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THE TROOPS SHOULD STAY IN CHINA'S CAPITAL.

"China Holds All the Aces," according to a cartoon which the Literary Digest reproduces from the Shanghai Saturday Review. There is significance in the fact that China's hand consists of only four aces—Trade, Territory, Agriculture, and Population.

Part of those troops have staid in Pekin, and in their strength as 6,000 men well organized, are today the most powerful body in the Chinese capital. Japan has about 1,100; England, 1,200; Russia, 115; Germany, 750; Italy, 230; Austria, 225; and the United States, 110.

Now the remarkable thing is that the "Dust of Pekin" does not desire these troops withdrawn. Pekin is not a place of Celestial calm. The dismissal of Yuan Shih-Kai, who had undertaken to give the Flowery Kingdom something besides vine poles and seeds to fight with, has not reassured anybody.

The winter of the reaction seems to be nearing an end, but the summer of reform is not yet at hand. Today we are enjoying peace, and yet no one knows what may happen tomorrow—so great is the apprehension of the foreign population in China.

The troops will stay, and they ought to stay. Whoever has read that remarkable book, "Some Indiscreet Letters From Pekin," will hope for such a display of foreign authority in China as will impress the populace as well as the government.

GARDEN SCHOOL AND "GYM" FOR YONKERS.

An estate of several acres and a mansion house has been bought by Mrs. Sage and given to the children of Yonkers for use as a garden school. Already the gift represents an outlay of \$30,000, and by the time the old residence is made a club house and the attic fitted as a gymnasium, the cost will be considerably more.

Why a gymnasium in a city known for its beautiful lawns and open spaces? Surely, there is enough play space out of doors. And why a garden school at all? Five years ago these questions would have suggested themselves immediately.

No city can expect its children to play on velvet lawns or public parks. The children who need the play have free access to neither. They are the tenants of homes maintained from hat, carpet, and rug factories, from grain elevators, sugar refineries, foundries, and machine shops.

It ought to be manifest that these poorer children cannot play in alleys, in livery stables, around car barns, even in vacant lots, without great danger. It ought also to be clear that wherever they play without guidance they are unlikely either to receive the impulse or learn the methods of making their homes beautiful and beautiful.

What Mrs. Sage is doing to these practical ends in Yonkers, the State should do for its own welfare everywhere. In Massachusetts the State has done its full part. Playgrounds are provided in every city of 10,000 inhabitants and garden training is a regular feature of the public schools.

such an establishment as one woman has provided for a city of 50,000, and the appropriation for playgrounds would not maintain those of any Bay State city of 10,000.

TURNING BACK THE CLOCK IN ILLINOIS.

Chicago's municipal court has turned back the clock. Its members have decided that Judge McKenzie Cleland had no authority of law to parole and reform juvenile offenders.

"At a late session of the 'reporting' court," says the news dispatch, "at which his charges were scheduled to appear, his 'paroles' were either discharged or were sent to the Bridewell to serve the original penalties imposed."

The cost of this step may be immeasurable in youngsters set loose to commit crime anew or confirmed in criminal instinct by association with the "nuts" of Bridewell. But we greatly mistake Illinois if that is to be the end of it.

AN AMAZING SIDE-LIGHT ON RUSSIA.

From Beaumont and Fletcher to Nick Carter no tale has ever been told more amazing than that which comes from Paris and St. Petersburg as to the supposed chief of the Terrorists and a former chief of police.

The story goes so far as to ask non-Russians to believe that both Azeff, the putative Terrorist, and Lopukhin, the ostensibly loyal chief of police, knew of this double character, and that neither "blew" on the other.

Of course, it is all too horribly fantastic to be credited an instant. And yet—M. Lopukhin was a Russian dignitary. He had served without discredit as Russian chief of police.

What a tangle of suspicion, faithlessness, insecurity, and alarm it all reveals! Is this the state of Russia today? Are its officers of the Czar conviving in the name of the law at their backs upon the very body of their king? Other European capitals cry "Canard!" But Azeff has fled from Paris, and is now believed to be at liberty in Russia while a former minister of police stands charged with high treason.

The disclosures of a month have not cleared the air. Surely, there is an insight into the unrest of a great empire which is not to be closed with a smile and shrug of the shoulders.

A STATE INCOME TAX LAW FOR WISCONSIN.

The people of Wisconsin recently reorganized their constitution so that it is possible to impose an income tax. Now the Legislature at Madison is considering a bill which proposes to tax all incomes in excess of \$600, and to make this a substitute for all personal property taxes.

up to incomes of \$160,000, when the tax becomes 20 per cent. Right up close to the application of the tax, with their pencils in hand and their pads on their laps, Wisconsin people are wondering how it will seem.

There is, of course, much protest against some of the rates, which seem excessive. But in general the people in Wisconsin seem disposed to stand by the experiment. They think the rates will finally be made much smaller all along the line; particularly so on the very small and very large incomes.

Experiments in State income taxes will enlighten most usefully the road to a national income tax. But they will also complicate the process of getting the latter, because duplication of this kind of taxes in some States would amount to peculiarly obvious discrimination.

Now is the time to nail the colors to the keel, close haul the mizzen yard-arm, reef up the cook's quarters, and let about four sheets out in the wind. It will be well always to refer to the atmospheric disturbance as a spanking squall, and to remember that this here navy of ours has just been around the world and can lick anything extant.

Oregon Legislature has passed a resolution to submit to the people an amendment to the State constitution, permitting the State to build, own and operate railroads.

English society is going in strong for amateur theatricals. No wonder there is beginning to be worry about the deterioration of the standard of English physical manhood.

There would seem to be a screw loose somewhere. On the same day that the Senate Judiciary Committee denounces the President for permitting a merger which gave the United States Steel Corporation a monopoly, it turns out that the biggest warfare of many years on steel prices has been inaugurated.

In the matter of quoting figures on the cost of the canal, Goethals has raised the limit on everybody else; but then he had the age.

Delaware farmers want the Legislature to pass a law which will exclude all save Delaware produce from selling produce in the Wilmington market.

Miss Ruth Tanner, daughter of Mrs. Z. L. Tanner, who is a student at Bryn Mawr, will come to Washington for the inauguration, accompanied by two of her fellow-students.

Miss Katherine Crans, who is among the number of Washington people spending a few days at West Point in celebration of the centennial of the inauguration of Washington in time for the inauguration.

The French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand entertained a small company informally at luncheon at the embassy today.

Entertains Delegates. Clifford Pinchot was host at dinner last evening in compliment to the conservation delegates now in Washington.

DR. GRIGGS TO GIVE SECOND LECTURE. "The Race, the Epoch, and the Individual in Art" will be the subject of the second of the course of lectures being delivered weekly by Dr. Edward Howard Griggs, at All Souls' Church, on "Art and the Human Spirit," next Wednesday evening.

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HERRICK WANTS CHARGE PUSHED. CLEVELAND, Feb. 21.—Former Governor Myron T. Herrick has asked the county prosecutor not to dismiss the indictment against Mamie Lee, of Chicago, charged with attempting to blackmail Herrick during his second campaign for the governorship.

FIREARM ENDS LIFE. COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 21.—Solomon Holt, a Columbus city fireman, committed suicide early this morning at his home, 4 White Thorn avenue, by drinking carbolic acid. Holt was found dead by his wife when she got up. He had been in ill health for several weeks, but so far as is known had had no trouble which might cause the act.

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MISS JARVIS AND MR. GIBSON ENTERTAIN AT BREAKFAST

Entertained by Mr. and Mrs. McLean at their Suburban Home. GEN. AND MRS. BELL ENTERTAIN TODAY

Give Beautifully Appointed Buffet Luncheon at Home in Fort Myer.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean were hosts at a large breakfast for young people this morning at Friendship, their suburban home, in compliment to Miss Grace Jarvis and Preston Gibson, whose marriage takes place Tuesday afternoon.

Miss Jarvis and Mr. Gibson have been constantly feted and entertained since the announcement of their engagement some weeks ago. Tonight they will be the honor guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moore at dinner in their new home, on Massachusetts avenue.

Mr. Moore is to be one of the ushers at the wedding. Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Vanderbilt have arrived in Washington for the wedding, and are house guests of Mr. and Mrs. Moore. Mr. Vanderbilt will also be one of the bridegroom's attendants.

Last evening Mr. Gibson entertained at his bachelor dinner at the Metropolitan Club. His guests were Reginald Vanderbilt, Melville E. Stone, Jr., Paul Rainey, Francis Hamilton, and Frederick Paine, of New York; King Wainwright and Richard Elkins, of Philadelphia; W. W. Keith and George P. Porter, of Chicago; Kai Parr, James M. Thompson, H. C. Brown, and George Brown, Jr., of Baltimore; Gist Blair, Nathaniel Simpkins, Richard Simpkins, William Hill, Oden Horstmann, Capt. Archibald Butt, Larz Anderson, Clarence Moore, Brig. Gen. Clarence Edwards, W. E. Hibbs, Reginald Hildekooper, Frederick Hildekooper, Hugh Leach, John P. Walter, Frank A. Denny, George Howard, John P. Wilkins, D. R. McKee, Jr., and Mr. Hanhara, of the Japanese embassy.

Gen. and Mrs. J. Franklin Bell entertained at a beautifully appointed buffet luncheon today in their home, at Fort Myer, having as their guests the officers of the general staff of the army and their wives. The company numbered about sixty.

The Secretary of the Treasury and Mrs. Cortelyou were hosts at dinner last evening in honor of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

The Secretary of Commerce and Labor and Mrs. Straus entertained at dinner last evening, having as their guests the French Ambassador and Mme. Jusserand, the Minister of Norway and Mme. Gude, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, Senator, McCready, Senator, Dillingham, Representative, Butler Ames, the Secretary of the British Embassy and Mrs. H. W. Kennard, Col. and Mrs. Charles S. Brownell, Miss Zaiten, Miss Gertrude Williams, Miss Boardman, Henri Martin, of the Swiss legation, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hochstadter.

The Secretary of the British Embassy and Mrs. George Young were dinner hosts last evening, entertaining in honor of the Hon. Reginald Walsh and Lady Margaret Walsh, their house guests.

Miss Lona Tillman, daughter of Senator and Mrs. Tillman, has cards out for a bridge party Saturday afternoon, February 27, from 2:30 to 6 o'clock in honor of the archonides. Tea will be served at 5 o'clock.

For Miss Roosevelt. Miss Ethel Roosevelt was the honor guest of the Secretary of War and Mrs. Luke E. Wright at a young people's dinner, followed by dancing. The company at the table included Miss Nabuco, daughter of the Brazilian ambassador, Miss de Lagercrantz, daughter of the Swedish minister; Miss Lawson, Miss Elsie Aldrich, Miss Martha Bacon, Miss Dorothy Williams, Miss Matilda Marshall, John Barrett, Director of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Mitchell Innes, counselor of the British embassy; Lieutenant Charles J. Linnell, Lieutenant Charles Day Palmer, daughter of the Secretary and Mrs. Wright, and Luke E. Wright, Jr.

Great interest is being manifested by the members of the Diplomatic Corps in the exercises in celebration of Washington's birthday to be held Monday morning at 10:45 o'clock in the New Music Temple under the auspices of the Sons of the Revolution.

The dean of the corps, the Italian ambassador, accompanied by Baroness Mayor des Planches, and the members of their embassies, will be present. Among others who will attend will be the French ambassador, M. Jusserand, who will be one of the speakers of the occasion, the German ambassador, Count Bernstorff, the Brazilian ambassador, Joaquim Nabuco, the Japanese ambassador, Baron Takahira, the Belgian minister, Baron Menehour, the Danish minister, Count Moltke, and several others.

The Georgetown Chapter of the Delta Chi fraternity has invitations out for a large convocation evening at the chapter house, 115 Rhode Island avenue.

Miss Marguerite Menehour, daughter of the Belgian minister, who has spent the last few days in Baltimore, will return to Washington today.

Mrs. de Calderon and Mrs. de Calderon, wife and daughter of the Bolivian minister, entertained informally at luncheon today in honor of Miss Godey and Miss Camillo.

The Military Attache of the German Embassy at Manila, Don Lavonza, will return to Washington today from Florida, where they spent the last few weeks.

The Brazilian Ambassador and Mme. Nabuco will entertain an informal party at dinner this evening at the embassy.

The Danish Minister and Countess Moltke entertained a small company informally at luncheon yesterday.



MISS GRACE JARVIS. —Photo by Henderson.

SECRETARY AND MRS. CORTELYOU ENTERTAIN FOR PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROOSEVELT.

AT HOME

Miss Marie de La Coste is with Mrs. Peyton Randolph Hall, 128 Corcoran street, and will receive Saturdays.

The following Congressional Ladies will receive at the Dewey, Tuesday, from 2 to 7 o'clock: Mrs. Loudenslager, Mrs. Crumpacker, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Vreeland, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Ellis, Mrs. Graf, Mrs. Currier, Mrs. Louch.

Mrs. Francis H. Parsons and Miss Parsons will receive at 210 First street southeast, Monday afternoon, for the last time this season.

Mrs. Henry Wiley Butler and Mrs. Robert Christy will receive Tuesday, from 2 to 6 o'clock, at 177 Willard street.

Mrs. S. H. Gibson and the Misses Gibson will receive at 172 S street, will receive Tuesday, February 23, from 4 to 7 o'clock.

Mrs. Richard Barthol, wife of Representative Barthol, will be at home for the last time this season Tuesday, from 3 to 6 o'clock, at 1903 Euclid street.

Mrs. Arthur Ramsay will receive Monday afternoon at Calumet place.

NOT RECEIVING

Mme. Alfred Thierry, of the Portland, will not receive tomorrow. Mrs. Howry will not receive tomorrow afternoon.

COYNE WILL WED FELLOW MOLLUSC

Actor Whose Wife Got Divorce, to Marry Miss Alexandria Carlisle. LONDON, Feb. 21.—Joseph Coyne, whose wife, Anna Boyd Coyne, secured a divorce from him in Poughkeepsie, N. Y., will marry, in a few weeks, Miss Alexandria Carlisle, the beautiful actress who appeared in New York last autumn in "The Mollusc." No date has yet been set for the wedding.

COYNE'S SUCCESS IN "THE MERRY WIDOW," now playing in London, is very pronounced, and he has become a popular idol among the theatergoers.

HAD DENIED STORY. NEW YORK, Feb. 21.—In the divorce testimony, evidence of misconduct on the husband's part was offered to the referee by Neil McCay, who belonged to the companies in which Coyne was starred. He testified that he had frequently seen the defendant in London in company with a slender woman with light brown hair. Last November it was rumored that he was engaged to Miss Carlisle, who stated with him in "The Mollusc," but this was indignantly denied by all concerned. At that time Mrs. Coyne said she contemplated no action against her husband. Coyne is thirty-nine years old.

HAS NOT ACCEPTED DARTMOUTH CHAIR

Trustee of College Denies Representative McCall Has Agreed to Be President. CONCORD, N. H., Feb. 21.—With reference to the published statement that Representative Samuel W. McCall of Massachusetts had signified to the trustees of Dartmouth College his willingness to accept the presidency of that institution, Gen. Frank S. Sreeter, of this city, one of the trustees, today said that no such communication had been received.

Taft PICKS DESIGN FOR YACHT TROPHY

Gives Silver Cup to Toledo Club for Annual Race Meet in August. TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 21.—The Toledo Yacht Club committee returned from Cincinnati, where it conferred with President-elect Taft, who picked out a design for its trophy to the club. The cup will be twenty-two inches high, and will be of heavy sterling silver. It will bear the inscription: "President's cup, Toledo Yacht Club, without trophy presented by William Taft, President United States, to Toledo Yacht Club, 1908."

NEW JUNGLE BOOTS SENT TO ROOSEVELT

Two Pairs Specially Tanned for Hunting in Africa Added to Outfit. BROCKTON, Mass., Feb. 21.—Two pairs of hunting boots which were made in this city have been shipped to President Roosevelt, and will be added to his outfit for the trip into the African jungle.

THINKS STRANGER STOLE DICTIONARY. BUFFALO, Feb. 21.—Peter F. Brady, thirty-six years old, who says he is a traveling salesman from Philadelphia, and whose distinguished mien would indicate even a better station in life than that, was arrested here this morning on a charge of petty larceny.