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(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 Maenosaburo 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.

MR. CANNON LIBERAL. The Chairman of the House Committee on Appropriations, Joseph G. Cannon, is reported as saying: "The Volunteers who enlisted for war can hardly be asked to stay in the service for mere garrison or police duty in the various islands. There must then be an enlargement of the Regular Army. I imagine that at least 50,000 men will be required for Cuba alone. A few thousand will also be necessary in Puerto Rico. I believe no sensible man thinks we shall give up the Philippines, and several thousand men will have to be kept there for a long time to maintain order and firmly establish the new system of government fixed upon by the United States. I do not see how we shall be able to get along with less than 100,000 men for some time to come. It goes without the saying that the Navy will grow commensurately with the Army and for like reasons."

SPANISH RIFLES. The Ordnance Department of the Army is preparing to call for bids on the Mauser rifles captured at Santiago, which have been pronounced unfit for use in the Army. It is the intention of the department to sell these rifles either in small numbers or in large. No difficulty is looked for in disposing of them, as many communications have been received already from private parties relative to this matter. Curio dealers will undoubtedly buy the greater part of the guns and resell them at a profit.

OMAHA TO HAVE ANOTHER. OMAHA, Dec. 15.—A decision to hold a Greater America exposition in Omaha in 1899 was reached at a mass meeting of business men, bankers and professional men today. Over 100,000 was subscribed for the project.

AGAINST GAMBLING. WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The House Judiciary Committee gave a hearing today on the Gillett bill, to prohibit the use of telegraph and telephone lines for the purpose of lotteries and horse-race gambling. Mr. Anthony Comstock and Dr. Willard Crafts appeared before the Committee. Mr. Anthony Comstock said that he had information of the seizure by the Post Office authorities of over \$1,500,000 lottery blanks, demonstrating that lotteries were in existence. He claimed that their business was carried on through telegraph and telephone companies. Dr. Crafts, as the general representative of religious and reform organizations, gave the measure his hearty endorsement.

DECEASED PUBLICIST. Something of The Career of Calvin S. Brice. WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Calvin S. Brice was a native of Ohio and was born in 1845. He was the son of a Presbyterian minister. Three years before the civil war he entered Miami university, and in 1861 he enlisted in a university company for the year. He served in West Virginia in the Ninety-sixth Ohio infantry. In 1863 he graduated from the university, and after teaching school a few months he became captain of a company in the One Hundred and Eighth Ohio, and served to the end of the war. In the winter of 1869, Mr. Brice was elected United States senator to succeed Henry B. Jayne, and took his seat March 4, 1891. In the same year Brice became a prominent figure. He was soon made a member of the Democratic steering committee, and became also a member of the committee on appropriations. Mr. Brice seldom spoke in the senate, but was a close observer of everything that was going on and was always deep in the councils of the party. Mr. Brice served six years in the senate, being succeeded by Joseph B. Foraker. In Washington he occupied the Corcoran house and gave lavish entertainments which became world-wide. Since his retirement from the senate he has been in Washington very little, but occupying himself for the most part with business affairs in New York. Until the Democratic party adopted free silver as a cardinal principle Mr. Brice was a leader in his party in Ohio, but after that he did not take an active part in politics.

INTERIOR OF LUZON. Paymr. W. B. Wilcox, and Naval Cadet L. R. Sargent, U. S. N., who are attached to the monitor Monadnock, have returned to Manila after an interesting six weeks' tour in the interior of the island of Luzon. They crossed the provinces of Pangasinan and Nueva Ecija, and traveled over the mountains. The scenery is described as magnificent, and the roads execrable. The officers visited the watershed of the Rio Grande and Cazanay. They say its fertility is marvelous. The towns are quiet and prosperous, the plains were highly cultivated and the mountains were splendidly timbered. The rivers were mostly without bridges and are almost impassable during the rainy season.

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