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CHINA'S FIGHTING CAPACITY.

Can the Chinese fight? This query has been variously answered and the popular idea of the incident is not favorable to the Chinese.

The "awakening" of China that has been going on in the last few years has caused the experts to take another look at the situation and size up the "new Chinese." There is no doubt that the average Chinese has a little fear of death as any human being. It is not courage that he lacks so much as intelligent leadership.

This view of it is endorsed by Captain Kinkaid Smith, who has seen much service in the British army, and has recently devoted much study to the "new" China. He passed this way not long ago, but did not give full vent to his opinions till reaching New York.

He says that he found no facts to support the many recent published articles and several books picturing the great army resulting from China's much-mentioned recent military awakening and organization. As a matter of fact, the entire fighting force of China's army today is only 75,000 men for a population of 450,000,000 in the empire.

But this actual nucleus of the proposed great army is composed of a splendid body of men physically; men comparatively well paid, clothed in regulation European uniforms and leather shoes, and housed in barracks and fed better than the average village folk of the towns from which they are recruited. This army appears well drilled, willing, trained to extremely long marches in a day, and able to pack a surprising load, but evidently not generously supplied by the government with ammunition enough to permit of their getting the much-needed and very important training in effective marksmanship. The men are armed with a very good type of Mauser rifle, which the Chinese make at their factories in Hankow. The Chinese also manufacture all the saddlery, harness, arms, and clothing for their troops.

The present army of 75,000 fighting men is divided into ten divisions, supposed to have 12,000 men each. Other divisions being formed are as yet only in the skeleton. The scheme of the Chinese Government is to have three army divisions for each of the twelve provinces of the empire, or a great standing army of 432,000 men in peace times, with possibilities of being extended to 1,500,000 men on a war basis. Each of the ten divisions now in regular service has its complement of cavalry and artillery, but the men are mounted only on the little, chunky, big-headed native ponies, which, while they are very good for campaigning in a rough country, are too small for artillery.

So far China's great standing army is only on paper, and, according to Captain Smith's impressions of the situation, it will be only a paper army for a good many years. China's trouble is a great scarcity of well-trained men to officer its army, even the present nucleus of the proposed splendid force. While there are some foreign military men and a considerable number of Japanese instructors at the military stations in China, no foreigner is permitted to hold a command, no matter how small the force. As it is, many of the battalions of three companies are commanded by young Chinese majors under thirty years of age. The problem confronting China is not enlisted men but native officers competent for the task of leading the men. The present army shows that China has excellent material for a big force, and the enlisted men exhibit fine athletic proficiency in the gymnasium and quick aptitude for the drill tactics.

The consummation of China's plan for a war-time army of 1,500,000 men will have to wait for another generation of young men to grow up and become trained for military leadership, and it will have to wait also for reforms and improvements in China's financial policy. But even then the force, considering China's population, will not be so enormous, as the Unit-

ed States, with only 45,000,000 population, during the Civil War, had 2,500,000 Federal and 1,800,000 Confederate soldiers in service. It is obvious from Captain Smith's view of it that China has ample material, but the ability of the Chinese to fight depends entirely on the young men who are available for positions of leadership. These must be aggressive characters willing to accept modern ideas.

STICK TO TOURIST BUSINESS.

It is impossible to consider as good business or good public policy a proposal for the Hawaii Promotion Commission to drop its plans for the development of the tourist trade, and start off on a new tangent for which the Territory is not prepared.

Under any circumstances, it is a mighty poor cause that has to make its headway by condemning another Governor Frazier's statement regarding the status of the Territorial land laws as inapplicable to changing conditions should warn the honest men of the islands against taking up a hue and cry that sounds well but pans out otherwise when it comes down to the brass tacks of putting bona fide settlers on the land.

With a properly conducted tourist campaign there can be no doubt that there will be as many settlers gained for Hawaii—more, indeed,—than can be realized by a sudden switch to a new plaything. Honolulu already has not a few well-to-do—some wealthy—settlers, who have been attracted to make their homes here through the tourist work of the Promotion Commission. The city and the country will certainly gain more by continuing along the present lines, although the methods may change.

EXCURSION TO THE VOLCANO Taking in the Wild West Show at Hilo.

If sufficient bookings can be obtained (not less than 25) an excursion will leave Honolulu on Tuesday, January 28th, by the S. S. KINAU to cover the following itinerary:

Arrive at Hilo Wednesday early in the afternoon; the night will be spent in Hilo; Thursday morning leave by rail for Glenwood, thence by stage to the Volcano, arriving in time for lunch; visit the Crater in the afternoon and evening. Thursday morning return to Hilo, where the party will remain until Monday afternoon; leaving by S. S. CLAUDINE, arriving at Honolulu Thursday morning, February 6th.

A special rate of \$45.00 covering all necessary expenses for the round trip will be given. This will give an opportunity to take in the Wild West Show in Hilo on Saturday, February 1st.

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It is not good business for this Territory to have the Promotion Commission hold out hopes to alleged settlers when it well knows that the present land laws make it difficult to obtain homesteads that can be profitably cultivated.

"Get them here and let them starve" is a policy that has been proclaimed with much profane vigor by one of the fake-farm exponents. The Promotion Commission cannot subscribe to such a doctrine directly or indirectly.

Certain private interests in the Territory have homesteading propositions, or are supposed to have. The Promotion Commission might well spread these before the people of the mainland for what they are worth, side by side with the tourist literature.

But to drop the tourist work because another scheme is waved before the community in glittering generalities would be worse than folly. Hawaii knows that it has in these islands just what the tourist is looking for. The fact that he has not looked for it as actively this year as last does not warrant abandoning the solicitation and turning to a new toy. There is no doubt that this tour and within recent months assumed a critical attitude toward the Promotion Commission, and this criticism is expressed in the comment that the meetings of the Committee are "all Wood's glowing letters and nothing more." This, however, while directed as a general broadside, should be accepted as criticism of method rather than opposition to the object to be gained.

BAND CONCERT

There will be an extra band concert at Emma Square this afternoon at 4 o'clock in honor of the birthday anniversary of Robert Burns. Following is the program: Introduction—Scotch Airs . . . Wood Selection—"Robert Burns" Bonniessen Medley—"Old Acquaintance" . . . Scott Vocal—Hawaiian Songs, ar. by Berger Selection—"Scotch Melodies" . . . McDonald Finale—"The Star of Bobbie Burns" Hume "And Lang Syne" "The Star Spangled Banner."

Don Kalili, a Hawaiian boy, was convicted of larceny in the second degree this morning in the police court, and was sentenced to the reform school for the rest of his minority. He had stolen \$2.10 from the pocket of an employe of the Hawaiian Electric Co.

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LILIIHA PROTESTANTS

A meeting of the Liliha protestants has been called for Tuesday evening to hear the report of the committee appointed to head off the proposed change of schedule on the Rapid Transit line. A full attendance of those interested is requested.

WALLACH REFUSES TO

(Continued from Page 1) ing in our success over the Board of Health and its bag of tricks, and also notified them that Pinkham's flag was there and then put down, and the flag of J. Lor Wallach, by his Committee of Ten, was to be hoisted up in its place.

Now, Mr. Chairman, I am of the opinion that I have in every way sought to meet the desires of the Board of Health and your honorable Committee of Ten.

It was at your request that I signed to the first agreement, and its set of Conditions, irrespective of the appealing and repeated advice of my devoted friends, who had asked me not to sign that Agreement until I had prepared a part of the Committee of Ten to accompany me on my trip to Molokai.

I beg further, Mr. Chairman, to say that I am ready at any and all times to fulfill its every clause and conditions, but I refuse to sign any other, and, in particular, such a one as I am now asked to sign, as it places me absolutely at the mercy of the President of the Board of Health, whose feeling for me is such as would preclude me or any person of good sense from placing themselves in his grasp. You are also aware that a part of your Committee does not love me much, and are only too anxious that I do fall into the hands of my enemies.

The public knows that President Pinkham and the majority of the Board of Health and all interested parties (living in the Territory) in the Legislature appropriation for the care and maintenance of lepers, which amounts to some between Three and Five Hundred Thousands

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Before closing, I wish to again repeat that I am ready to fulfill the conditions of the agreement that we have all already signed.

Thanking you for your past favors, I remain, Yours very respectfully, J. LOR WALLACH, 248 Beretania St.

"I will absolutely not sign the new agreement," said Wallach this forenoon. "I want a duplicate key to the outer gate, as it would be too dangerous for me to begin the experiment without it. What good would the key to the inner gate alone or the push button do me? They won't open the outer gate, and if one of my patients should get suddenly ill, and I should want to get out to get medicine, where would I be if the guard was not at the gate? Pinkham once agreed to give me the key. He certainly is not such a fool as to sign an agreement without reading it. He cannot get out of it."

"I don't care if the Committee of Ten says that it will have no more to do with me if I don't sign. There are at least three members on it who would be too glad to see me thrown down. I am not afraid that I will not be allowed to make my experiment. The Board of Health will have to allow me to do so in the end. I have written to the people in Kalanapapa, and they will see to it that I am given a chance."

"I have now straightened out the fingers of Chas. Hookano and removed the anesthetic. I am going to call a mass meeting pretty soon at which I will show him to the public so that it can see what I can do."

Special Commissioner of the Board of Agriculture and Forestry F. T. P. Waterhouse, who was appointed to examine the rubber plantations in the Malay Peninsula and Ceylon, was heard from. He was at Singapore when he wrote briefly of his trip.

Jessie K. Kane, executrix of the estate of Junius Kane, who was cited to appear before Judge Lindsay this morning to show cause why she should not file her inventory or published notice to creditors, appeared and promised to do both.

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