

GUM JI IS CONSUMED

Chinese Capture and Destroy Spirit of Evil.

THOUSANDS VIEW SPECTACLE

To the Weird Chanting of Priests in the Midst of Burning Punk, Candies and Sandal-Wood, the Good Spirits Triumph.

Put the black-bordered handkerchief in the cedar chest and drop the parting tear. The devil is dead because he could not withstand the temptation of participating in the great feast upon the face of the earth, and left the regions of darkness to descend and to be captured by San Di Law and San Di Gin. His satanic majesty, Gum Ji, evil spirit of all things Chinese, has been consumed by fire, and there is rejoicing in Portland's Chinatown.

At 4 o'clock this morning Gum Ji's material body was destroyed, and his astral self floated back to the regions of darkness, a crushed, bleeding, beaten thing. No more will the evil spirit harass the peace and contentment of Chinatown until next year.

Thousands of people visited the Chinese quarter yesterday afternoon and last night, remaining until after the first were lighted and the death of Gum Ji had been accomplished. All afternoon and evening the joss-houses were filled with large crowds of curiosity-seekers. And above the hum of hundreds of inquiring voices, above the smoke and flame from 10,000 tiny candles, from burning punk and sandal wood, could be heard the queer, weird chant of the Chinese priests.

Yesterday afternoon the wood for the fire was distributed along Second street from Oak to Pine. Promptly on the stroke of 12 last night the first fire was lighted. In a stand erected at the corner of Second and Pine streets, beneath a canopy, sat the priests as the materials below made the gigantic preparations. In a smaller stand under a canopy on the corner of Oak street, a block away, sat Gum Ji, his lips curled with scorn at the feast on the face of the earth.

All the fires were lighted by 1 o'clock. Hundreds of sticks of punk and thousands of tiny candles were burning in the center of the street. Messages of good cheer to the gods in the shape of small pieces of paper, were thrown over the fire, to be driven upward by the heat and to flock the air as so many white-winged birds. At 2 o'clock the priests descended from their dais, passed through the two rows of fires and came to a stop before the dais of Gum Ji, beseeching and tempting him to come to the earth and partake of the feast that was ready. Gum Ji curled his lips in scorn and scoffed at his tempters. The feast was not to his liking.

The priests returned to their dais. The Chinese band began to play. Foodstuffs such as is never seen outside Chinatown were devoured with a relish. Plates after plates of chicken, rice and sugar-buns, cup after cup of tea and gin, were disposed of in a spirit of jollity. Alone in his dais Gum Ji felt a sudden longing—the longing for companionship. The feast attracted him. The vultures were good to see and the burning fires seemed to promise a season of pleasure. Gum Ji hesitated, and was lost. He left his throne and rushed into the center of the merry-makers, who crowded about him as though he were a curiosity. His sinister presence for a moment appalled and frightened them. Then they thought of the wrongs the woe and the suffering, the sorrow and discord that Gum Ji had caused in the past, and to a man they fell upon him and bore him away. From fire and torture was inflicted upon him. From fire and they took him, dipping him in this one and that one, that he might feel the heat of the flames. San Di Law and San Di Gin suggested new tortures, and they were accomplished. Priests chanted while Gum Ji writhed with pain and suffering. Greater and greater grew the wrath of the Celestials, and then—

COST OF FEEDING THE ARMY

Commissary-General Reports the Expenses Reduced to a Minimum.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 12.—The annual report of Brigadier-General J. F. Weston, Commissary-General of the Army, says the total cost of feeding the Army during the past fiscal year was \$3,821,750. During the year the losses were \$118,650 in the Philippines; \$748 in the transports and \$103 in the United States, Alaska, Porto Rico and elsewhere.

General Weston says it is difficult and often impossible to prevent losses of perishable stores. He recommends the passage of a bill by Congress to give authority to all officers entrusted with the disbursement of subsistence funds to hold restricted amounts of such funds in their personal possession. He says the exigencies of the public service require an open disregard of the restriction of the existing law in cities where the commissary or assistant treasurer is located. He urges legislation authorizing the sale at public auction of accumulated subsistence stores in good condition.

General Weston says the problem of feeding the Army in the Philippines was a difficult one, but "it has been successfully solved, and subsistence affairs in the archipelago are now run with system and economy."

STRIKES AT MONEY-LENDERS.

MacArthur Issues Order Preventing Transfer of Soldiers' Deposit Books.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 12.—General MacArthur today issued an order aimed at discouraging the numerous users who, for a long time, have been fattening their purses at the expense of soldiers of the regular Army. The order forbids the transfer, pledge or sale of deposit books issued to enlisted men who have deposited their savings with the Paymaster.

It has been a common practice for men, especially when on pass, to fall into the hands of sharpers who advance them cash on their deposit books at extortionate rates of interest. A case occurred not long ago where a soldier had to pay one of the money sharks \$300 for a loan of \$100.

Russian General Wounded.

ST. PETERSBURG, Oct. 12.—General Sakharov, telegraphing yesterday evening, confirms the reports of desperate fighting north of Yentai, where the heights were alternately held by the Russians and Japanese.

General Danilov, who succeeded Gen-

VIVID PICTURE OF BATTLE.

Noted Correspondent Tells of Splendid Conduct of Men at Liao Yang.

LONDON, Oct. 12.—A letter from Bennett Burleigh, mailed to Vancouver, B. C., and telegraphed from there to the Daily Telegraph, gives an even column description of the battle of Liao Yang, which he describes as by no means a Pyrrhic victory for the Japanese. He declares the Russian works were stronger than those at Metz, and should have been difficult to force as the forts and lines of Paris in 1870. Kuratkin did well, yet with a more desperate resolution and better materials, he might have gained a doubtful success. Mr. Burleigh thinks that Field Marshal Oyama, might have turned from the west the Russians' extraordinarily strong positions without recourse to so desperate a series of frontal attacks. The following is one of Mr. Burleigh's battle pictures:

"Yet for all the maiming, slaughter and the passing of comrades' souls, life's affairs and the war's business went on methodically. Lines of ammunition carts were led along, each drawn by one horse. Batteries and infantry were going and coming all day. These also had to run the gauntlet of fire and rarely escaped unscathed. The hours dragged and the men, as they lay under cover of the last death, yet had stomach for feeding, spirits for watching, smoking, chatting, drinking; doing as they were wont to do under ordinary circumstances, their duty and finding no reproach in the faces alongside of them, dead."

Ex-Diplomat Becomes Editor.

TOKIO, Oct. 12.—The report that M. Kato, Japanese Minister to England, has purchased the Nichi Nichi (newspaper) is confirmed. He will personally conduct the paper.

Japan Decides on Domestic Loan.

TOKIO, Oct. 12.—The government decided today to float a domestic loan of 440,000,000, representing the volume of the amount authorized by the Diet.

American Nurses Decorated.

TOKIO, Oct. 12.—The Emperor has decorated the American nurses with the Order of the Crown.

ROOSEVELT'S ATTITUDE.

How He Regarded the Grafters of Postal Department.

William Allen White in McClure's. The President's attitude was the first one of angry abhorrence for the alleged thieves. He went at the investigation as a terror goes after a rat. When the Washington Times was printing the exposures, Beavers was brought to the White House and asked to tell all he knew under promise that "that damned wolf, Bristow, be kept off him. For," said Beavers, as his fat cheeks shook with fear and horror, "that damned wolf would never rest until he saw me in stripes and behind the bars and stood there grinning at me."

The President knew how the Postoffice officials had found Assistant Postmaster-General Bristow. His work in Cuba had proved his mettle. And it was Bristow whom the President set upon the thieves. Before he had been at work a month Beavers left his desk and fled, and Machen, the cooler scoundrel of the two, set to work with all his power of Congressmen and editors (and he had them on his staff by the hundreds) to dissuade the President from probing the scandal. Party papers all over the land, to which Machen had been furnishing lists of farmers on free-delivery routes, began to discredit the investigation. They attacked Bristow and said he was inspired in his search for Machen's misdeeds by jealousy for Machen. Congressmen and Senators whom Machen had favored came storming to the White House and said the exposure would ruin the party, and would defeat the President for re-election. Men high in the party councils—close to Machen—were first persuasive and then wrathful in their insistence that the investigation be dropped. But it went on. When it touched the President's friend and political sponsor, State Senator Green, of Birmingham, N. Y., and when he was about to be indicted for crookedness, two Senators from New York and every prominent Republican in the state begged for mercy, and then threatened President Roosevelt for allowing Bristow to indict Senator Green's friend and that the members of the society—enough to carry New York against the President this year—would vote against him and lose him the presidency if Green were indicted. But Roosevelt looked at the evidence and Bristow went on with his work; the indictment was issued.

An Amateur Entertainment.

Atchison Globe.

The amateur entertainment given at Metropolitan Hall last night was, with a few exceptions, the rottenest thing of the kind ever seen in Atchison. The singing of Miss Riddle Farinlow was something new, and the most of the time like a pig squealing for something to eat. Miss Farinlow is a victim of politeness. Her friends pretended to enjoy her singing in purest sincerity, but she played a duet on the piano for fifteen minutes by the watch. It was simply awful, but the audience thought it would not be polite not to applaud, and there were a second attack of applause in ten minutes. The sisters were probably ruined for good housekeepers by this misplaced kindness of the audience. Farinlow, a young woman, who had been put on the stage about a week ago, was a victim of politeness. Her friends pretended to enjoy her singing in purest sincerity, but she played a duet on the piano for fifteen minutes by the watch. It was simply awful, but the audience thought it would not be polite not to applaud, and there were a second attack of applause in ten minutes. The sisters were probably ruined for good housekeepers by this misplaced kindness of the audience. Farinlow, a young woman, who had been put on the stage about a week ago, was a victim of politeness.

Man's Way.

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A deep melancholy settled upon an Atchison young man because the girl he loved of doesn't care for him. She can't cook, she can't sew, she is not a kind daughter, and his mind's foot that he should really get from under the cloud of melancholy and call for a clear head and a ragtime tune. He doesn't know what he has escaped; he will never know. Years from now, when he marries some quiet, worthy woman, he will torture her by talking sentimentally of the girl he loved years ago.

Kansas Trains Again Running.

TOPEKA, Kan., Oct. 12.—Local officials of the Rock Island report that the train derailed in the Southwest have improved to such an extent that through trains have been resumed.

Ex-Mayor Ames Again on Trial.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 12.—The third trial of Ex-Mayor Ames for bribery and corruption began today.

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