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Our Marines at Seoul.

The rather distressing news comes from the far west that the American marines lately landed at Seoul have been misbehaving themselves. Just exactly the nature of their offenses is not apparent at this distance, but it seems that our minister to the Korean court has felt constrained to call upon the commander to maintain more rigid discipline and keep better order among his men. There is doubtless some excuse for the conduct of the marines, this perhaps partake of the belligerent spirit of their environment. With the land of the morning calm changed to that of the slightly roughhouse, it may be expected that the marines would be keyed up to the fighting mood. And there is no doubt ample provocation. Perhaps our gallant lads disapproved of vodka or the Russian pronunciation, or maybe they don't like the looks and ways of the Korean soldiers and police. Marine-like, they are probably spoiling for a fight, and possibly there isn't anything else to do in Seoul. This may not be regarded as a sufficient reason for disorder, but marines will be marines. Their spirit is pretty well defined by Kipling in his 'Soldier and Sailor Too':

An' after I met 'im all over the world, 'e-doin' all kinds of things,
Like handin' 'imself with a Gatling gun to talk to them 'eathen kings.
'E sleeps in a 'ammock instead of a cot, an' 'e drills with the deck on a slew,
An' 'e swears like a jolly—or maybe 's 'is folly—soldier an' sailor, too.
For there isn't a job on the top of the earth the beggar don't know nor do,
You can leave 'im at night on Bald Mount 'end to paddle 'is own canoe;
'E's a sort of 'omeless cosmopolitan, soldier and sailor too.

With his peculiar makeup, temperament and training the marine dearly loves a scrap, and he can't be much blamed for wanting to get a little recreation out of his oriental experience.

Wornout Government Employees.

There is food for thought furnished by conditions that have grown up under the operations of the civil service laws. Many of the employees of the service who have grown old under the protection of the civil service regulations have shown evidences of senility, and some have become really incapacitated for the efficient discharge of their duties. But there is no provision made for their support in case of their retirement, and a sentimental regard for the satisfactory work performed by them in the past has operated to keep their names on the official roll and enabled them to draw pay for work that has been actually performed by younger men for whom places were made that they might supply the deficiencies of the decrepit or aged employees.

The result is that the rolls of some of the public offices carry the names of many more clerks than are really needed to do the necessary work. It has been asserted by reputable papers that all the work of the treasury department might be easily performed by a force of efficient clerks one-third as numerous as the force now employed. Indeed, former Secretary Gage is reported as having made a statement to that effect. The practical effect of this system has been to build up an actual, though unauthorized, civil pension list.

If we are to have a civil pension system at all it would seem to be better, cheaper and safer to have it legally established, with scope, purpose and limitations clearly defined, than to have it exist in an informal way. It is a matter that must sooner or later receive the attention of congress.

Its by no reported to a novel and, it is said, effective way of preventing the smuggling of contraband goods across the borders from Switzerland. The idea may have had its origin in the barbed wire fence Spaniard Cuba built across the island of Cuba, but the details of the Italian scheme are different. The government has erected a wire fence or net twelve feet in height along the border. This fence is too high to be jumped over, and any effort to climb it or to cut the meshes, which compose it would set ringing certain bells that are attached to it and thus give notice to the revenue guards of what is doing.

The coincidence is noted that the date selected for holding the Democratic national convention in St. Louis, July 6, is also the date on which the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the Republican party will be celebrated in Jackson, Mich. It is not expected, however, that there will be any exchange of congratulations of felicitation and brotherly love between the two assemblies.

If war is averted in the orient Great Britain will no doubt take the credit for it on the ground that she kept the powers from fighting against Russia. It will be recalled that the English kept Europe from jumping on us during the Spanish war.

The decision of a Pennsylvania court that a church cannot collect by lawsuit process a subscription to its funds if the subscriber turns out to be a weakling and leaves the church in the same class with the winner of an I O U in poker.

The holders of wheat are rather anxious for war between Russia and Japan, but those of us who have to buy flour are not so enthusiastic. As for the price of wheat, it is doing very well without a war.

The Philadelphia young woman who received $10,000 as poignant balm for breach of promise suit is receiving no end of offers of matrimony, but none of them is of a responsibility worth cultivating with a view to further breach of promise contingencies.

It may be inferred that "The Available Energy of Timothy Hay," just issued by the department of agriculture at Washington, will be shortly followed by "The Diplomatic Energy of John Hay," published by the department of state.

It is possible that sympathy extended to Japan on the theory that it is the under dog in the fight may be misplaced. Japan expects to be on top a large part of the time.

At one time it would hardly have been believed that all this war talk would go on with the kaiser's vocal apparatus out of commission.

However, Russia isn't delaying any in the work of forwarding men and munitions of war to the front.

A New Era in Transportation.

An automobile train that runs without rails, the invention of Colonel Renard, a well known French automobile expert, is the latest of the recent automobile show at Paris. Since then it has been put into practical operation on the streets of that city and has proved thoroughly satisfactory.

The distinctive feature of Colonel Renard's invention lies in the coupling contrivance which enables each of the cars to describe the same arc of curves as that marked by the locomotive. Any one familiar with mechanics can readily understand that some such application would be absolutely necessary, as without it each car would tend to draw toward the center of the curve, thus rendering a short turn impossible and making travel in the crowded streets of a city impracticable. By another contrivance the locomotive on Colonel Renard's train turns two wheels on each of the vehicles. This result is accomplished by means of a revolving shaft passing underneath the axles of the cars. Couplings are made with great facility, requiring little more time and labor than are necessary in the coupling of ordinary railway coaches. The automobile train is also very light, the locomotive weighing no more than the average automobile, and the cars being but little heavier than carriages and drays drawn by horses.

The immediate use to which this invention is being put is in the hauling of the products of market gardening. If it served no greater purpose it would solve a problem of long standing, for the handling of market produce in an expeditious way has proved difficult. But the motor train has in it potentilities of a much wider character. It can be fitted to carry both passengers and freight, the passenger train making a speed of twenty-two miles an hour and a mixed train, mostly of freight cars, reaching about twelve miles. All this can be achieved in a first attempt, may not a higher speed even equaling that of the fastest automobiles, be attained through later improvements?

The possibilities of this new departure are almost beyond comprehension. When the rapid development of motor mechanism is considered it takes no very great stretch of imagination to see in Colonel Renard's invention the beginning of a new departure in transportation and the possible supplanting of the entire railway system. It has only been a decade since the automobile came into general use. Suppose an rapid improvement is made in the motor train in the next decade. What mind can measure the possible results?

In its appearance this invention of the French automobilist is startlingly like the first locomotive and train made by George Stephenson in England. In it, like that, to mark a new era in transportation methods and indirectly to human progress?

Adulterated Foreign Liquors.

Drinkers of Scotch whisky and French wines will not find much comfort from authentic reports as to how these concoctions are produced.

The British Medical Journal says that the real original Scotch whisky obtained such reputation as it had for medicinal uses because it was manufactured exclusively from barley malt, but that two-thirds of the whisky now sold under that brand is "something altogether different," much of it being made from maize, potatoes, molasses or anything which can be fermented, and practically nothing is known of their physiological action.

As to French wines, Professor R. M. Allen, secretary of the National Pure Food association, who has just returned from Europe, where he was investigating the matter, reports that "90 per cent of the French wines and 80 per cent of their champagnes are either adulterated or imitations." He further adds that much of what we have or saw a vineyard, and grapes form no part of its composition."

It may be some satisfaction to consumers of these products, however, to know that the secretary of agriculture can exclude them from our ports when he detects their spurious or adulterated nature.

WILDCAT AND MAID.

Impressed by Its Good Looks, Girl Caught Animal With Nettings.

John Stephens, who lives near Altoona, Pa., was awakened the other morning by a frightful squalling and commotion in his kitchen. Seizing a club and a well rehearsed domestic, he found his new Swedish maid placidly preparing breakfast, while a contrivance which resembled a fish net out a vociferously of feline invective such as he had never before heard.

"I got one cat," she said, smiling at Stephens. "I got him in stable ven I milk. I catch him vit horsecty nettings, so he don't scratch. Vy, he is vee big cat."

The former looked at the struggling animal. It was a wildcat which weighed at least seventy-five pounds and had claws like a small tiger.

Suddenly a ripping was heard, and with a howl the cat began to extricate itself from the netting. The former dragged the girl into an adjoining room and locked the door. A minute later the animal leaped through a window to liberty.

"Hits vas too nice cat," the maid said regretfully. "I vish him vold stayed."

A Demand For Pockets For Women.

A solemn protest against the pocketless women is made by the Westminster Gazette of London, which remarks:

"It is quite time that some sumptuary law were passed to prevent ladies from offering unnecessary temptation to pickpocketing by tube brooches or watches of them like ripe cherries from a tree. The county council might issue a bylaw making it an offense punishable by fine to place temptation in their purses and watches in their pockets. A great many ladies would be only too glad to have pockets, but pocketless they dare not because their dressmakers won't let them."

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The cow from the stomach of which the bovine surgeons of the Chicago stockyards are reported to have taken fourteen ounces of pins must have had the feminine habit of holding pins in her mouth when she did up her back hair.

The admission of Mr. Schwab that he owns $20,000,000 of Steel common does not warrant his arrest for vagrancy, though if he owns nothing else he is clearly without visible means of support.

The collapse of the fire engine trust would appear to indicate that nine millions of water was too much for the pumps.

One reason why it is healthful to have snow on the ground is that the automobile has to remain in the shed.

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