Russian movements. "A race for Mukden," was the description of the situation after Liaoyang,—and Kuropatkin won. In view of the universal praise given by military critics to the Japanese in the Boxer troubles and since, for extraordinary marching powers, this was hardly to be expected, though the defeated army had greater incentive to haste and doubtless knew the country better.

If Kuropatkin is to be forced to fight again, and loses again, it will probably be against a reinforced Japanese army. How many times can he escape? And if he fails to escape, what will be the use of Stoessel holding on longer to his awful post of duty? It would be a strange development if the fall of Port Arthur should finally come because the failure of Kuropatkin had made its defense no longer of any use. The Russian nation would have one great hero and one army to honor with the approval of all the world.

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"THE ASSOCIATED PRESS."
The negro candidate for the Presidency is preparing a letter of acceptance. What would happen if the solid negro vote of the South should be gathered together under a negro party's banner? What will happen when education of the negro makes the present laws of many states, providing educational qualifications for suffrage, ineffective? There are states where the negro vote which is actually cast is an important one.

The Chinese request that no fighting take place at Mukden, lest the tombs of the Manchus be damaged, sound very innocent and simple. It must have made Oyama and Kuropatkin smile. If there is anything left of the tombs when the armies get through it will probably not be because the combatants have refrained from making enough noise and disturbance around them to almost wake the occupants. The long period of stagnation through which these old conquerors of China have slept draws to an end. A battle beyond

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Hawaii's demand for a High School is followed by a similar demand from Kauai. Perhaps the day will come when each island will have its own High school. This would be the ideal state of affairs, but costly. Honolulu, by the way, would like to have a university.

Most common pens are smooth bores—Washington Post.

Candidate Davis is probably attending the dances just to show that his legs are still of the same length—Washington Post.

The hot-weather resorts are frightened by the chilling announcement that Senator Fairbanks is to tour the country.—Baltimore Sun.

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