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LIGHTS ALONG THE SHORE

Piratical Craft and Crew Anchored in the Potomac.

ARE SAILORS OF MISFORTUNE

Colony of Tramps Have Taken Possession of an Old Sand Sloop - Used as a Mid-winter Hard-luck Hotel - How They Provisions and Signal with Flash Lights and Whistles from Shore to Boat.

Had it not been for a long stretch of blue smoke which curled lazily upward through the snow-laden atmosphere yesterday it would have been almost impossible to locate the piratical old sand-sloop which a number of tramps have converted into a midwinter, as well as midwinter, lodging-house.

Closely pressed by the police, who charged them with vagrancy if they sought free quarters for the night at the several stations, and being without means to patronize the cheap lodging-houses which line B street, a number of homeless wayfarers first established several dugouts along the river front, where they could sleep and while away the hours, free from molestation.

Old mother necessity, with her fertility for overcoming obstacles and suggesting inventions, came to the relief of the wayfarers, and one week ago a scouting party returned to the Mission landing room on an expedition across Long Bridge and reported that they had solved the sleeping problem. They found in the marsh, near the Virginia shore of the Potomac, an old sand-sloop with the nearly obliterated name George and Lucy painted on its stern.

The sloop had been laid up for the winter by its owner, and was securely anchored at a mooring place, so that individual no doubt thought. The bow and stern anchors consisted of huge pieces of brownstone fastened to a long rusty chain, which creaked wildly as the old crew and crew with the tide.

This discovery was regarded as a good thing by the tramps, and they straightway proceeded to fit up the George and Lucy as a sort of anti-catch-me establishment for the winter.

It was impossible for a Times reporter to get aboard of the sloop yesterday, but he learned from the history of the vessel, which is a member of the ill-assorted crew last night. This party called at the Mission for lodgings, and stated that it was "too infernally cold" for them "to go to the old sand-sloop."

He said the men had worked the sloop down into a sort of cove where the water is shallow, just beyond Long Bridge, and where the spontaneous growth of shrubbery along the flats acts to shield the boat both from view and the piercing north winds. The cabin at the stern has been fitted up as a combined kitchen, dining room and sitting room, while from six to eight men also bunk in the warm apartment every night. The front part of the sloop is covered with tree boughs, old pieces of board, and other material, which the "holos" gathered from the city dump, just in rear of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

In order to secure lodgings and food on board the applicant must agree to furnish during the day for "vital statistics," a term they have applied to food.

To reach the sloop the "holos" have a skiff, which they use as a "bore-boat." In the day time two short, sharp whistles, followed by two longer ones, similar to a railroad signal, are blown from the sloop, which are answered by a series of similar whistles from the craft, and in a few minutes the skiff will be seen forcing its way through the weeds as it approaches the shore, guided and propelled by a FRODO-HEADED BOATMAN.

The night signal is made by whistling, and then, after a short interval, burning a match or piece of paper by the party on shore. The strictest silence is enjoined upon the midwinter lodgers, and any violation of the rules or the sloop is punished by the "holos" by a guilty party being thrown overboard and given a ducking in the icy waters of the Potomac.

When asked how the men obtained their provisions, the reporter's informant said: "Hustle for 'em the same as all our other buds do, and I guess some of the boys find potatoes to eat most sometimes where it is not cold."

One of the favorite dishes on the menu of the George and Lucy is called "spud hash." It is made from a mixture of potatoes and cabbage, which is fried in a pan. The kitchen is fitted up with an old trawler, found on the dump, and a variety of tinware and other discarded receptacles of metal, which are used for cooking. The "division," they are called, is the fourth precinct, and they have not interfered with the combination, as it is said to be out of the jurisdiction of the District, near the Virginia shore. The authorities on the other side are not inclined to interfere with the occupants of the old craft so long as they do not violate any law.

SIX DOCTORS FAILED

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Mr. Alvin E. Clark writes from Meadeville, Pa.: "Dr. Walker's reputation as a specialist is so great that I have more than once more can scarcely add to it. However, I am pleased to say that he cured me of my nervous system, after six other doctors had failed to do so."

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LOCAL NEWS OF ALL SORTS

The Weather To-day. The District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia - Fair; warmer; southwesterly winds.

Under Arrest for Forgery - Frank Callahan, nineteen years of age, is under arrest charged by Arthur A. Monroe with forging his name to a small order. Callahan was taken into custody on a magistrate's warrant by Precinct Officer D. M. Secord.

Fell on the Ice - Edward White passing through the West Capitol Park about 7 o'clock last evening Mrs. Emily E. Hayden, of No. 419 Third street, slipped on the ice and fell into the water. She was rescued by a passerby and taken to her home in a cab.

No New Smallpox Cases - The smallpox situation presented a clean sheet yesterday. No new cases of the disease nor suspiciously were reported. Palmer stationery, from the post-office at a late hour last night stated that all the patients were doing well.

Charged with Keeping a "Speak-easy" - Isaac Palmer, a thirty-eight year old colored man, was arrested yesterday by Police Officer Kupper, of the Fourth precinct, charged with operating a "speak-easy" at No. 313 Third street, S. W. The complainant is William A. Jones, colored. Palmer stoutly denies that he has ever sold liquor with or without a license.

Perjury Seriously III - Detective Sergeant W. W. Perry, of police headquarters, is seriously ill in his bed at No. 117 Second street, N. W. The sergeant was taken sick several nights ago and found it necessary to go home at once.

Fatal Accident to a Boy - While playing on the corner of 11th and F streets, northwest Saturday evening, Stephen Ford, white, twelve years of age, fell and dislocated his left arm. He was attended at his home, No. 215 H street, by Dr. R. M. Brown.

Drunk Man with a Breech - John O'Neill is in front of a parsonage on 11th and F streets, northwest, charged with carrying concealed weapons. When arrested for drunkenness by Police Officer Langley a razor was found in his hip pocket.

Found an Active Pickpocket - The foxy pickpocket who has been "working" the Fourth street cable line during the past few days, secured another victim Saturday in Miss A. Martin, of the Treasury Department. She reported to police headquarters that she had lost a pocketbook containing \$10 while riding on the cable line.

Stole a Preacher's Wheel - Heretofore Rev. Alexander Wilkins, of No. 126 E street, S. W., has been a member of the Virginia Avenue Baptist church. He was arrested yesterday by Police Officer Williams, charged with stealing a bicycle. The bicycle was found in the rear of his home on H street, northwest, while he was inside. Unless the bicycle is recovered Mr. Wilkins will be fined \$100.

JAPAN REFORMING KOREA

Elaborate Programme for Radical Changes in the Government.

TO BE NO MORE OFFICE SELLING

Military System to Be Established, a Navy Created, Functions of Cabinet Officers Determined, Finances Regulated, and Useless Ceremonial Abolished - Tai Won Kan, Regent, Promises to Abstain from Politics.

Late newspaper mail advices received at the Japanese legation are to the effect that the reform programme presented to the Korean government by the Japanese is making satisfactory progress. This programme, according to the Jiji (newspaper), embraced twenty propositions, and was presented to the King of Korea on the 20th and 21st of November and was approved by him. The propositions included, among others, the following:

That the administrative powers should be concentrated in the hands of one man; court affairs should be distinctly separate from the general administration of the country; the court and state affairs having hitherto been mixed up; a sovereign is bound to obey the laws of his own country; the court should be systematically organized; the functions and competence of the cabinet and the various departments of state should be determined; taxes should be unified by the finance minister; the judicial system should be reformed; eight or nine taxation officers, all being independent in their actions.

The expenses of the court should be carefully limited and the expenditure as far as possible, a military system should be established, and after this has been placed on a sound footing, the creation of a navy is expected, unless ceremonial and extravagant display should be done away with, it being a standing fault in Korea, from the court to the lowest officials, to indulge in unnecessary display and

Unnecessary Ceremonial. A criminal code should be enacted, the police authority should be unified, the discipline of government functionaries should be rigidly enforced, and any such practice as that in vogue of selling government offices must be abolished.

The local officials should be limited by statute and the power centralized; appointment or dismissal of government officials should be arranged according to a fixed system, and no opportunity should be given to any official to exercise his power or to show his mutual jealousy and suspicion; political vengeance should not be permitted; promising a bribe to a subordinate official, and the nullification of the national policy is requisite in order to establish the independence of the country on a sound basis and effectively to reform home affairs.

The W. W. Kan, until recently the aged regent of Korea, and who was deposed for sending letters to the Chinese generals in Peking, has apologized to the Japanese government for his conduct, and has accepted his resignation, but he should not take any further part in the active politics of the country.

The question from the Japanese minister whether he would pledge his honor not to interfere any longer in administrative affairs, either covertly or overtly, he answered: "I have no objection."

He further asked the minister to employ all his ability to the reform of Korea, and also asked pardon for his favorite grandson, who had taken a prominent part in the same matter.

Another difficulty apparent on the horizon of Korean politics is said to be the insatiable greed of the Korean nobles in state affairs, obliged to curb their ambition while heretofore enemy, the Tai-Won-Kun, was at the head of the administration, she is now being used as a counterpoise to her former position, and such an opportunity has presented itself in the gradual wane of the old statesman's power and his ultimate retirement.

A correspondent describes the intense distress that the Japanese army is laboring under in the province of Shantung, China, which is very sparsely populated. There are no trees in the province, as the rivers are said to be almost empty of water. The army of over 30,000 men, the correspondent says, is almost on the point of death from hunger, and the soldiers are obliged to eat their own shoes and to cook their rice with water to drink. Many have been frozen to death from their inability to face the cold with an insufficiency of food and clothing, the greater number of them being coolies.

MANCHU PRINCES IN CONTROL.

But Li Hung-chang Appears to Have Something Left After All. LONDON, Jan. 14. - A dispatch to the Times from Tien-tsin says that the Manchu princes have taken the defense of the country into their own hands in order to prevent the intrigues of the Chinese officials.

The central government is bewildered and helpless. Li Hung-chang, although he has been relieved of all his functions except the governor generalship of his province, still exercises indirect influence over the various officials.

Chinese who have arrived from Manchuria bring ghastly reports of the association of the country between the Yalu River and the Liaoho, recalling the worst horrors of the Taiping rebellion.

Not a house is standing. Everything has been burned and whole populations have perished. Only scattered groups of frozen corpses are seen apparently those of entire families. Neither food nor fuel is procurable.

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HERE IS A GIGANTIC STEAL

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the stock in the money markets from that time forward.

EXCEPT THE SPECULATIVE VALUE based upon what might ultimately be procured through an arrangement with the government either to take charge of the enterprise or to guarantee the bonds of the company.

The bill now pending provides that \$70,000,000 of full paid-up non-assessable Maritime Canal stock and 4,000,000 of Maritime Canal bonds guaranteed by the government, shall be given to whatever person or company may be designated Maritime Canal Company, which means, of course, the Nicaragua Canal Construction Company. It is in fact the owner of the stock, and the individuality of both companies being almost identical.

In other words, it is proposed to give this company \$74,000,000 of valuable securities in exchange for an expenditure of, not to exceed, \$2,500,000, and that without even stopping to inquire whether the scheme is practical or whether the reported surveys and estimates are correct.

CAUSED A SMALLPOX SCARE.

Colored Suspect Leaves an Infected House and Rooms About the Neighborhood. Some excitement was caused last evening in the vicinity of the house of Lulu Whitaker, in the rear of Van street southwest. It was in this house that Lulu, who is a young colored woman, was taken with smallpox and sent to the pesthouse, and where a number of soldiers attended a "parlor social" a few evenings prior to her removal.

The shanty has been renovated ever since she was taken to the hospital, and her sister and a colored man, who had been keeping company with her, detained there as suspects.

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He had not only been whipped, but had not received a dollar for his work. Fitzgerald declares that he is strongly demoralized from "pulling" horses, but that Long said he would "break his head" if he did not do as he is instructed. In view of the circumstances the club was exonerated from all blame, and the Col. Chan told him to go over to the Kentucky stable, where he would be furnished with a new horse.

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RACING DEAD IN NEW YORK

Departure of the Croker-Dwyer Horses Taken by Horsemen to Mean That There Is No Hope of the Empire State Tracks Opening This Year - What Fitzsimmons Says About Corbett's Ducking Powers - Other Sports.

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