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THE ARMY UNIFORM.

It is a new thing to see the United States Army striking out for itself in the matter of uniforms. As a general thing it has been a copyist. The early continental uniform was, in all but the combination of colors, a French conception; and the Napoleonic style influenced the uniform worn in the war of 1812. For a while, during the Kosuth excitement, the Army wore a Hungarian hat; but the influence of France continued strong and was seen in the Mexican war service and dragon uniforms. At the outbreak of the Civil War, France was the paramount military power of Europe and we even took to her flashy zouave costume. The French fashion in full dress, prevailed up to some extent in field dress, prevailing up to the early 'seventies and then gave way to the German. Helmet and shoulder knot supplanted chapeau, kepi and epaulet. At the same time there was an eruption of "orders" on the Army breast, medals of various societies being worn after the fashion of European stars and crosses. This fashion still prevails and is becoming a bit ridiculous.

When the war with Spain came on with its tour of tropical service, the Army borrowed the khaki uniform of the British Army in India. It was a good investment. We did not take the British hat but got the clothes; and they proved themselves comfortable in hot weather and inconspicuous amid dry vegetation. It was felt, however, that a color which merges with any kind of vegetation would be better, so the Army will soon be dressed in a kind of olive drab, the trousers being cut short at the knee and leggings or bound cloths substituted. The typical American service hat will be retained, although its color may be made to match that of the uniforms. Thus arrayed the Army will be distinctively clad for perhaps the first time in its history; it will be neither French, German, Italian nor Russian, but American.

As to the full dress uniform, that will remain about as it is, though why it should be kept at all is a puzzle to laymen. There is majesty and power enough in a great corps of armed and disciplined men to impress the spectator without tricking the soldiers in feathers and gewgaws. The nice clothes and ornaments cost more than they come to.

So far the summer has been an especially good one for stock. It has rained enough to keep grass and sorghum growing without irrigation. But for the lantana, which has spoiled so much good pasture, milk would be a drug on the market.

"Are there women in Heaven?" asks the Atlanta Constitution. Why not? Did you ever see a picture of a male angel? The question is are any men there?

Mr. Bryan's Commoner says: "The Kansas City platform is not a thing to run from." Very likely. Neither is it a thing to run on.

Miners Won't Strike.

INDIANAPOLIS, July 19.—When the miners' convention met today it was evident that all probability of a strike had utterly vanished. The anthracite men who have favored a strike were practically unanimous in declaring that it would have been unwise to order a general strike. The chances are that the convention will finish its work today and it will be ended by the adoption of the recommendations of President Mitchell, with the exception of amendments in the matter of bringing the assessments upon the members of the union. At the opening this morning "Mother" Jones was given the floor. She made an address which was enthusiastically applauded. She declared that before coming to Indianapolis she had favored a general strike but since coming to the convention she had reached the opinion that the conclusion reached by the delegates to avoid such a movement was the wisest course. She urged the delegates to oppose at the Congressional elections this fall every man who was favorable to "government by injunction."

The Good Roads Movement.

ST. PAUL, July 19.—President Hill of the Great Northern has placed at the disposal of Colonel R. W. Richardson, good roads expert for the United States government, a complete train with the privilege of taking it over the lines of the system wherever he sees fit without cost. The train will be employed in making demonstrations of road building through the northwest. The cost of operating the train will approximate \$100 a day and an itinerary of 100 days is planned, representing the equivalent of a cash subscription from the Great Northern of \$10,000. The concession of the Great Northern insures the holding of the National Good Roads convention here during the week of the State Fair.

Trade With South Africa.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Further inquiries at Cape Town into the trade situation in South Africa tend to show that the increase of American trade is solely owing, cables the London correspondent of the Tribune, to the war in freight rates from New York to South Africa. So far most of the increase is in produce and breadstuffs, American flour ousting Australian and Argentine. All complaint of the conservatism of the British, who refuse concessions, says the correspondent, which are cheerfully granted by pliant and energetic Americans.

MONEY TO RE-BUILD CAMPANILE

VENICE, July 18.—Giovanni P. Morosini, a descendant of an ancient family which has given Venice several doges, and who is now a wealthy banker of New York City, has sent \$100,000 to help rebuild the Campanile. The contribution has created great emotion. When Morosini left Venice he was poor.

The architect, Boni, to whom, with a committee, has been given the work of reconstructing the Campanile, has been entrusted also with the emendation and care of all the other Venetian monuments. Signor Boni is a director of the excavations at the Roman forum. The recovery of the decorations of the Sansovino Loggetta is proceeding satisfactorily under Signor Boni's care. In addition to the bronze gates, which were found intact, the whole front cornice, with three marble bas reliefs, was found practically undamaged and the bronze Mercury was only slightly injured. Among the bricks of which Campanile was built have been found Roman bricks from Aquileia, the birthplace of the Venetians, evidently brought as relics of their old home. Portions of the tower prove to have been hollowed and filled with rubbish.

Events in Peru

NEW YORK, July 19.—The government will entertain at a banquet on July 24th, in the palace, the members of the diplomatic corps and their families, the presidents of the legislative chambers, members of courts of justice, the mayor of Lima and other notables, cables the Lima, Peru, correspondent of the Herald. The government sanitary authorities are investigating the cause of death of a woman who arrived in Callao on the steamer Palena from Panama. It is reported to have been a yellow fever case.

Sale at Christie's.

NEW YORK, July 19.—Two interesting sales have just been held at Christie's, one consisting of porcelain, sculpture, furniture and old French tapestry, and the other of jewels and lace, cables the London correspondent of the Herald. A rare sixteenth century gold pendant containing a miniature of Queen Elizabeth, fetched the top price of the sales, \$20,250.

Great Fire in Ecuador.

NEW YORK, July 19.—A large loss of life is reported in the great fire, cables the Guayaquil (Ecuador) correspondent of the Herald. The number of victims has not been ascertained. The homeless are being cared for as quickly as possible by the government officials. Action is being taken to alleviate distress.

Aid of Cuban Planters.

HAVANA, July 18.—The Senate has appointed a committee to decide whether the agricultural and cattle industries in Cuba need assistance, and if so, to recommend means to aid them. The loan of \$4,000,000 to assist cane-growers is proposed, and it is also suggested that a bounty of \$5 be paid for each cow imported into the island.

AN ATTACK ON MISSIONARIES

WASHINGTON, July 19.—An account has reached here of the details of an assault committed on some Methodist missionaries in Korea by Japanese coolies about the 15th of last month. As Bishop Moore of the M. E. Church was en route to the town of Soowonto to dedicate a church his party was attacked by Japanese coolies who were building the railroad from Seoul to Fusan. With the bishop were his young daughter and Messrs. Apponzeller and Swearer and all of the party suffered. The bishop's pith helmet saved his skull from a crushing blow, Apponzeller was struck down by a blow from a club, and Swearer, the other missionary, was struck with a piece of cordwood, which gashed his head across the forehead to the bone and may have permanently injured one eye. The Japanese Minister at Seoul immediately put in motion all the machinery at his command to secure the capture and punishment of the assailants. It does not appear that any racial feeling caused the attack.

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