

POVERTY IN JAPAN

Wretchedness to Be Seen in the Slums of Tokio.

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TOKIO, Japan.—Deeper than ever plummet sounded in the ocean of poverty and human woe have I descended here in the metropolis of the Far East, and found the world's poorest poor.

What I have seen I doubt if any Occidental has seen before me, for the existence of such absolute wretchedness is not revealed to the tourist, and the ordinary resident suspects it not at all.

Slumming in Tokio is for the regulation traveler the same as if in London he went to Soho without exploring the East. None but regions of comparative prosperity are shown, because the Japanese are proud of their universal reputation for cleanliness, for artistic surroundings, and for a poverty that is always smiling, well-washed and safely removed from actual want.

Nevertheless, Tokio and other cities have their social purgatories, their Sargasso seas of living, breathing wreck and drift. In Tokio not fewer than 200,000 people seldom, if ever, know of a certainty where the necessities of the next day will come from, and throughout the land the great majority are too poor to eat rice.

I have spent days and nights in the midst of this inexpressible residue of Japan in company with a brilliant native sociologist, who, like scores of his fellow students of men and things, believes that Japan has left its good days of general happiness and general comfort forever behind, and is entering upon a sordid and merciless age of industrialism, in which its people are not fitted by temperament to compete, and whose proletariat is, moreover, far too intelligent and too proud to be exploited by capital.

Poverty has its ultimate expression here—its last word. STEPHEN ENGLAND.

To Outlaw the Toy Pistol. Senator Samuel H. West has aimed a blow at the toy pistol evil by the introduction in the Legislature of a bill designed to prohibit the sale and use of that deadly weapon in Ohio.

Mr. West's bill provides that it shall be unlawful after June 1 of this year to sell, offer for sale, give away, or explode any toy pistol, cap, cartridge or other ammunition used in the same, or any cannon crackers, or other fireworks which contain dynamite, nitroglycerine, or other high explosive as distinguished from gunpowder.

This measure provides a sweeping and radical remedy for a great and growing evil. The toy pistol and the cannon cracker claim their victims by the hundred in all parts of the country at such recurring Fourth of July. In this city last summer nearly a score of persons died of lockjaw due directly to wounds produced by those explosives, and scores of other wounds were inflicted which put the victims in peril that was only averted by the prompt and efficient aid of surgical skill.

There should be no question as to the action of the Legislature with respect to this bill. If any other evil of like proportions called for correction, the action of the lawmakers would be prompt and effective.—Cleveland Leader.

Two-Mile Horse Race on the Ocean. Horse races on the ocean are furnishing fun down at Belfast. Penobscot Bay is frozen solid from Belfast Harbor clear across to Islesboro, a distance of almost twenty-five miles, and teams are going back and forth the same as on land. For the entire distance the ice is twenty-six inches thick, a thing unheard of before in the memory of living man. The horse race in question took place last week over two miles out on the ocean, and was witnessed by a large crowd. It is said that this is the first time such an event has ever happened in this country.—Keenebeck Journal.

The German Emperor's Castles. The German Emperor proposed to have a castle at Posen, hoping to conciliate the Poles by living among them. The castle, if built, will be the fifty-fifth in the emperor's possession. In addition to the castles, the emperor owns ninety-three landed estates. Unfortunately, the landed estates do not bring in very heavy rents, whereas the castles cost a good deal to keep up, so that severe economy has to be the order of the day.

THE GERMAN EMPEROR'S CASTLES. A timely and important article, published in Harper's Weekly, is a personal account of the historic events leading to the opening of Japan to the world's trade, written by Commodore Nicholson, U. S. N. (retired), who was navigating officer of Commodore Perry's flagship at the time of the expedition of 1853. How Perry overcame the prejudices of the Japanese and the obstacles that interfered with the accomplishment of his mission are told by Commodore Nicholson in a narrative of uncommon interest.

MAGNITUDE OF THE WORLD'S FAIR

The Universal Exposition of 1904 at St. Louis Nearly Twice as Large as Any Predecessor—Magnificence, Not Bigness, is Its Quality Which Most Appeals

T HE magnitude of the World's Fair of 1904 may be best expressed by comparison. The grounds of the Louisiana Purchase are a mile and a quarter wide by nearly two miles long. An ordinary city of 20,000 population with all its homes and industries might be set down within the six miles of fence which surround the Exposition.

the Columbian Exposition at Chicago which was the last adequate measurement of our national resources and the resources of other nations.

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exhibits that have a value in the eyes of every visitor and a far deeper interest to specialists in the many lines of human activity.

comes the low hum of wheels and shafts, proving the constant activity in the main palaces that is a feature of this Exposition; from the right, weird notes of Oriental music and the voices of the strong lugged, calling attention to the fantastic sights that are within walls.

WHAT SINCERITY IS. The Consciousness and Analysis of the Motives of All Life's Actions.

Love contains no complete and lasting happiness in the transparent atmosphere of perfect sincerity.

Longest Road in the World. In 1901 the great Siberian Railway was thrown open to the public.

Put to the Test. A great crowd has assembled to cheer the boy Prince Alexander on his arrival at Belgrade by steamer.

GERMAN KALI WORKS. Small Potatoes result from a lack of Potash in the soil.

Electricity is the prime mover, as witnessed in the Intramural Railway, automobiles and electric launches on the lagoons; yet the picturesque jirikshas, the comfortable roller chairs and the poetic gondolas, propelled by the hand of man, are well in evidence.

For varied picturesqueness a ride on the Intramural has not its equal in the world. Starting from a point central among palaces that are more ornate than any ever conjured by Aladdin's lamp, the visitor is carried between other structures of equal magnitude and grandeur on the one side, and the bizarre habitations of Pike concessionaires on the other.

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Think of Your Barber. A man in Philadelphia who had been proverbially fretful and insulting to the barber who shaved him, and whose only excuse was that he was very nervous, was finally led to relieve his uncomfortableness by counting the number of strokes that it took to shave him.

To his great surprise he found that it took 459 strokes to shave him when he was fairly calm, and more when he was in a more nervous mood.

The barber informed him that he had frequently shaved men so restless and nervous that it took nearly 600 razor strokes to shave them, and no thanks at that.

The gentleman has been counting the strokes ever since, and by this simple device has greatly benefited his nervous system to the great delight of his faithful barber. There is no single remedy for nervousness so effectual as counting.—Linton

It Was Also Salt.

A burly old skipper and his mate went into a restaurant at Southampton, says the Inglenook, and ordered a "table d'ot" dinner. The waiter, with considerable flourish, placed a plate of thin, watery-looking liquid before each of them.

"Hi, me lad, wot's this stuff?" shouted the captain, gazing in amazement at the concoction under his nose.

"Soup, sir," replied the waiter.

"Soup!" shouted the old sea-dog. "Soup, Bill," turning to his mate, "just think of that! 'Ere's you and me been sailin' on soup all our lives and never knowed it till now."

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RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

LATEST CABLES.

Paris 5.—The "Echo de Paris" correspondent in St. Petersburg telegraphs that a high official of the general staff says that Kurapatkin telegraphed the Emperor expressing his satisfaction that the Japanese had not permitted the 20,000 Japanese to advance towards Port Arthur...

and decisive battle is expected, at which the only forty regiments of artillery; a number of which are delayed at various points. It is believed here that the Russian forces do not exceed 8000, while that of the opposing forces are between 30 and 40,000. The losses suffered by both sides are legible; on the Japanese part it is between one and two thousand, while on that of the Russians it is more than double. These numbers go to reveal that the battle was the most sanguinary in history. At the points where the Japanese crossed the river, the difficulties are many. It is believed that the Russian dead are nearly 1000, and the Russian dead at the ground with great vigour. Today the Government has been advised of another attempt to cross Port Arthur by sea, and which was successful.

Cruel custom of Koreans.

PUNISHMENT OF CRIMINALS EXTENDED TO THE FAMILIES.

From the "Daily Picayune." Ernst von Hesse-Wartegg, the famous German traveler, husband of Minnie Hauck, relates some interesting facts on Korean life.

"In Korea, as in Morocco," he says, "tortures are very common. In the prisons I saw instruments which were not so fearful as those which two centuries ago were used in our own country—only simple sticks and ropes, or the well-known kang, the neck-board, but they put them to a fearful use. Only a few years ago the legs of condemned persons were broken with the sticks, while the ropes were placed twice around the loins of the victim, and pulled together in such a manner as to sink deep into the flesh. Besides these tortures, the punishments are extended to the family of the criminal. For example, even today the punishment for treason is decapitation of the offender and the poisoning or enslavement of the mother, wife and daughter. The treason of a woman is punished by poisoning. For murder the punishment is similar. If a man commits theft he is decapitated, or in lesser cases banished to a lonely island, his property confiscated, and his wife sold as a slave.

For the desecration of the graves of ancestors—for in Korea a cult prevails similar to that in China—the offender and all his male relations to the fifth degree are decapitated, and his mother and other female members of his family are poisoned. The poisoning is usually done in prison by a dose of arsenic, the decapitation until a few years ago took place in a broad frequented street before the west gates of the city. The notice of death sentence is usually published in the written State Gazette.

The police system in Korea is very elaborate, and it is rare that a criminal escapes, unless he has money enough to fill the pocket of a mandarin. Every male Korean possesses a pass, consisting of a long tablet, on which his name, position, and residence are written. The tablets of the common people are of wood, of soldiers' horn of the low nobility and officials, bone. The ministers, princes and high nobility use ivory tablets, also small tablets of ivory. For every Korean is compelled to have such a pass. Usually he wears it with a string around his neck under his clothes, or on the lower arm under the sleeve. If at night a policeman in the street is heard without his tablet he is at once arrested. At receptions the Koreans introduce themselves by presenting these passes with a deep bow.

Although poor women, even though innocent, are held responsible for the crimes of their husbands, fathers and sons, they have no rights. A woman, for example, cannot obtain a divorce from her husband, but for any trivial reason he can secure a separation. He needs but to allege laziness or volubility to secure a divorce, for a woman is not allowed to defend herself against such accusations. The man, however, rarely procures a divorce, for by dismissing a wife, they lose an industrious servant. Besides, one can always take into himself an additional wife. If this does not suit the first wife, she can pack her things and go to her relations, the children, however, remain under the charge of the husband.

On the public streets one sees only women of the lower classes, and these hide their faces when foreign men approach. Only the dancers and singers appear on the street without a veil. Women take no part in public amusement or in out-door sports. Two festival days of the year are, however, given up to them entirely. The first of these festivals is a general bathing day, usually occurring in August. On this day in all of the cities and villages women and children troop to the shores of the river. The second festival day is devoted to the old women of the lower classes, who for the whole year are compelled to do the heaviest work. They dress themselves in clean white clothes and go to the quarters of the rich, where all houses are open to them. There they receive gifts of money and refreshments and are allowed to wander through the houses and gardens. On the next day they return to their usual work. On the day devoted to ancestor worship the women also take part with the men.

Owing to the lazy characteristics of the Korean, public amusements in their life play a great role. All work is left to women. The men sleep, smoke, gossip, play cards and domino, fish, hunt, fly kites and practice with bow and arrow. The Koreans in this respect have acquired great skill, and the sport is fostered by the Government. Boxing and wrestling are also industriously practiced, and in a personal fight even the Munchus are equal to them. While the small Japanese are pignies in comparison. Neighbouring villages, or parts of a city frequently arrange sporting contests.

Later in the fall differences between clans or tribes are fought out in the same manner. The causes, as a rule are insignificant, usually due to gossip. Then accused call up their opponents for a fight. On a day appointed both parties dress their relatives together, and, protecting their heads by enormous straw hats, march to an open space outside the city wall and face each other, armed with sticks and stones. Then the bravest fighters appear and attack each other. Next to the birthday of the King the greatest festival day of the year is the commemoration of victories which the

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The Bocas Del Toro Fire.

From the "Gleaner." Mobile, April 18—J. R. Polak, general adjuster of all foreign insurance companies, arrived here to-day from Bocas del Toro, Panama. He stated that the total loss by recent fire there is about \$350,000 with about \$225,000 insurance.

Costa Rican Fruit.

From the "Gleaner." Mr. William Cradwick, Agricultural Instructor, has returned to the island from Costa Rica. He brought back with him a bunch of bananas, the product of old lands. This is now at the office of the Agricultural Society of which he also sent two fingers from a bunch produced on new land. This bunch contained 12 hands of 26 fingers and the hand weighed 2 1/2 lbs, the fingers being 11 inches long.

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