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(By Associated Press)

SAN FRANCISCO, July 4.—San Francisco's Diamond Jubilee, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the holding of the American flag here, will be celebrated Saturday, July 9. "It should be a day worthy of celebration," Mayor James Rolph, Jr., declared in a recent proclamation announcing his intention of appointing a committee to arrange exercises to mark the occasion.

Records show that San Francisco was taken over by United States forces Thursday, July 9, 1846, without opposition and without even a Mexican flag flying to haul down.

In taking the city, 70 men from the United States sloop, Portsmouth, under Captain B. Montgomery, landed at the foot of Clay street, which is now well up in the city's financial district, marched along the sandy way to what is now Kearny street, and hoisted the stars and stripes on a pole in front of the Mexican custom house.

A copy of a letter written by Captain Montgomery aboard the Portsmouth, then anchored in the bay here, to William A. Liederdorf, vice consul of the United States here, was published recently. It was

dated July 8, 1846. The letter follows:

"At half past seven o'clock tomorrow morning I propose landing a considerable body of men under arms and to march them from boats to the flagstaff at Yerba Buena, upon which, at 8 o'clock I shall hoist the flag of the United States, under a salute of 21 guns from the Portsmouth, after which the proclamation of the commander-in-chief, Commodore Sloat, will be read in both languages for the information of all classes.

"I will thank you, therefore, to have in translated and ready for that purpose at the appointed hour, and be pleased to present my compliments to the Alcades and say, if agreeable to him, I shall be gratified to see him present on the occasion; that I may, under the authority of the proclamation, confirm him in his official position until the pleasure of the commander-in-chief shall be known."

Captain Montgomery's step was taken following receipt of advice from Commodore Sloat, then aboard the frigate Savannah at Monterey, Calif., stating that the flag would be raised at Monterey and ordering like action at Yerba Buena as San Francisco then was known.

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CHINA SUSPICIOUS OF JAP INTENTION

Former Losses of Territory as Result of Negotiations Recalled.

WANTS SHANTUNG BACK

No Use of Negotiating Says Chinese Minister, As Matters Can Be Settled Openly Without Jeopardizing Rights.

(By Associated Press) PEKING, July 5.—The Chinese people regard with suspicion Japan's suggestion that China and Japan enter into negotiations regarding the Shantung question, realizing that in the past China always has lost either territory or prestige as the result of negotiations over international controversies; and they further believe that in this instance there is no occasion for negotiations, according to Dr. W. W. Yen, China's minister of foreign relations in a statement made to the Associated Press.

"If Japan intends to restore the German leased territory in Shantung and the inalienable rights and privileges formerly enjoyed by Germany, without conditions, Japan should announce the fact to the world in unequivocal terms," he said. "If she proposes to make conditions for such restoration, she should frankly announce those terms for all nations to pronounce judgment upon them."

"Furthermore, China does not wish to jeopardize her right to carry the Shantung question to the League of Nations by entering into direct negotiations. China does not propose to permit Japan to cite such negotiations in support of possible opposition to submission of the question to that body.

"China also would be lacking in proper consideration for the nation which have interested themselves in the Shantung settlement should she undertake to negotiate directly. This is particularly true with reference to the senate and people of the United States who have evinced a friendly desire to see China's interests safeguarded.

"Internationalization of the port of Tientsin would meet with approval by China. It is in line with China's declared policy and action in throwing open various ports to international trade, and it is realized that it would be greatly to China's interest; but the initiative in this direction lies with China and not with Japan."

Dr. Yen sees a hopeful future for China regardless of present financial difficulties. "The welfare of the country," he said, "rests upon the thrift and stability of the people, and the people are making considerable advancement economically. They are better educated, live better, think more correctly and are more thrifty than ever before. The reasons for this advancement are greater contact with more advanced nations, the roads and the railways and the influence of thousands of students and others, not counting the soldiers, who went to Europe who have returned with new and more progressive ideas."

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WON FAME AS PROPHETESS

Legends Concerning "Mother Shipton" Tell Us Little of Real Life of Remarkable Woman.

In the four centuries and more since Mother Shipton's birth, her predictions have from time to time been recalled, especially as some new invention or historical development has seemed to bear out her prophecies. According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, Mother Shipton was born near Yorkshire a good many years before Columbus discovered America, though the exact date is in doubt. The legend concerning her states that she was begotten, like the Wizard Merlin of King Arthur's Round Table, of a union of a phantom of Apollo or some other aerial demon in that guise, and a beautiful young orphan girl of Yorkshire named Agatha Southill. The baby was christened Ursula Southill by the abbot of Beverly. From early childhood the prophetess displayed her weird powers, which developed in scope as she grew older. She married a carpenter named Shipton, according to the legend, and died at the age of seventy-three years. Contrary to the custom of those times, Mother Shipton, despite her suspected connection with the devil and the powers of darkness, escaped hanging as a witch, due largely to the fact that she had never been known to harm anyone. Her "evil eye" was never turned toward any person, but exerted its baleful power in piercing the veil of the future.

WILLING TO SHARE HUSBAND

Curious Custom That Came Under the Observation of Traveler in Persia.

One of the most extraordinary customs in the world is that observed by certain Persian tribes.

When a native woman wishes to display her affection for a friend of her own sex, she proposes that the latter shall become her husband's wife on equal terms with herself.

"This is the greatest compliment she can bestow," wrote the late Dr. Elizabeth Macbenn Ross, who spent some years as a doctor among the tribes of North Persia. She had the hand of many Persian husbands offered to her in this way.

"I must say it is somewhat embarrassing," she said, in her reminiscences, according to London Tit-Bits, "when the gentleman himself happens to be present, and I have sometimes wondered what the effect on the wife would be if her generous offer were accepted."

"When I told them it appeared to me a curious thing that one wife should select another, I was informed that it presented many advantages. It is much better for us to choose our husband's wife; then we get someone we like and with whom we can agree."

If a husband dies—his wives are divided among his brothers, the eldest having first choice and taking all or as many of the women as he fancies.

Nature's Fireless Cooker.

Western towns have lately been preparing and maintaining camping grounds, equipped with water and lights, for the convenience of automobile tourists. There is at least one spot where natural fireless cookers are among the gratuitous provisions for the comfort of the touring public. This unique inducement is found at Hot Springs, Nev., where boiling water has been spouting up from the unknown depths of the sun-baked earth. Near this remarkable hot spring there are several "cooking holes," excavations about three feet in depth, whose sides are lined with sheet iron. At the bottom the boiling water gurgles. Into these holes visitors lower the vessels containing their food or drink. Because of the boiling temperature and the heat of the surrounding steam which fills the cavity, the process of cooking is rapid.

Dream Lore.

Kill—To dream you kill some one signifies that you will inherit a small fortune by the death of an old friend. To kill a friend denotes sickness. To kill a relative foretells failure in your underwriting. To dream you are killed signifies great loss to him who kills you. To kill wild beasts denotes domestic happiness. But to kill tame or useful animals, great family troubles. Buttons—To dream of bright buttons is always good; if rusty, it portends misfortune; if covered, happiness; if he has lost his buttons, it is a sign he will not live long.—Chicago American.

Prehistoric Creature.

The remains of what is described as the largest and most mysterious land animal that ever walked the earth have been found in Banchistan. The creature was probably more like a rhinoceros than like any other animal of today, but it had a neck that suggests that of the giraffe. Two of the neck bones, compared with similar bones of the largest previously known land animals, make them look small, and nothing but dynamite or a stump puller could have drawn one of its teeth.—Youth's Companion.

But Will It Sell?

"I've invented a new one, boss," said the soda clerk. "You take a dab of violet ice cream and serve it with crushed blueberries on top." "It sounds good," admitted the boss. "What are you going to call it?" "Why, a blue sundae, of course," Judge.

POLISH WOMEN FOUGHT WELL

Famous "Brigade of Death" Gave Good Account of Itself on Fields of Battle.

The occasion of the demobilization of the women's brigade in the Polish army, which consisted of 3,000 fighters, has led to the consideration of its actual services during the World war. The commander of this "death" organization expressed some doubts about her sex proving of much value on the firing line, but upon what her conclusion was founded is not indicated. The records of the brigade show that 50 woman fighters deserted to get married. It may be on this score that the commander feels that their efficiency is dubious.

Waiving this one drawback, however, the discipline and fearlessness of these women who had prepared themselves for active fighting are rather significant. In temerity and intrepidity they probably could not be outclassed or perhaps equaled by the women of any other country. The actual casualties of the brigade were not more than 100, but even this number indicates that its members faced considerable danger and the possibility of death. To be able to meet an emergency, to be equipped and drilled for combat, and to be prepared to die on the battlefield may not be what should be expected of women, nor ways in which they can best serve, but the brigade has shown its mettle.—Knickerbocker Press.

WORLD NOT YET FILLED UP

There Are Many Places Where the Lover of Solitude Can Find What He Is Looking For.

Crowded as the world seems to be getting, Robinson Crusoe could find a haven today, and he would not have to resort to the polar regions, either.

Numerous islands still dot the seas where a visitor would find no living soul, and there are others where the inhabitants are living in almost primitive simplicity, says a bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society.

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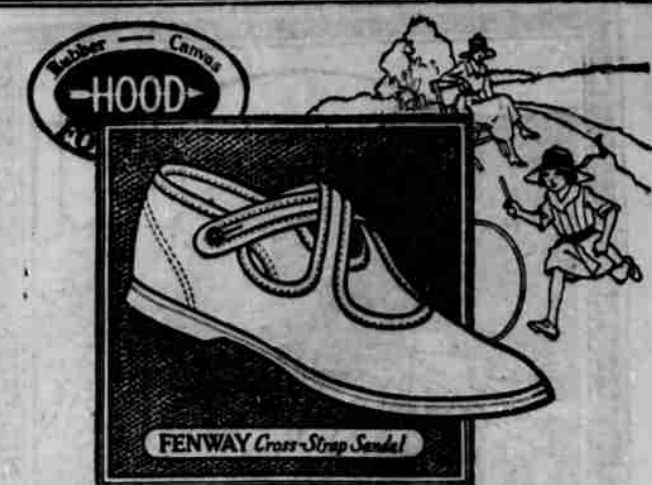
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