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WORLD GLIMPSES

Chinese Reciprocity

When, after the Boxer rebellion in China, the arbitrating international commission assessed the losses that each country had sustained at the hands of the savage Manchus, the Chinese government promptly met the extravagant demands and paid the price in gold. Millions went to Russia, France, Italy, Germany and Great Britain. Fourteen millions were assessed as the portion due the Americans. When it was sent, our government, under John Hay, returned it to them, saying we are not in the business of exploitation. Never has there been a better piece of international diplomacy. (Parenthetically it will be remembered and recalled that America always pays for what she obtains: She believes in expansion, but pays as she expands. She paid for Florida, for the Gadsden Purchase, for Alaska, for Alaska, for the Philippines.)

When China saw this act of the United States it made the celestial the fast and almost furious friends of America and things American, and the faithful evidence of this statement is

seen in the fact that so soon as they saw the return of these millions, they said: "America has a spirit neither we nor other nations possess; we desire our people to have such manners as that." Therefore, at once they set aside that enormous sum of money as a sacred fund whose annual interest is devoted forever to the support of young men and women who are sent to America for the purpose of receiving an education in the best of our many colleges. Thus we get a glimpse of the real Chinaman: few of us have ever seen the true man from that land; we have seen mainly the coolies and slaves who are owned soul and body by certain companies who buy them, then sell them, kill them, or do anything else with them they may fancy. The real man of Cathay is a gentleman, a scholar and a philosopher.

Chinese Republic.

So impressed were the statesmen of China with the American spirit toward the "fellow who is down" that they made their new constitution to conform far as they could with the spirit and genius of our government. Selfishness is not as rampant there as here in all things political. Sun Yat Sen resigned at once when the republic had been proclaimed, so that Yuan Shi Kai, a man he acknowledged as his superior as a statesman, might have the reins of power.

Japan Doings

Japan has the credit of being the most progressive of all the Oriental peoples. In some ways this is true, but Japan is a hard master. Like America, Japan has never been defeated. No aggressor has ever set foot on the shore of those mountainous islands. Ghengis Khan (from it several hundred years ago when he had become the acknowledged victor of all the region between the Gulf of Arctia and the Ice Sea, etc.) he never crossed the channel. Japan has never been aggressive toward other nations, seemingly to be satisfied with her own insular narrowness, until she was imposed upon by Russia. Now it seems she is a hard ruler since she became the possessor of Korea. We may be mistaken at this distance, but it appears from the most reputable travelers that the Korean has a hard row to hoe. The Japanese do not wait till a row spirit arises toward the new ruler, but is trying to force the matter of hasty patriotism on them. The Korean is stubborn, too, as is but natural, and many of the best of the country are being sent to prison and torture. The writer of these words recently met a physician from Chung King, China, who had been but recently sent to Korea on business, and that person, who was apparently unprejudiced, said Japan is making her rule in Korea hard by the drastic measures practiced on a naturally docile people.

Political Conventions

A writer said: "But war's a game at which if their subjects were wise, Kings would not play." Another writer might with some propriety say: "Politics is a game at which if the people were wise, politicians would not play." After the spectacle afforded by the menageries at Chicago and Baltimore, it may be conjectured that the time is coming when with little cost to anyone, the selections for these high offices will be made by the simple initiative of the people who are to do the voting, pay the taxes, bear the burdens of the commonwealth and are eternally the backbone, ribs, head, tail and all the remaining possible accessories of the state.

Popular Government.

Best government is the arranging,

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of popular affairs in such manner as will give the masses the best protection in all things at the least trouble and cost to themselves. The educated element of our nation is so strong and constitutes now so large a factor in things material that the matter of choosing a president is both easier and harder than ever before; it is easier in the fact there are so many equally capable, and harder because among equals it is not easy to find him who should be first. Truly we are a nation of great people. Our high schools are better equipped and have better courses of study than had the universities of a hundred years ago. The capacity for intelligent citizenship may be no greater than formerly, but the opportunity for higher achievement never was equal to that of today, and our people are taking advantage of it all. They are the thoughtful rulers, too.

Chautauqua.

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Union and La Grande.

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C. M. HUMPHREYS, City Recorder.



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