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THE CHILDREN.

"And a little child shall lead them."

The students of a Chicago public school performed a public duty the other day when they organized a procession to celebrate the fifteenth anniversary of the first Hague conference for international arbitration.

In a day when the air is full of war and rumors of war, the anniversary seems generally to have been forgotten. Yet it was well worth commemorating, because it marks the first attempt of nations to substitute reason for fear in their relations with one another.

That procession of school children typified the rising tide of feeling. Nor does it indicate loss of patriotism, nor evaporation of military ideals of service.

And what did Chicago people think of all this, Chicago that had but a few days previous wept itself into hysteria over the bier of a Vera Cruz victim? Chicago did the obvious thing: it cheered the peace procession, cheered "Miss Peace" with her olive branch and white dove, cheered the tableau of Liberty and Industry and Civilization and Education and Arbitration.

CHINA AND HER PEOPLE.

Lecturer familiar with the far east have been warning us for the last several years that China was coming into her own, that the awakened China would become the world's greatest nation.

people, her millions of acres of fertile valleys and productive fields, her mineral resources greater than those of all the rest of the world combined, but China has been sleeping for centuries and it seemed inconceivable that the awakening could be sudden, despite the political upheaval that turned a monarchy into an aggressive republic practically in a day.

But is the possibility of China as a world power so remote? A press dispatch from San Francisco announces that China will have the largest display of any foreign nation at the Panama-Pacific exposition, that China has appropriated \$1,500,000 for its exhibit and has asked for 50 percent more floor space than could be given.

The "yellow peril" that we must fear is the "yellow peril" of commercialism, some of the observing world travelers have told us. There evidently is considerable truth in this. We have been sitting back indifferently watching what we presumed to believe a gradual awakening of China and we discover that China is already wide awake to a nation's opportunities.

PIONEERS HOLD REUNION.

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gentleman present. Base ball game. Sports of various kinds. Session will close with election of officers and transaction of any business that may come before meeting.

Spend July fourth in a sane, safe and comfortable manner by taking a loaded lunch basket to the park and listening to a good program, eating your dinner and hear the band play, and go home at night in a happy mood.

Why a Lake is Like a Person. A lake resembles a living being in many ways. It has a pulse, its surface rises and falls rhythmically. It has a circulation. Its water not only ebbs and flows, but there are undercurrents by which the life giving oxygen is carried to organisms which dwell in its depths.

Blended.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes, once said that he wrote his first book at the age of six. It appears to have been a story of adventure of the most exciting kind.

Korean Justice.

The Korean Judge dispenses justice in the open, and by etiquette only the Judge can sit. Every one else must stand, excepting the prisoner and his friends, who are forced to remain in a humble kneeling position with bowed heads.

An Ancient Mariner's Tale.

A solemn man leaped forward as the train approached the seaside resort. "You see that boardin' house over there. I can tell you a funny story about that. I was stayin' there thirty years since, and there was a 'usband and wife there, too—very pleasant people.

"Well, is that all?" asked the victim as the ancient mariner paused for breath. "No. 'E went out at once and drowned 'imself in those very boots—a new pair fresh on."

And the ancient mariner was obviously gratified by the sensation which the climax of his funny story produced.—Manchester Guardian.

The Legs in Swimming.

The correct stroke of the legs is exactly like that of a frog's hind legs. Watch one of these frogs and copy his style. You cannot do better. The legs are drawn up together slowly, not with a jerk, until they are gathered in close under the body.

Curious Epitaphs.

Old New England graveyards are not the only ones which contain curious epitaphs. The old time dweller of Maine who "died of a falling tree," as his headstone asserts, had a fellow in misfortune in faroff Austria, as is shown by W. A. Baillie-Grohmann's "The Tyrol and the Tyrolese."

Baseball Versus Cricket.

We have known only one big league ball player to partake both of baseball

Shop at Wests in Comfort. Wide roomy aisles, with an abundance of cool air, modern fixtures, courteous salespeople, and prompt deliveries makes shopping at West's a pleasure. Hot Weather and Play Day Needs for Old and Young. Many things to make your vacation days enjoyable can be purchased here.

Reparation.

Judge (to prisoner at the bar)—So you confess that you robbed the savings bank. Have you anything to urge in the way of extenuating circumstances? The Prisoner—I have, y' honor. I deposited all the money in the savings bank the very next day.—New York Post.

Didn't Want to Lose Her.

"Why are you going around in that horrible coat?" "My wife needs a new gown." "You shouldn't spend all your money on her."

What to Take For It.

Smart—I know just what to take for seasickness. Waggles (eagerly)—Do you? What is it? Smart—An ocean steamer.

Her Dear Friend.

Maud—Jack told me last night that I was beautiful. Ethel—And yet people say Jack has no imagination.—Boston Transcript.

Don't dissipate your powers.

Strive constantly to concentrate them.—Goethe

MERCHANTS MEET TO ROUND UP ODDS AND ENDS OF RECEPTION

Grande last evening dined at the Foley to go over the arrangements for entertainment of the Oregon Merchants who are coming 500 strong early Monday morning.

MONDAY, JUNE 22, 1914. 10:00 A. M.—Convention Called to Order. F. D. Haisten, President La Grande Association. Invocation. Rev. E. B. Fyke, La Grande. Address of Welcome (on Behalf of City of La Grande.)

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MONDAY AFTERNOON, JUNE 22, 1914. 1:30 P. M.—Report of Committee on Order of Business. Reports of Local Associations. Albany, Astoria, Baker, Coos, Corvallis, Cottage Grove, Eugene, Forest Grove, Grants Pass, Hood River, Klamath Falls, La Grande, Lebanon, Medford, McMinnville, Newberg, Oregon City, Pendleton, Portland, Reensburg, Salem, Seaside, Springfield, The Dalles, Tillamook, Vale, Willamina, Newport, Vancouver, Wn.

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