

LETTER FROM JAPAN.

Official Court—Invitation to Breakfast—Tokel City—General Saigo's Residence—The Six-Year Old Bear of the Name of "General Ulysses Napoleon Saigo"—The Breakfast—Military College—The Buildings, Etc.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, March 30th, 1880. UNITED STATES LEGATION, TOKYO, 31 JANUARY, 1880.—It is a pleasure to inform you that His Excellency General Saigo has sent his two messengers to me, this morning, to acquaint me with his excellent will expect him, and yourself to breakfast with him on Monday next at 12 m., and that his excellency's carriage will be in waiting for you at Shimabashi Station, Tokyo, at 11 m. I send you this notice at his excellency's request. This is in strict accordance with the ancient custom of the Orient from the days of Father Abraham, so you will please understand that this is an excellent, in this special proceeding, has shown to you the highest mark of respect.

Truly, and with kind regards to Mrs. —, Yours, JNO. A. BINGHAM. The above invitation having been duly accepted, we found ourselves on the morning of February 23, steaming along by rail over the seventeen miles of pleasant country land lying between this city and Tokel, and eager for the new experience—an hour's ride away. The sun shone warm and bright. There was a hint of the spring time in the early bloom of peach and cherry trees along the route, though I will say right here, that these trees, though of abundant blossoms, never bear fruit, and the high hills on our left and the broad bay on our right, with the thickly settled villages here and there between, seemed all so peaceful and so bright that for a time we half forgot the wearying waste of way lying between us and our own, and seemed to be not so far from them, after all.

Tokel city proper is spread out over ten miles square, the land gently sloping towards the bay on one side, and intersected nearly through the center the other way by a river of fair proportions, as we speak of our rivers in America of the second or third class in size. The greater portions of these ten miles square are mostly level, so that the eye, from the summit of any one of the five hills in the city limits, the effect is much like that of Chicago seen from an elevation. Though commonly called hills, these elevated portions are too small and too low to be thus properly designated.

In former times the tycoons and princes of the empire appropriated the elevations as the sites for their palaces and in the immediate vicinity of the present form of government, nearly all of them have by degrees become occupied by ministers of the various departments, and other high officials, and in one or two instances have been set apart for the foreign legations accredited to the Mikado's court.

Gen. Saigo's residence occupies a fine position on one of these knolls, overlooking at least one-half of the city, and in the immediate vicinity of the Ministers Ito and Ito, of the home department, and other government officers of high rank; and it was here that his excellency's carriage conveyed us from Shimabashi station, preceded, or accompanied, or followed, as occasion seemed to require, by his two Bettos, who made every thing ring with their "hi! hi!" or with something of similar sound, and which means "clear the way."

General Saigo's residence is a large one-story building, half European, half Japanese, surrounded by beautiful trees and plants, and managed, upon that occasion at least, after European model. The general and his young and pretty wife received us most cordially, and among the guests we had the pleasure of meeting our minister, the Hon. John A. Bingham, and his accomplished daughter, Miss Mary. Saigo and Uryu, and his wives, and several others, all in European dress—Mrs. Saigo's first appearance therein—and all delightfully social and jolly.

I must not forget to mention the six-year-old heir to his father's warrior name, and his mother's gentle ways, who, on account of his martial appearance and too soldierly bearing, child though he was, was rechristened "General Ulysses Napoleon Saigo" by one of the guests, amid signs of universal approval. We, of America, will hear of this boy hereafter.

The "breakfast" was an elaborate one. I should have called it a dinner, with the vegetables left out—and it lasted fully two hours. Afterward, wine and coffee for the ladies in the drawing room, and a banquet of California roses preceded by the little "General Ulysses Napoleon." At 3 o'clock Gen. Saigo requested us to accompany him to the military school, distant about two miles from his house, and after the ladies from America had readjusted their hats (the Japanese ladies had not removed their wraps during all these hours) kneeling before the little low mirror in the dressing room, and assisted by a sprightly little maid, all were ready, and off we went.

The long line of carriages made an imposing display as we passed down the hill over a broad, smooth road, and across a bridge past crowds of natives, on up the rise of ground upon which stands the military college buildings.

Gen. Grant said of this school, that nowhere in the world had he seen any superior. This much I, a woman, loving peace, and one who all that partakes of the nature of war, can say, that what these Japanese cadets cannot learn here, must assuredly not be very valuable to know, in the art of scientific strife and destruction.

Aside from its military character, as an institution for education of their youth, the Japanese have provided everything here which experience could make needful for the young men, and money could buy. The buildings present the usual well-kept appearance observable always about military schools, the principal ones forming the sides of a square sufficiently large for all kinds of infantry drill and exercise. Two small companies of cadets were apparently awaiting us, and at once went through their marching and counter-marching and manual of arms in a way which was most creditable. Next we witnessed some cavalry maneuvers in a large building designed for this purpose, similar to those at our West Point, and can vouch for it that the Japanese boys know how to ride well and gracefully. Their horses are smaller than ours, and much more resemble an Indian pony after a few months of care and civilized life. In harness these horses pull splendidly, but have no more idea of backing, than they have of the use of the reins.

Under the saddle they certainly are at their best, and for cavalry purposes, for no heavier weights than the average Japanese, they are of great endurance and strength. Here Gen. Saigo invited his guests to make an inspection of the building, and we fell into line, following him, such a distance, north, south, east and west, through study rooms full of boys, of ages ranging from sixteen to twenty, who, as we approached the entrance of the respective apartments, rose and stood, with eyes square in front, until our company had passed up stairs, all through the second floor, devoted to museum, laboratory, library, reception rooms (where tea was served), dormitories, and on up another flight to the top floor, where were exhibited all kinds of kind of arms, more designs for fortifications, etc., etc., until I was not the only weary one, the honored company visiting the Imperial military school.

Again in the reception room, wine and tea were offered. Healths were drunk, pretty little speeches made, and, with the twilight reaching across and folding up the great, strange city, we bade adieu to our hosts, and were driven swiftly to the railroad station, and returned to our temporary home, delighted with the pleasures of the day. Gen. Saigo has since sent us a large, well-

excellent photograph of the military college and a number of sketches in pencil, done by the students, and beautifully done, too, which we value highly, not only as souvenirs, but as evidences of the rapid progress these people are making in civilized ways and in artistic and scientific directions. HESTER A. BARNETT.

THE COURTS.

District Court.
[Before Judge Brill.]
SPECIAL TERM CALENDAR.
Thomas Keef vs. John O'Brien; order to show cause; settled.
D. A. Baker vs. The Board of County Commissioners of Ramsey county; motion for a new trial. To be heard by Judge Wilkin.

In the matter of the assessment for grading Como avenue. Judgment ordered against the land assessed.
J. Mahoney vs. D. Stevenson and the First National bank, garnishee; continued.
Theo. Massing vs. H. Ponthen; motion for judgment. Granted.

C. H. Lavel vs. P. Kelly and the St. Paul & Manitoba railroad company garnishee; motion for reference. Referred to E. S. Gorman to take disclosure.
Barnheimer et al. vs. Elizabeth Vales; application for judgment. Taken under advisement.

Same vs. P. Keenan; same.
Same vs. E. Brink; same.
In the matter of the assignment of Wm. A. Van Slyke; application for discharge of assignee. Taken under advisement.
Abram Smith vs. Sarah A. Smith; motion for decree. Taken under advisement.

Stephen Grandemeyer vs. Melvina Grandemeyer; same.
Probate Court.
[Before Judge O'Gorman.]
In the matter of the estate of Samuel Wallace, deceased. Wm. Noonan appointed special administrator. Bond filed, approved and letters issued.
In the matter of the estate of John M. Raguet, deceased. U. Lamprey appointed administrator.

In the matter of the estate of M. Pierce, deceased. Bond filed, approved and letters issued.
In the matter of the guardianship of Lamprey minors. Eva Lamprey appointed guardian.

Municipal Court.
[Before Judge McGrorty.]
CRIMINAL.
The city vs. Matt Maeller; assault and battery. Fine of \$10 and costs paid, and discharged.
The city vs. Mike Madden; drunkenness. Committed for fifteen days.

The city vs. P. Althen, John Derrick and M. Halerin; quarreling on streets. Dismissed.
The city vs. John Casey; keeping dog without license. Same.
The city vs. Frank Lloyd; violating health ordinance. Continued to the 25th inst.

The city vs. John Placius; nuisance. Same.
The State vs. Hiram Lovejoy; indecent assault. Continued to the 27th inst.

The Electro-Magnetic Pad.
He who saves a life has accomplished a deed worthy of all praise. He who by his skill procures many lives becomes a benefactor to his race. The physician who gave to the world the Electro-Magnetic Pad has performed a service to humanity that will be handed down to future generations. This remedy creates a revolution in the treatment of disease, and is deserving of greater description than our space will admit.

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COMMERCIAL.

Wheat and Shorts Scarce Here—Wheat Slightly Advanced—The Stock Market Strong and Prices Further Advanced.

ST. PAUL, July 25. The only significant change of values in the local market yesterday was an advance of \$1 per ton on broken shorts. Fruits and vegetables fluctuate from day to day, the former according to qualities of the day's offerings and the latter on account of the steadily increasing supplies.

At Philadelphia yesterday flour was quiet. Minnesota extras in old stock, good to choice sold at \$5.90 to \$6.25, and Minnesota choice at \$6.25 to \$6.50; Minnesota patent process, \$7.25 to \$7.75.

At Buffalo yesterday canal freights were quoted firm at 66¢ to 67¢ for corn. Wall & Bigelow's Saturday evening review reads as follows:

"Wheat closes stronger after a week of irregular markets. The highest wheat sold in Chicago was 90¢ to 91¢ August, and 86¢ September. The lowest was at 85¢ to 86¢ August, and 85¢ to 86¢ September. A decline of 1¢ on August and 1½¢ on September from Monday's opening to the close of today. Milwaukee's highest points for the week were 94¢ to 95¢ August, and 88¢ to 89¢ September. The lowest were 85¢ to 86¢ August, and 85¢ to 86¢ September. Showing a decline of 3½¢ August, and 2½¢ September, from Monday's opening to the close of today. Foreign wheat markets were irregular for the week but closed steady. A New York spring wheat was inactive for the week, prices ranging from \$1.09 to \$1.11 for No. 2. Provisions were active and stronger. Receipts of hogs at Chicago for the week, 112,000. Pork sold at 14¢ to 15¢ August, and 14¢ to 15¢ September, and as low as \$13.90 August and \$13.85 September, with an advance of 95¢ August, and September, from Monday's opening to the close of today. Lard about 10¢ higher for the week. Corn about 3¢ higher for the week. Corn 1¢ lower on July and ½¢ on August and September. Oats a trifle higher for the week.

A New York special last evening says: There is a steady demand for cotton goods, but buyers are operating lightly as a rule. Medium and dark prints are in steady demand, and opening prices seem satisfactory to the trade. Dress goods are more active; flannels are in good request and firm. Men's wear shows a more irregular demand. Windsor pants opened at 7¢.

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