CHINESE REFORMERS TO ORGANIZE ARMY

Battalion Will Be Recruited in East to Americanize Poor Chinaman Whose Time Is Spent in Opium and Fantan Joints.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 4.—New Yorkers will be surprised in a month or so by the appearance upon Broadway of a battalion of Chinese soldiers, headed by a Chinese band. They will be armed with the latest Krag-Jorgensen rifles, and will be uniformed in the latest Western style for infantrymen, even down to the so-called "monkey" caps.

The entire battalion is to be recruited from Chinamen living in New York. Residents have been told that they need not be alarmed if they see their favorite laundryman tearing down the old red and white sign in front of his shop and replacing it with a more elaborate affair of green and gold and reading "Corporal Moy Lee, Expert Mangler."

The Corporal must attend drill every Sunday night. He used to play fantan Sunday nights, but since he decided to become a soldier in the Emperor's American bodyguard he has quit all bad habits.

The Chinese military headquarters for the Department of the East, comprising New York, Hartford, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, is to be opened in a few days at Nos. 7 and 9 Mott street. An old building used for many years as a Chinese tenement-house has been renovated and the flats have been torn out. On the first or street floor a modern Chinese store will be opened by a company of rich importers and exporters. In every respect this establishment is to resemble a large American store. On the second floor a restaurant will be opened, and the remainder of the six-story building, which has been decorated a brilliant green, will be occupied by the Chinese Reform Association, of which Joseph M. Singleton, editor of the Chinese Reform News, is the president.

The battalion of soldiers which is being recruited will for a time come under the wing of the Reform Association. It is the purpose of Mr. Singleton and the wealthy Chinese who form the association to furnish drill rooms and uniforms for the battalion until it can become self-supporting.

Lieutenant General Homer Lee of Los Angeles, Cal., a full blooded Chinese who holds a commission from somewhere as the real head of the Chinese Imperial Americans, Chief. He opened negotiations with the Reform Association of the East some months ago and Mr. Singleton was asked to recommend an American to recruit and drill a battalion of the Americo-Chinese regiment. Major George McVicker of St. Bartholomew's Clubhouse, in East Fortieth-second street, organized a company of Chinese soldiers from members of St. Bartholomew's Sunday school, and Mr. Singleton asked him to take up the work of recruiting a New York battalion. Major McVicker accepted, and Lieutenant Green Homer Lee was appointed his aide in the Imperial Chinese Guard of America.

Where it is exactly intended that the money and service of Mr. McVicker should go is not quite clear, but he has taken the work up with enthusiasm and he says that when the summer comes he will have a large body of Chinese soldiers in uniform parade purposes. When visiting Chinese dignitaries come to New York the battalion will be turned out to escort them to their quarters. It is intended that some of the companies of the battalion shall be located in New York. The others will be made up in Baltimore, Philadelphia and Washington. Senatorial campaigns will be formed in other Eastern cities if the Chinese take to the idea. The Reform Association numbers about 500 Chinese Americans, and Mr. Singleton says it will be comparatively easy to get enough young men from this number to form a regiment.

SUGAR IMPORTERS FILE 65 SUITS IN NEW YORK.

Allege That Examination Rules Are Unconstitutional—Millions of Dollars Involved.

New York, Feb. 4.—Parsons, Cravath & Sullivan, acting for the American Sugar Refining Company, Bartram Bros., B. F. Howell Sons & Co. and other sugar importers, served papers on Collector Stranahan at Jersey City, including the duties on nearly 2,000 importations of sugar. In fact, the data on practically every ton of sugar imported since the passage of the Dingley tariff law in 1897 is involved. The importers are successful the Government will have to pay refunds amounting to several millions of dollars.

The suits are a revival of the famous test cases which date back years. The Dingley law, which is supposed to only according to the Dingley tariff law, sugar is classified for duty according to the Dutch standard, which is determined by the polariscope. The Dutch standard, according to the Secretary of the Treasury, is Appraisers to be a specific method of measuring the test, in which corrections are made for temperature, humidity, air and other conditions.

The importers assert that the Government, in which no such corrections are made, should be used, and the case was taken before the Board of United States General Appraisers. The United States Circuit Court sustained the Board of Appraisers, and then the case went to the Supreme Court, which decided against the Government. The Dingley tariff law was then amended, giving the power to promulgate regulations governing the test, and the Treasury Department promulgated an appeal in the case before the Supreme Court. The appeal the Supreme Court, and an argument was made before the Supreme Court. The appeal the Supreme Court will be decided against the importers, and then the cases will be taken promptly to the Supreme Court.

A somewhat similar case was tried in the Supreme Court a few years ago, which the sugar importers thought would be the test case. The Supreme Court upheld the validity of the Treasury Department rules for the examination of the sugar, on constitutional grounds. The importers were defeated.

Arrested After Funeral.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, Feb. 4.—On returning from the funeral of his brother-in-law in the afternoon, Stanislaus Axsmith, 21 years old, of West Manayunk, was arrested by Special Policeman Martin, at the Manayunk Station, and locked up on a charge of stealing coal from the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad. Axsmith, according to the police, had not been in the vicinity of Manayunk for six months, during which time the police have been hunting him.

A WIFE'S MESSAGE

Cured Her Husband of Drinking.

Write Her Today and She Will Gladly Tell You How She Did It.

Mr. husband was a hard drinker for over 20 years and had tried in every way to stop but could not do so. I at last cured him by a simple home remedy which any one can give secretly. I want every one who has drunkenness in their homes to know of this and if they are whose in their desire to cure this disease and will write to me, I will tell them just what the remedy is. My address is Mrs. Margaret Anderson, Box 347 Hilburn, N. Y. I am sincere in this offer. I have sent this valuable information to thousands and gladly send it to you if you will but write me today. As I have nothing whatever to sell, I want no money.

RECIPROCITY AN AID TO LIVE STOCK

Passage of "Open-Door" Treaties Is Advocated by Alvin Sanders, Editor of the Breeders' Gazette.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chicago, Feb. 4.—"Stockmen of the United States are a unit on the proposition of reciprocity treaties which will open the markets of Continental Europe to American live stock and live-stock products," says Alvin H. Sanders, editor of the Breeders' Gazette.

Mr. Sanders believes reciprocal relations with Continental countries, especially with France, Belgium and Germany, which will admit American meat free of duty, will advance the price of cattle and hogs, now at a low point in consequence of overproduction in the United States, and bring an unprecedented era of prosperity for the agriculturist.

The editor has just returned from a trip through the West. He attended the annual convention of the National Live-Stock Association. While there he obtained the adoption of a resolution to the effect that the Central Committee of the organization be requested to take up immediately the matter of opening the markets of Europe to American live stock and their products.

The committee is expected to meet in a few days and form a plan of action. It is understood that pressure will be brought to bear on the Senate to consider favorable the reciprocal treaties, which have been held up in that body since the early part of President McKinley's administration.

"I have given the matter thought and study," said Mr. Sanders, "and am convinced that the market price of American live stock can be enhanced and the production extended by reciprocity treaties that will admit our stock and manufactured products to foreign countries.

"The price of cattle and hogs is almost entirely regulated by supply and demand. The packers and other large consumers are not going to buy stock in much excess of what they require to fill their contracts. There are now more cattle in this country than are required for immediate needs, and the supply is denoted by many to be increasing in excess of the population.

"France, Belgium and Germany, and to a lesser degree, other Continental countries need our beef and pork. The people of those countries rarely see meat, and it is becoming scarcer as the number of possible consumers increases in excess of the live-stock supply. In Europe the conditions regarding supply and demand are the reverse of those in this country. In Paris, for example, the housewife rarely buys a whole fowl, but buys the wings or some other part. With commercial treaties with those countries there would at once be a market for American stock and products that in France alone would amount to $100,000,000 a year.

"We already have the English market, with the exception of live stock, which is to longer admitted from the United States. If we could get France and Germany there would be no more complaints regarding the low prices of American stock. Not only would prices be advanced, but the industry would be developed in a thousand directions.

"The extension of the market for American live-stock products, including all sorts of canned goods, would be immediately followed in my belief by higher prices for American cattle and hogs, as well for the latter, for Europe will always consume more American pork than American beef. The Frenchman and the German is not in general a beef eater, like the Englishman. The packers at present are restricted in their output. There is plenty of stock and prices are correspondingly low."

WOMAN PRAYS FOR DEAD IN CINCINNATI MORGUE.

Passes Hours on Knees Before Bodies of Those Who Have Died by Violence.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cincinnati, Feb. 4.—Praying for the dead whose who have passed away suddenly and by violent means—seems to be the hobby of a woman who pays periodical visits to the morgue. The woman who is always well dressed and appears to be refined, has been a regular caller at the morgue for weeks.

She has appeared at the morgue several weeks ago. She asked if there were any bodies there. Being told that there were she asked to be allowed to see them. Upon being conducted into the deadroom she dropped to her knees in the doorway and but a few feet away from where the mangled bodies of two railroad victims lay upon slabs, and offered up a fervent prayer for the rest of the souls of the unfortunates.

MARYLAND TOWN TERRORIZED BY A HORDE OF WILD CATS.

Trappers and Farmers Organize to Exterminate the Dangerous Wild Beasts.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hagerstown, Md., Feb. 4.—In the place of the extinct wolf in the Maryland mountains there is now special fear in the minds that does behind the place will be cleared of the ordinary wild cats, whose numbers are increasing to the fear of the children of the farmers. Extreme cases have led to the taking up of the possession of the homes in the dwellings of some of the people living near the mountain base.

Night watches are in organized efforts have been made to exterminate the tribe, and several of the big beasts have been slain. Every Hess a trapper has killed two of the animals recently, one of which weighed twenty-seven pounds.

Hess and other trappers are now planning a systematic roundup of the dangerous game on the mountains.

TAKEN FROM BED FOR BAPTISM

Man Immersed When Very Ill Is Now Likely to Recover.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Boston, O., Feb. 4.—Up his supposed deathbed Silas Hyre of Thomson, who recently evinced deep interest in the tenets of the Dunkards, asked to be taken into the communion of the church.

The mode of baptism is by immersion in a stream, so, also. As Mr. Hyre was too weak to be moved, the Reverend Charles Minnich, the pastor, who aided in the conversion, caused a large tank to be brought to the Hyre home, and it was filled with luke-warm water.

It required the assistance of several members of the church to remove Mr. Hyre from his bed to the tank. Pastor Minnich baptized the convert, making the ritual as brief as possible. It is now said Hyre will live.

GIRL HELD ON CAR TRACKS.

Released From Perilous Position as Train Arrived.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dartown, N. J., Feb. 4.—Miss Emma Carman of this place is suffering from the effects of an exciting experience she had a few days ago. In attempting to cross the tracks at the station her foot became fastened in the bridge and rail. She untied her shoe, and even then it seemed impossible to release her foot. The train was due in a moment and was coming not far away.

Miss Carman's brother, Roland, and Miss Jennie Stratton ran to her assistance, and with one supreme effort he pulled the foot was released. Miss Carman's foot and ankle are much swollen as the result.

WORDS OF PRAISE

Indorsements From the Press, Financial Institutions and Customers Prove Not Only the Great Merit of the Kellerstrass Whisky, but the Company to Be the Greatest Distilling Company in the World.

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PATRONS IN EVERY STATE.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is to certify that the KELLERSTRASS DISTILLING CO. have deposited one thousand dollars ($1,000) in gold with us and authorized us to pay it to anyone who will prove that there ever was, or ever is, a drop of whisky taken out of their Bonded Warehouse located right at their United States Registered Distillery, No. 22, 6th District of Missouri, that is not absolutely pure, according to United States Government inspection.

G. B. GRAY,
Cashier American National Bank.

Now, people are unfortunately under the impression that all whiskies are adulterated, if not poisonous, but the Kellerstrass Distilling Co. is a shining exception. All offers of the Whisky Trust called upon these people with a proposition to pay them a handsome profit if they would join the trust forces. The big firm, having its president, answered that immense success had been achieved with the assistance of the great masses of people throughout the country, who would be giving you an opportunity to secure the goods on term. Take your time and wait up to your good. No, we will stick to those who helped us in the beginning.

To the Kellerstrass Distilling Co. St. Louis has one of the biggest whisky manufacturing concerns in the country. Its goods are shipped into every State in the Union, from Maine to California and North Dakota to Texas. The company makes a specialty of mail-order trade, and its goods in proper cases are sent direct to consumers, when, of course, isolated cases may be, manner to indulge in two-cent to see for themselves before we leave him outside the Kellerstrass label.

The Kellerstrass Distilling Co. had a modest beginning, but the growth has been steady and rapid. Again and again the building has been added to, plant and the capacity of the distillery is being increased constantly. It is no unusual sight to see from twenty to forty empty wagons lined up in front of the Kellerstrass shipping department, waiting to be loaded with goods consigned to the far points of the compass.

It is no exaggeration to say that the Kellerstrass goods are better known in outlying and the smaller towns than they are at home. The natural as before pointed out, the volume of the popularity of the great distillery is proportionate with the prominence of the goods.—Globe-Democrat.

Kellerstrass Rye is the best known whisky in the world. Every town and hamlet in the country has its regular patron of the Kellerstrass Distilling Co. The demand is so great that it is not necessary to resort to extensive advertising, but a few from time to time in the newspaper medium, unless an article equally good, also is sale product. New York World.

The whole city north of the Kellerstrass Distilling Co. is a small community in itself, matters of business, which have to do with the world, strate beyond all bounds, up to the age, when coupled with a product which results, in a great deal of the great success of the big firm, the great scale on which it is carried on, the uniform quality of the goods.

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4 QUARTS 10-YEAR OLD RYE COST $3.15

Express prepaid, and we will inclose, **FREE OF CHARGE**, two sample bottles (one 12 and one 15-year-old goods), a corkscrew and a pretty gold tipped, engraved whisky glass. When the goods reach you, examine them and try them. If they are not perfectly satisfactory, send them back. **WE GUARANTEE TO PLEASE YOU.**

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The above firm are sole owners of Rye Distillery No. 22 of the 6th Dist. of Mo. When writing, please mention The St. Louis Republic.

WEALTHIEST CLERGYMAN IN AMERICA TO WED.

Doctor Richard Lewis Howell Will Marry Miss Rush of Philadelphia on February 20.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 4.—The wealthiest Protestant Episcopal clergyman in this country, who astonished New York two months ago by plunging in real estate to the extent of $1,250,000, is to be married on February 20 to a fashionable young woman of Baltimore.

At present Philadelphia is the home of the Reverend Doctor Richard Lewis Howell. His first wife was Miss Mary T. Rush, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin T. Rush, of this city, and upon her death Doctor Howell inherited her fortune, which has vastly increased.

Miss Gwendolin Whistler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Delano Whistler, of Baltimore, is the bride to be. She is not yet 18 years old, and has never been formally introduced into society, although she has traveled much. It was in Europe that Doctor Howell met her. The Whistler family stands at the head of Maryland society, and the beautiful daughter has been greatly admired.

It was last December that Doctor Howell caused a stir in New York by purchasing the Hotel Regent, the Hotel Aberdeen and Brevoort Hall, three fashionable apartment houses, for which he paid $1,250,000 in cash, and $1,000,000 in Philadelphia real estate. His income from these investments alone will be $200,000 a year.

The wedding will take place at Palm Beach, where Doctor Howell has a home. Mrs. Whistler, whose father was a brother of the famous artist of that name, has not confirmed the report of her daughter's marriage.

OWES HER LIFE TO NEW HAT.

Stylish Headgear Saves Woman's Face in Fall.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Milwaukee, Feb. 4.—According to physicians and others who know the case, Mrs. Ella Wells of No. 81 North Illinois street probably owes her life to a pretty new hat.

She met with an accident and had a narrow escape from death, and if it only within the last day or two she has been able to leave the house since the accident.

Mrs. Wells had been out to dinner and when she came in the hallway was dark. She tripped along thoughtless of any danger, and, forgetful of a rear stairway leading to the basement. Before she could recover herself she fell headlong down the stairs a distance of ten or fifteen feet.

For a long time Mrs. Wells lay unconscious, and when her friends finally located her and picked her up she was still in a deep swoon as the result of the fall.

She had fallen face downward and although her forehead was badly bruised, the front of the hat had prevented a fracture of the skull. The right side of her face was disfigured and she was badly bruised about the body.

CAMPAIGN FOR MONUMENT.

Sons of Veterans Would Mark Confederate Graves.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Jackson, Miss., Feb. 4.—One of the important subjects to be discussed at the annual reunion of the United Sons of Veterans, to be held at Jackson beginning on April 17, will be the proposed inauguration of a campaign in each county to raise funds for the erection of monuments to the Confederate dead.

It has been the desire of the United Confederate Veterans for many years that a monument to the fallen heroes of the Lost Cause should be erected at the county seat of every county in the State, but thus far very little progress has been made with the work, only three or four county monuments having been erected. During the past few months, however, there has been a decided revival of interest in the matter. A few days since a contract was awarded at Tupelo for the erection of a state monument to the soldiers of Lee County, and the work of soliciting funds for the monument is actively in progress.

Similar movements are under way in Franklin and Rankin counties, with every prospect of being successfully consummated within the next few months. It is believed that if the Sons of Veterans will take hold of the matter through their local camps that within the next few months a monument will be erected at every county seat in the State.

ST. LOUIS WOMEN ENROLLED.

Mrs. Cairns and Mrs. Pepper Belong to Armorial Ancestors.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, Feb. 4.—About 100 men and women of the Republic who boast of their descent to the plane of democracy from a more or less lofty altitude of aristocracy have knocked for admittance to the newly organized order of American Armorial Ancestors, that they may proclaim to the world the one-time right of their progenitors to bear arms.

The purpose of the order is purely that of official enrollment, with the right to wear the badge.

No one is barred because of sex from the order, but the names of few men appear in the list of members.

With Mrs. William Gerry Slade as charter members are: Mrs. Cairns, Mrs. E. S. Pepper of St. Louis, Mrs. George H. Gould of New York City, Mrs. John Miller Horton of Buffalo and William Murray Campbell of New York City.

DEVELOP SYMPTOM TOO SOON.

Doctor Wiley Now Keeps Squad in Ignorance of Poison Diet.

The Republic Bureau,
Ryan Building, 14th and F Streets.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Owing to the well-known habit of medical students to imagine that they are suffering from the disease about which they happen to be studying, Doctor Harvey W. Wiley, Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, has been compelled to change the former methods of administering drugs to the poison squad.

In past experiments the young students were allowed to know that they were eating a certain drug, and in several cases their imaginations ran away with them. They really suffered from symptoms of poisoning long before they had taken enough of any drug to bring about such a condition.

Therefore, Doctor Wiley came to the conclusion that it would be well to conceal the nature of drugs absorbed until after the experiment had been concluded. He has put this plan into effect. Now the students do not know whether to feel the symptoms produced by one acid preservative or another.

M'KINLEY'S PORTRAIT READY FOR METROPOLITAN MUSEUM.

SPECIAL BY CABLE TO THE REPUBLIC.

Paris, Feb. 4.—(Copyright, 1905.)—I have just seen the portrait of McKinley now in the studio of Mr. Benziger, who has painted it for the Metropolitan Museum.

In accordance with the desire of Mrs. McKinley, Mr. Benziger has given the portrait a distinctly official character, which the artist himself might not have done if he had followed his own inclination.

Mr. Benziger was the pupil of Bouguereau and Bonnat, and has assimilated certain qualities of theirs.