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CHINA TO HAVE ARMY OF 23,000,000 FOR WARFARE.

Compulsory Military Service Gives "Awakening" Formidable Aspect.

The announcement of the forthcoming establishment of universal compulsory military service in China has a formidable sound. The man who is about to become secretary of war in the Chinese cabinet and who makes this announcement as a forecast of the policy which he will adopt gives us a significant reminder of what such a system may theoretically mean. Germany, with a population of 60,000,000, has a standing army in time of peace of more than 600,000 and a war strength of 3,705,000. On the same basis China, with a population of 400,000,000, would have a peace standing army of 4,000,000 and a war strength of more than 23,000,000. Such an army, composed of first class fighting men, would be overwhelming against any other nation in the world. If not against any conceivable combination of nations, wherefore a superficial pessimist might argue that the end of all things for the non-Chinese world was in sight.

The meaning of the awakening is to be that China will at least be strong for self defense and that therefore she will be able to demand and to exact the same respectful treatment that other nations enjoy.

That may be unwelcome to those who have assumed that the most populous country of the globe would always remain a helpless mass, which others might bully, exploit and plunder at will.

The awakening of China has been inevitable, and it has been and is a part of the most ordinary common sense for the world to recognize that fact and to prepare for its realization. It is within the power of the rest of the world to determine to a considerable degree what shall be the character and the purport of that awakening.

ROSE WINE 289 YEARS OLD.

Germany's Most Celebrated Vintage Kept at Breme.

The most celebrated of all the wines of Germany is known as rose wine, and, according to a French contemporary, it is jealously preserved in the town hall of Breme.

The wine has been in the vaults since 1621, when the conscript fathers had six great vats made at Johannsburg and six others at Hockheimer. Each received the name of one of the apostles. It is an unwritten law that as soon as a bottle of wine is drawn from the vats a similar quantity of the same vintage is put into the tun; consequently they are always full.

Each of the tuns or vats in the town hall at Breme cost originally £48 and their capacity is 204 litres, or about fifty-seven gallons. Our French statistician comes to the conclusion that each time a bottle of this wine is drunk it

represents a sum of over £50.

During the war of 1870 the French occupied the town, and the officers, braving the anger of the council of Breme, made free with their precious wine, and it was said that the town of Breme paid more to France than all the other towns in Germany. At the time of the crown prince's wedding we further learn that he was allowed one bottle and one only.

HAS MOTOR FLYING FISH.

Combination Power Boat and Aeroplane is Evolved.

A "mechanical flying fish" that combines the qualities of an aeroplane and the speedier motorboat is the latest invention, and Joseph H. Hoadley, president of several corporations, is the inventor.

He asserts that he has tried his invention on Long Island sound and now desires to challenge any aviator to a 100 mile race for a side bet of \$10,000 to \$20,000. His machine, he says, can travel thirty-five miles an hour in the water or fifty-five miles an hour in the air.

His aero-motorboat, Mr. Hoadley asserts, is equipped with a 200 horsepower silent engine. It is necessary to attain a speed of thirty-five miles an hour before taking to the air. The machine is forty-one feet long and three feet six inches wide. The planes carry 1,000 square feet of canvas. The tiller, which directs the machine upward or downward, is in front with the aeroplane, which directs it to right or left. The air propeller is at the stern and is nine feet in diameter. The planes can be folded and the craft used as a power boat exclusively.

CLOVER BLOSSOM IS RENTAL.

Michigan Man Arranges Cheap Lease For School.

A clover blossom a year is the rental charged the Flint (Mich.) school board for a ninety-nine year lease of the site of the Flint union school. The owner of the land, Nell J. Berston, made the offer at the last regular meeting of the board, the only proviso being that use of the land for other than school purposes shall terminate the lease.

The board accepted, and it was decided to make a ceremonious feature of the payment of the rental each year. The board is to elect one of its members every spring to pluck a clover blossom from one of the lots owned by the school board and carry it to Mr. Berston or one of his heirs.

Salary Bill Attacked.

SALEM.—Alleging that the appropriation of \$3600 provided by the last legislature as salary for the assistant to the attorney-general is unconstitutional, and asking that the court perpetually enjoin the secretary of state and the state treasurer from making further payments to that official, Daniel E. Powers, of Portland, has filed suit in the Marion County circuit court.

FINDS LIVING IN GREENWICH TIME

Woman Earns \$2,500 Annually In Queer Occupation.

WATCHMAKERS ARE CLIENTS.

Historic Hill Observatory Near London Sets Hours and Minutes For All England—Caught Halley's Comet In Wonderful Photographs In Recent Appearances.

When Halley's comet set all Europe gazing skyward recently no society beauty was more eagerly courted by enterprising photographers than was the comet by the patient astronomer of Greenwich, whose photographic telescopes were kept searching the heavens to note the arrival of the periodic visitor on the sensitive plate of the camera. Nor was the vigilance unwarded. More than one distinct impression of the brilliant object is now on view at the Royal observatory, Greenwich.

This success has revived interest in this historic institution by the Thames, but few outside scientific circles know much of the history and details of the almost conventional group of buildings on

That fair hill where hoary sages boast To name the stars and count the heavenly host.

Sets Time For Britain.

Yet probably no hill in the world has so strangely varied a history or played so important a part in the affairs of men. The granite line across the foothold on which the longitude on every British map and chart is calculated. All England sets its time by the mean solar clock, and in addition to the daily and nightly observations of the heavens elaborate records are kept of diurnal changes in the temperature and humidity, the direction and force of the wind, the amount of sunshine and rainfall, the earth's magnetism and a host of meteorological matters forming a science of daily increasing importance and interest.

There is a large galvanic magnetic clock fixed on the outside wall of the observatory and divided into twenty-four hours. There are still many who believe this clock is kept going by the sun. They do not know that the fixed stars are the real timekeepers from which Britishers check their daily progress.

The sidereal clock, kept within one of the buildings of the observatory, is corrected by observation of the stars every clear night, and every morning before 10 o'clock the mean solar clock is checked from it. The latter is housed below the time ball on the tower which dominates the hill and is in magnetic connection with the clock in the boundary wall, which has furnished the correct time to countless visitors to the hill since it was placed there in 1852.

Woman Sells the Time.

To this galvanic magnetic clock in the wall comes every Monday a woman who makes \$2,500 a year out of the queerest occupation in England. She sells the time to London watchmakers.

Her name is Miss Belleville of Maidenhead. Eighty years ago the then astronomer royal suggested to her father that if he took the corrected time on a certified chronometer every week he could no doubt find numerous clients. So he bought a famous watch made for the Duke of Essex, one of the sons of George III., and soon worked up a business with it. When he died his widow sold the time till she reached the age of eighty-one, and then she handed the business over to her daughter.

When Miss Belleville visits Greenwich at the beginning of every week her chronometer is corrected and she is given an official certificate. From that her fifty customers correct their watches and clocks.

Radium in Turkestan.

A new source of radium supply has been discovered in Turkestan. Radium bearing uranium ore has already been obtained in considerable quantities. The native miners have found that cuts and other wounds which would take a long time to heal in other mines are very quickly cured by applying a small quantity of powdered uranium ore to the spot.

Australia to Own Telegraph.
The Australian government proposes a state owned telegraphic service to Great Britain.

B. F. Mulkey Candidate.
JACKSONVILLE. — Formal announcement has been made by B. F. Mulkey of his candidacy for the republican nomination for congress to succeed Representative Hawley.

STREET TRAFFIC SQUADS DUE TO ONE MAN'S LABOR.

William Phelps Eno Credited With New York's Achievements.

To William Phelps Eno is owing the street traffic control system which has so often attracted the attention of visitors to New York. But a few years since blocks and jams in the busy hours were of daily occurrence on the principal streets of the city. It required not alone minutes, but frequently hours to disentangle the masses of wagons, carts and carriages, even street cars, by the police and permit a resumption of traffic.

One of the favorite "stunts" of humorous writers in the newspapers was a description of the picturesque oaths, habits and skirmishes of the drivers and coachmen on these occasions. As far as pedestrians were concerned, it was frequently a life and death struggle for them to pass from curb to curb, and it became a recognized duty of policemen to act as escorts for women and children on the street crossings.

Mr. Eno, a New Yorker by birth, of independent means and a lover of horses, with personal experience of the dangers of the streets, was attracted to the question of improving conditions and eleven years ago began a systematic study of the problem. He visited London, Paris and other large cities, conferring with the police and other city officials, made diagrams and drawings and gradually evolved what he believed was a practical working system of traffic control. Then he began a systematic educational campaign with the authorities of New York. Step by step he gradually won over to his views the various officials having control of the streets.

There being neither honor nor reward for either the individual or commission, it was a long and thankless task. The natural inertia of officeholders, who had nothing to gain by improved methods, and the traditional habits and customs of the city departments had to be met and overcome. Many setbacks had to be met and indifference overcome, but they were overcome by patience and persistence, and today New York city street traffic is among the models upon which other cities are looking as examples for efficient control.

The city authorities of London and Paris, the latter city especially, have asked Mr. Eno's aid in solving their traffic problems, and he is now in the latter city trying to help them bring order out of chaos for the streets of Paris have always been of all cities the most congested and dangerous.

THEODORE DER GROSSE, EH?

Foreign Steamship Companies May Capture American Names.

At luncheon in New York a day or two ago some men of the shipping world were discussing the subject of steamship nomenclature, and it was generally conceded that something must be done abroad to prevent new steamships from acquiring the names of prominent American characters, cities and politicians.

With the Martha Washington, the George Washington, the President Grant, the President Lincoln, the United States, the Pennsylvania and the Chicago, all owned by foreign companies, it was said that there was no limit to the American names that might be thrust upon the proposed steamships of the various foreign lines running to this port.

It was suggested that the Hamburg-American line might call its new 45,000 ton liner the Theodore der Grosse; the next creation of the Red Star line might be the Hughesland; the White Star the Loeble, the Cunard the Taftonia, the Holland-America the Cannondam, the French line the La Follette, the Scandinavian-American line the Hellig Harmon, the Italian line the Re di Gaynor, the Anchor line the Griscomalla, and last, but not least, the American line—if it ever builds a new steamship—the Oyster Bay.

BALLINGER BACK HOME

Says Visit East Was Misunderstood; Resignation Not Asked.

SEATTLE.—Secretary of the Interior Richard A. Ballinger returned from his visit to Minnesota and Chicago, which has been made the occasion of so much speculation and gossip. Interviewed, he said:

"My conference with Senator Crane had no relation to any matter personal to myself—not in the slightest degree. Let me tell you this: If I should resign it would be in order to leave me free to prosecute those persons who have been instrumental in the publication of libelous and defamatory attacks upon my character and it is undoubtedly from them that the repeated stories of resignation emanate."

His Wish.
Tom—I wish this ten dollar bill was a ten dollar debt. Dick—Heaven! Why? Tom—I'd never get rid of it.—Cleveland Leader.

HEAVY CAPITAL BACKS PEARSON

Aspirant For American Railway Honors Big Promoter.

IMPORTANT MEXICAN FACTOR.

English Capitalists Invest \$110,000,000 in Diaz Republic In Transportation Lines, Lumber and Other Industrial Features—Lowell Civil Engineer Also South American Figure.

The recent elimination of Dr. F. S. Pearson from an important position in the American railway world through the liquidation of the holdings of the Farquhar-Pearson syndicate in Lehigh Valley and Rock Island recently has invited the attention of the financial world to the activities of a Massachusetts civil engineer who in the last ten years has gathered about him a group of financial interests whose wealth runs into the hundreds of millions.

Frederick Stark Pearson was born in Lowell, Mass., in 1861 and received a technical education at Tufts college, in that state. He subsequently became an instructor in chemistry in the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. While a young man he became interested in the construction of electric light and street railway enterprises in Massachusetts and built up a large following among investors in New England.

Big Work In Brazil.

Dr. Pearson then went to Rio de Janeiro and San Paulo, in Brazil, where he installed electric light, power and street railway systems. In these enterprises he first became associated with English capitalists and built up a close connection with the banking house of Sperlin & Co., Percival Farquhar, P. M. Horne-Payne and H. M. Hubbard, well known London capitalists.

From South America Dr. Pearson extended his field of operations to Mexico, where he built a very large hydroelectric plant at the falls of Necaxa river, near the City of Mexico. In this enterprise alone about \$46,000,000 has been invested. Altogether Dr. Pearson's associates have spent over \$110,000,000 in the republic of Mexico.

It is Dr. Pearson's entry into the railway world of Mexico a few months ago that brings him into special prominence as a financial power. He and his associates now own the nucleus of what promises to be one of the greatest independent railway systems in that country. It will form a new trunk line, reaching from the United States border to the port of Aguilampo, on the Pacific coast of Mexico.

The Mexico Northwestern system will aggregate about 1,100 miles of track as now planned. The report that it will afford an outlet for the Rock Island to the Pacific coast of Mexico lends additional interest to the project.

In Mexican Manufactures.

Besides his vast electrical and railway interests in Mexico, Dr. Pearson is at the head of the largest lumber manufacturing enterprises in Mexico. He and his associates own 3,000,000 acres of timberland situated adjacent to the Mexico Northwestern railroad. This is said to be the largest privately

owned timber holding upon the continent. It is estimated that there are 11,000,000,000 feet of pine lumber now on the tract.

This 3,000,000 acre timber tract covers such a wide expanse of territory that parts of it have been only casually explored. It is a paradise for wild game, such as deer, bear and many other kinds of animals. Connected with the lumber manufacturing enterprise, Dr. Pearson and associates operate large turpentine stills.

There is apparently no limit to the industrial expansion of the Pearson interests in Mexico. One of their latest enterprises is the construction of a steel and chemical plant in the City of Mexico which will represent an investment of more than \$1,000,000 in gold when finished.

CHINA BUYS AMERICAN GEMS.

Son of Secretary of Treasury in "Monarchical Seclusion."

One of the largest transactions in American gems on record was made in Los Angeles several days ago, when a mining company of New York sold to a Chinese merchant for export to China 358,500 carats of pink tourmaline, of gem quality, from the Mesa Grande tourmaline mines in San Diego county, Cal. In size the crystals ranged from 100 to 1,000 carats each.

In China the pink tourmaline is sacred and is supposed to assure to the wearer long life, health and prosperity and a happy hereafter; hence in that country it is the most prized of precious stones, outranking even the diamond.

DAYLIGHT SAVING PROSPERS.

Canada, Australia and New Zealand Favor Plan.

Select committees in the parliaments of Canada, Victoria (in Australia) and New Zealand have recommended the adoption of bills embodying the daylight saving scheme. The staff of the Canadian Pacific railway at Montreal has adopted it. In Egypt for some years past business hours have differed in summer and winter.

NILE OYSTERS ARE LARGE.

Important Geological Discovery Made In Egypt.

Dr. Hume, head of the Egyptian geological survey, says in an article in the Cairo Scientific Journal that government engineers constructing a bridge from Boulac to Ghezireh while boring for the erection of the piers came across the remains of an old building on which were found clinging a large number of oysters of a giant species.

Some of them have most perfect mother-of-pearl. They belong to what is called the Aethia nilotica, and traces of this species are to be found all over Egypt, but above the present level of the Nile. Their existence in such places has greatly helped scientists in determining previous courses of the river.

The Nile oyster has some interesting comrades in the Nile and the Nile basins, a sort of snail, which differs from the ordinary snail in that it has its spiral wound in the reverse direction. It remains to be seen whether this oyster is of an edible nature.

This discovery of pearl bearing oysters is interesting in view of the experiments of the Soudan government in the Red sea.

Learn Dutch and English.

The pupils in the schools of British South Africa are to be taught both Dutch and English, using the former as an aid to teaching the latter.

Good News

We are going to have the biggest and best fair ever held in eastern Oregon. Big exhibits of farm produce, live stock, everything grown and produced in Wallowa county will be displayed.

There will be all kinds of amusements, horse races, daily contests of all kinds, lots of music, dancing, street carnivals, something doing every minute. A weeks vacation of pleasure, education and amusement. You will be there, all of your folks, everybody else and all of their folks.

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