

BIG JAP SOLDIER

Remarkable Distinction Accorded to a Private.

CALLED BEFORE HIS EMPEROR

Put Through the Manual and Setting Up Exercises—A Ceremony—Man a Giant.

(The subjoined is translated from one of the leading vernacular papers of Japan. It is a quaint account of an incident that opens a side view on Japan to the Westerner.)

The following further particulars are to hand as regards the soldier of gigantic stature who had the honor of being presented to the emperor at the grand manoeuvre headquarters. His name is Mazumi Yamashita and he belongs to the Third Regiment of the Nagoya Field Artillery. It was about March last that Colonel Watanabe, military attaché to the emperor, was sent to Nagoya to inspect the soldiers belonging to the Third division and in his report on his return there was a paragraph about a soldier of gigantic stature and enormous strength, who was besides most assiduous in his service and exemplary in his general conduct. This report had not been forgotten by the emperor when his majesty on the 19th inst., at the successful conclusion of the grand manoeuvres, inquired of the chief military attaché, Lieutenant-General Okazawa, whether or not the soldier participated in the grand manoeuvres. Thereupon he was hunted up in the Third regiment of the said field artillery, and was immediately brought to headquarters, where he was made to go through arms drills and other forms of calisthenics, Col. Watanabe giving orders, before a window behind which his emperor was watching him. The exercises concluded Lieutenant-General Okazawa called the soldier into his room and impressively told him that nothing could compare to the honor which had just been granted in being summoned so near the presence of his majesty, and that therefore he should bear the occasion always in mind and attend to his duties with all his heart as it would be a great calamity if he were to be found misbehaving himself at some future time when his majesty again might inquire about him. Just at this moment viscount Tanaka, the minister of the imperial household, stepped into the room and after telling the soldier what a gracious regard had been shown him that day, added that the great honor attached not only to himself, but also to his family, his predecessors as well as progeny, and also to his own regiment, and handed him a box of cakes, remarking that the confectionery was to have been offered to the emperor on the preceding day but that it was now given to him, so he should hurry back home with it and share the contents with his parents. The soldier was overjoyed and even moved to tears; and while in that condition he was led away by Sergeant-Major Magosaburo Nakamura. Private Yamashita enlisted in December last and is now twenty-two years of age. His muscular strength is such that he can carry a field piece on his shoulders and climb up mountains where horses are not available. He regularly receives two men's rations of food and his uniforms, etc. are specially made to fit him.

BOXING CLASS IN A CHURCH.

A Jersey City Pastor Who Favors the Manly Art.

NEW YORK, Dec. 10.—A boxing class has been formed in connection with St. John's Episcopal church in Jersey City. Here is what the pastor, Rev. E. L. Stoddard, says: "It is no worse than dancing, and I see no reason why the young men in the church should not have an opportunity to learn how to use their fists. When I was a young man I boxed and fenced and used the broadsword. We have had boxing gloves in the gymnasium ever since it was started ten years ago, and the boys have always boxed, but they have never before had an opportunity to learn to box properly under an experienced teacher. I believe that it makes a fellow more manly to feel that he can use his fists if he is forced to do it."

AN OFFER BY JAPAN.

NEW YORK, Dec. 8.—A special to the Sun from Washington says: Senator Kyle of South Dakota is authority for the statement, which he declares he makes on semi-official authority, that Japan has offered this Government \$200,000,000 for the Philippine Islands. He says that there is a distinct sentiment in official circles in favor of eventually turning the islands over to Japan or to some other power or powers.

These statements are given some weight by the fact that yesterday Senator Kyle had an interview with the President concerning our policy in the Philippines. Senator Kyle declares he will vote for ratification of the peace treaty and that he considers it to be

the duty of every Senator to do so. He says he is opposed, however, to having the United States hold all the islands permanently, and believes that the Government should be satisfied with retaining some point in the islands as a naval base and coaling station.

GARCIA DEAD.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—Gen. Celso Garcia, the distinguished Cuban warrior and leader and the head of the Commission elected by the Cuban Assembly to visit this country, died here this morning shortly after 10 o'clock at the Hotel Raleigh, where the Commission has its headquarters. The sudden change from the warm climate of Cuba, with the hardships he had there endured, to the wintry weather of New York and Washington, is responsible for the pneumonia which resulted in his demise. He contracted a slight cold in New York, which did not assume an alarming stage until the early part of last week.

NEW IN ENGLAND

Christian Science Meeting Sharp Reproof.

Popular Irritation Over the Folly. Legal Repression—Results of Careful Research.

NEW YORK, Dec. 11.—A Sun cable from London says: Popular irritation over the folly and bigotry which are sacrificing valuable lives in the name of so-called Christian science, is becoming very strong in this country. The fact is a new growth in England, and its votaries are few compared with the number of followers which it gained in America when the craze was at its height ten or twelve years ago. Christian science suffers scarcely at all in its principles and teachings from the doctrines of "the peculiar people," a much humbler class of faith-healers, whose representatives frequently figure in English police courts upon complaints of societies for the protection of children from cruelty. These ignorant fanatics are often punished by fine or imprisonment for neglecting to provide proper medical care for their children or others dependent upon them in case of illness.

Now that Christian science is gaining a foothold among persons presumably of a higher grade of intelligence, and is carrying the terrors of the possession of a little knowledge to the point of technical manslaughter, society is naturally becoming exasperated and is demanding a stern legal repression of the mischief. Hence it is that the death of Harold Frederic has developed into a test case against the leaders of the movement.

Meantime an English investigator has discovered that so-called Christian science does not even possess the first merit claimed for it, namely, an origin in the teachings of Christ in the New Testament. Christian science of today is, in fact, merely a revival of the Babylonian medical beliefs of 3,000 years ago. The only change of importance is that, naturally, God and Christ have been substituted for the ancient gods or spirits. The Babylonians of 3,000 years ago had a very common and widespread belief that nature was a realm under the sway of two camps of spirits, one benevolent, the other malevolent. According to one or the other prevailed, the Babylonian was well or ill.

KINAU ARRIVAL.

The Frederick Dhu reached Hilo last Sunday, sixteen days from San Francisco. J. R. Wilson and family were aboard. The schooner John G. North, is "off and on" at Honolulu, weather being too rough for anchorage.

Andrew Moore telephoned to Kawaiahae that he was seeing at Paahoa the roughest weather he had ever known there. The landing-lower works—had been carried away and the rest of the structure was in danger.

The pleasure yacht Josephine, fifty-three days from San Diego, is at Hilo. It is about seventeen tons burthen. The weather was so rough at Lahaina that the Mauna Loa transferred her freight to the Kaula, but Capt. Clarke and Purser Heckley are proud of the fact that the Kinau's boats went in through the breakers and brought off everybody safely.

Capt. Lobb is much struck with the size and beauty of the island of Hawaii. He believes it capable of becoming highly productive.

Pardon Session.

Only two pardons were granted by the Council of State at the session yesterday. Sam Johnson, a Chinese opium smuggler at Wailuku, was the first to receive clemency. He gets a present of six months and will return to his home in San Francisco, where he says he has a wife and several children.

A Japanese, quite ill, can leave Oahu prison at once, instead of waiting till April. The Council declined to reduce the sentences of the two Japanese murderers who are in for twenty years. They were first sentenced to death, had this commuted to life imprisonment and a few years ago secured a change to twenty.

Another opportunity to purchase rugs at auction, before packing the roads, will be given buyers on Thursday, December 29th at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m., in the Progress block.

The new nine-roller mill for Kukui is being shipped by the Honolulu Iron Works. The police people report it a dull holiday season in their line.

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ACCEPTS BLUE RIBBON FIGHT

Subsistence Department—Locking British Army Rations—Fees—Sure of Dealers.

WASHINGTON, December 11.—Commissary-General Egan of the War Department continued his testimony before the War Investigating Committee today. He urged that the Subsistence Department should control the transportation of all its supplies and the furnishing of means for cooking and eating. He said the Secretary of War today approved a bill authorizing the Subsistence Department to build and furnish bake ovens, mess equipment, etc., which were much needed. He thought the Quartermaster-General's department was overburdened with duties innumerable.

He pointed out that the British army was not as well fed by any means as our own, and that the rations already provided the United States soldiers are satisfactory, with the possible addition of dried fruits. He spoke of the constant and urgent importances, which, he said, sometimes amounted to persecution, that various articles of food be added to the regular rations. These importances were backed by strong support and heavy capital. One well-known Senator, whose name he withheld, he said, had proposed and insisted on the article being added, which he claimed would cost only about a cent a ration. While this might be so, for the whole army the cost would amount to an amazing figure.

He said he believed beer should be furnished the men in such quantities as the commanding officer may decide to be best, and in the interest of the men he would be willing to incur the hostility of the blue ribbon societies. Referring to a complaint of the beef given the men in Porto Rico at the outset of that campaign, General Egan said the responsibility rested on other shoulders than his own; that he had purchased the best beef, but after the contract was entered into and the beef was aboard the ships and sent from Newport News General Miles had telegraphed him that he could get the beef on the island. Consequently the beef he shipped remained on the ships, except for a small amount which was brought back to New York and thrown overboard. The beef, of fine quality, was there, he said, and should have been taken.

"No one," he said, "with any sense could hesitate to favor refrigerator beef as against native beef."

He said he had now sent a refrigerator plant to San Juan. Referring to the ignorance of the volunteer army as to rations, General Egan said there should be one commissary-sergeant with each regiment, to instruct the others as to the use and extent of rations.

A BACK BLOW.

The Weapon Small—But None More Certain or Effective.

In these times when backs are lame, when almost every other one we meet has now and then, or all the time, a back that aches or pains—"A weak back," "a bad back," a back that makes their life a misery to bear—and still they go on day by day in suffering and pain. Now 'tis the easiest thing in the world to give this played out back a blow that will settle it, and put in its place a new one equal to any. It's just like this: Hit at the cause; most backaches come from kidney disorder. Reach the kidneys, start their clogged up fibres in operation; when this is done you can say good bye to back-ache.

Here is a case from Battle Creek, Michigan: Mr. Josiah M. Shoup lives at 51 Broad Street, he was a member of the Battle Creek police force for many years. As a member of the force he served the city well, but the rough weather he was often subjected to laid the foundation of kidney trouble, which has troubled him very much. Here is what he says about it: "About three years ago, while on the police force, I contracted from exposure a kidney trouble, which has since given me no end of trouble. The pain was right through my kidneys and across the small of my back; if sitting down and I wanted to stand up I had to rise very slowly, and gently to avoid increasing the pain. I had such tired out feelings all the time, and I was steadily getting worse. About two months ago, hearing of Doan's Backache Kidney Pills, I got a box. Their action and effect was most complete, they removed the old aching pains for good. I can now get around as quickly as anybody. Doan's Backache Kidney Pills are certainly as represented."

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DEATH IN A SEWER.

BARCELONA, December 11.—A large quantity of brickwork in a sewer in course of construction here, collapsed this afternoon, burying many of the workmen. Eighteen bodies have been recovered.

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