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JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

The remark is again made by qualified observers that Japan is preparing for war with Russia. It is probably true as it has hitherto been true. It does not necessarily mean that war is inevitable or near at hand. France and Germany have been preparing for war with each other for the last thirty years, but they are today further from actual war than at any other time in all that period. It is necessary for Japan to be in a constant state of preparation for war with Russia. But the more complete her preparation is the less is the danger of war, says the New York Tribune. Russia never resorts to war with a strong and prepared power when it is possible to avoid it.

A noteworthy example of Russia's methods is afforded by the case of Manchuria. When Russia proposed to China the famous Manchurian agreement, which was to cede Manchuria to Russia and to establish a Russian protectorate over more than half of the Chinese empire, and began to take steps to coerce China into accepting it. Japan remonstrated in no uncertain terms, and insisted that she must have a voice in any partitioning of the Chinese empire which might be undertaken. To this Russia replied in a note which was characteristically suave and courteous, but which, nevertheless, intimated pretty plainly that what Russia did in China was none of Japan's business. That came dangerously near causing open trouble. But the Japanese government controlled its temper, and began the negotiation of a treaty as courteous and certainly as flexible as the Russian note, to the effect that Japan meant to make the face of China very much her business. That second message was not sent, however, for the reason that Russia, learning what its purport would be, abandoned her extraordinary claims and let the Manchurian agreement drop.

In fact, however, Russia is practically enforcing the Manchurian agreement, at least in Manchuria itself. That province is now substantially a part of the Russian Empire. Russia has closed its treaty-ports and has forbidden the entrance of Americans and other foreigners, and in nearly all respects is acting as though the Manchurian agreement had been signed instead of being dropped; and the latest report is that she is reviving for formal signature the same old agreement under a slightly different guise. Japan sees all this. She remembers, too, that at the close of her own war with China she proposed to retain possession of a small bit of Manchuria and that Russia objected strenuously, declaring that at all odds the integrity of the Chinese empire on the mainland must be preserved. Japan is now asking by what right Russia now does the very thing, only on a much larger scale, which Japan was forbidden to do. That is what enrages Japan and causes her to prepare for war with the almost equal. She sees that she was compelled to retire from war to relinquish her lawful spoils of war, not that China might be saved from spoliation, but that these self-same spoils might be seized by Russia.

Here is a hard-luck story from Kansas that ought to serve as a warning to politicians: On March 4 last Edwin Reed Riggely retired from the position of Congressman from the Third Kansas district, and he is today cooking and doing chores for his board and a place to sleep in Lawton, Oklahoma. When Mr. Riggely was elected to congress in 1896, he owned a half interest in a mercantile business in Pittsburg, Kan., but he sold his share to his brother. When he left the office

of congressman at \$3000 a year, and four years of it, he had only a little money, and no profession to support him. He was too old to farm, and the mercantile business did not offer his former inducements. He lived in Pittsburg, Kan., for a time without doing anything and finally drifted to Kiowa county in search of a place and opportunity to begin life again. He was found in Lawton recently by Colonel Fred Donelson, who has been one of Riggely's political supporters in former years. Colonel Donelson says that when he saw him, the former congressman had just returned from an errand for the groceryman who gave him his board. He was carrying a large piece of ice in a sack on his back. The experienced man said that he had been offered a chance to sleep in the groceryman's wagon at night and a job of cooking and running errands for his board. He says the accommodations are not so good as he has had, but he cannot complain, and is looking for a chance to make his fortune.

Oregon could ill afford to lose Judge Raleigh Stott. Deceased was a man of the highest character, coming from the old school of lawyers—men who loved their profession because of a deep interest in law, and who were ever actuated by a rightful spirit. Such men are rare nowadays. While not particularly identified with the business growth of Portland, Judge Stott and men of his kind had a decidedly beneficial effect on society, and his sudden death constitutes no small loss.

The Astorian is in receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the last session of the state senate, for which it thanks Secretary of State Duffar.

The period of termination has set in. Stand from under (ladies and gentlemen) while the lay days expire.

Kitcheiner has despatched his officers of their plan. War is indeed hell.

STORIES THEY TELL WHILE ON SHIPBOARD.

Homer L. Fletcher, who returned to Astoria yesterday, from California, where he underwent a heroic operation, was followed by his physician, the famous Dr. Lane, of San Jose, to make a sea trip. Accordingly he took the steamer Walla Walla from San Francisco for Victoria. The passengers on the Walla Walla were a jolly lot, all men who had seen much of the world and the trip was a pleasant one.

"One of the passengers," Mr. Fletcher relates, "was a big, good-natured cowboy. He had never before been at sea and soon after leaving port became hoarse with cough. Assuming rather an ungracious attitude at the steamer's rail, he went through the usual formalities. Starbuck is a most unpleasant experience, but the big cowboy was remarkably good-natured about it and withstood all the jostling of his more experienced friends. During the day I went over to him and asked him how he was getting along. He said he was doing pretty well and that he hoped for a change of program before long. The following day, however, he was quite so sick as on the first day, and I really felt sorry for him. Of course, he wasn't the only sick one, and the sea rail was a popular rendezvous. During the afternoon I asked him if he thought his sickness was due to weak stomach. With a surprised look, he turned and managed to say: "'Weak stomach?' Well, I guess not. I'm throwing up as far as the rest of these fellows!"

"Another of the passengers," continued Mr. Fletcher, "was a trombone player. Now, that's my specialty, and naturally we talked about players and playing. One afternoon I asked him what weekly salary he usually drew down, and he replied that he received \$75 a week. A musician who was standing near by heard the conversation and butted in. "'Do you know,' the difference between a trombone player who gets \$75 a week and a man who dyes lamb's wool? "'Both the high-priced musician and myself pleaded ignorance of the matter, and the third party continued: "'Well, a man who dyes lamb's wool is a lamb dyer, while a trombone player who gets \$75 a week is a—but say, you don't get \$75 a week, do you?"

"Then there was a man from the big tree region of California. He was always figuring on the impossible and came to be quite a joke himself. One day, when the crowd was on deck, he started in: "'Ray, wouldn't this be a funny world if all the trees were one big tree, and all the men were one big big man and all the axes were one big ax? And suppose this great big man took the great big ax and chopped down the great big tree—wouldn't it be you?"

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POETRY IN POLITICS.

Remarkable Campaigning Idea Adopted by Democrats of Metropolis.

New York Journal. There is something new in politics. The Democrats are obscuring the town with cartoons and ballads after the style of the greater of street car poets, mainly devoted to converting the musical ear of the ordinary New Yorker to a laughing notion of what he has to expect if he does not vote for Mr. Shepard.

"REFORM THE CASE." This year, somehow, I'm Tommy Platt's choice.

"Reform" just now the case is, I'm elected I'll put this town On a higher ethical basis.

The common people all bow down To my purity and knowledge, And I'll even see the "White Wings" 'Til all graduates from my college.

Of course you can't be good, like me (Reformers all adore me.) But, common people, I'll be kind— I'll let you all vote for me.

Justice Jerome on another poster gives as Carrie Nation, and on him the bard wreaks himself thus:

With axe in hand we here behold A celebrated Common Scold, He'd turn New York to Spotters' Town, And dressed in Carrie Nation's gown, He'd join the other Prudes that pressel raise the Blue Law Higher how, But fake "Reform" will have no show— New Yorkers will not.

USE SETUPOW. Not all of the posters have verses. Many of them trust to the picture to make the appeal to the voters of New York. A favorite is a big cartoon representing Dr. Lane, as usual in his editorial vesp, offering a dose of bogus reform to Father Knickerbocker in a spoon labeled "Blue Laws for N. Y."

"A DOSE OF REFORM." The legend that goes with this:

FATHER KNICKERBOCKER —"Oh, thank you, Dr. Lane, I had a dose of that stuff in '94."

PERMISSION TO BREATHE MUST BE OBTAINED FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY.

With this poster, who now takes his place beside the spell-binder as a political force, also goes in his work. No longer is the man with Jingles in his mind limited in opportunity to magazines, soap and pickles. He will talk from this campaign with the discharge of broadsides of funimations and the silver-tongued orator on the cart, as never.

IF LOW IS ELECTED. We must get a permit to live with propriety.

Talk in "Low" whispers and not form a crowd. Then, with decorum and perfect sobriety.

To walk on the sidewalks you'll be allowed, but if you're drunk, Next you'll be gagged and have to wear blinkers.

And as "found in slippers with toes made of work. "Sacramento was the first city of the state which my daughter and I entered. Having a few hours to wait before taking a train, we strolled out and encountered a little girl with an air of magnanimity. "It was the middle of winter, and I remarked on the sight to my daughter. The girl heard me and exclaimed: "'Oh, you can have them.' I said that I would take one, but she told me that I should take two, and she insisted; I can get plenty more at home."

"After lunch we walked out again and stopped at a certain place to look over the fence at the roses in the garden. The lady of the house saw us from the window, came out and picked a great bunch for us. We were fairly abashed at such treatment. We had come from the east, and we didn't know what to make of it.

"Later we were at Pasadena one day riding on one of the trolley cars that ran on into the surrounding country. The road was lined with beautiful pepper trees, with great bunches of scarlet peppers among the glossy green leaves. I made the remark that I wished I had a bunch to dry and take home with me.

"I'll get you a bunch," said the conductor, and he actually stopped the car and got me a bunch of those peppers! A lady on the car asked on if we were going to the row carnival. I told her I knew nothing about it. She explained about it, and said: "'Every one who attends is expected to bring a bunch of roses. When we get off the car I will take you to my home and give you roses to carry, and show you where the opera house is.' She did so, an armed with beautiful bunches of roses, we entered the opera house. Every seat was sold, and we bought standing room. The enterprising man took the great big ax and chopped down the great big tree—wouldn't it be you?"

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that two gentlemen left their seats and carried us to take them.

"We said, 'Why, we cannot take your seats, you have paid for them, and we have bought standing room.' They replied, 'Oh, you are strangers, and we cannot allow company to stand up in California.' And they gave up their seats to us, after paying \$2 apiece for them. How they know we were strangers, I don't know, but they were about you in California, and do something nice for you before they let you go.

"My brother went to a convention in San Francisco, and when his delegation had reached the headquarters they had chosen they found a perfect bowl of golden California popovers and great baskets of fresh fruit, including in his own leaves, on every hand. And each day moved and fresh put in their places. At all the other delegation headquarters it was the same. It's a little while they have in California."

Henry Braydon, Harris, N. C., says: "I took medicine 20 years for asthma, but one bottle of One Minute Cough Cure did me more good than any thing else during that time. Best Cough Cure." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

William E. Curtis, writing from Russia, says that most of the people who have been called to Siberia are better off than they were at home. He does not class liberty to choose their own homes as one of life's beneficial features.

Many physicians are now prescribing Kodol Dyspepsia Cure regularly having found that it is the best prescription they can write because it is the one preparation which contains the elements necessary to digest not only some kinds of food, but all kinds of food, and therefore cures indigestion and dyspepsia no matter what its cause. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

The strongest point made in favor of the proprietary remedy negotiating with Mrs. Kasein with France is that under its provisions we could trade back for wine. There is high authority for believing this would be a good bargain.

Norris Silver, North Stamford, N. H., "I purchased a bottle of One Minute Cough Cure when suffering with a cough docters told me was incurable. One bottle relieved me, the second and third cured me, and I am a well man." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Just as soon as Rear-Admiral Evans had started for Samoa the correspondents began to talk of William E. Chandler for secretary of the navy again. Do they want Ben to write another book?

R. W. Purcell, Kintnersville, Pa., says he suffered 25 years with piles and could obtain no relief until DeWitt's Which Hags Salve effected a permanent cure. Counterfeits are worthless. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Sir Thomas Lipton betrayed his nationality when he told the people of Chicago that he had "traded some of the nails" with which the American cup had been so firmly screwed down."

Sid Darling, 1812 Howard street, Port Huron, Mich., writes: "I have tried many pills and laxatives, but DeWitt's Little Early Bile is far the best pill I have ever used." They never irritate. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

While President Adams was newly accused of having large feet, it is asserted that the shoes he wore at the entrance of the Wisconsin university will be hard to fill.

George W. Lane, Pawama, Mich., writes: "Your Kodol Dyspepsia Cure is the best remedy for indigestion and stomach troubles that I ever used. For years I suffered from dyspepsia, at times compelling me to stay in bed and causing me untold agony. I am completely cured by Kodol Dyspepsia Cure. In recommending it to friends who suffer from indigestion I always offer to pay for it if it fails. Thus far I have never paid." CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

If any of the delegates to the bankers' convention left their pocket books in their "other clothes" when leaving home they had lost local bankers' accommodations.

OLD SOLDIER'S EXPERIENCE. M. M. Austin, a civil war veteran of Winchester, Ind., writes: "My wife was sick a long time in spite of good doctors' treatment, but was wholly cured by Dr. King's New Life Pills, which worked wonders for her health." They always do. Try them. Only 25c at Hart's Druggist.

A DEEP MYSTERY. It is a mystery why women endure backache, headache, nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy fainting and dizzy spells when thousands have proved that Electric Bitters will quickly cure such troubles. "I suffered for years with kidney trouble," writes Mrs. Phoebe Charley, of Petersburg, Va., "and a lame back pained me so I could not dress myself but Electric Bitters wholly cured me, and, although 73 years old, I now am able to do all my household work." It recommends itself. Improves appetite, gives perfect health. Only 50c at Hart's Druggist.

Omaha Bee: Wyoming stockmen are organizing a campaign to exterminate the bear, which are proving destructive to sheep. Here is a good chance for the man who thinks he has lost a few bears.

SHE DIDN'T WEAR A MASK. But her beauty was completely hidden by sores, blotches and pimples till she used Backlin's Arctic Salve. Then they vanished, as will all eruptions, fever, sores, boils, ulcers, carbuncles and felonias from her face. Infallible for cuts, corns, burns, sores and piles. Cure guaranteed. 25c at Hart's Druggist.

Helena Record: A Boston clergyman wants to have a battleship sent to Constantinople. The sultan's more courteous than those Bostonians, and it takes a whole fleet to make any lasting impression on him.

A never failing cure for cuts, burns, scalds, ulcers, wounds and sores is DeWitt's Which Hags Salve. A most soothing and healthy remedy for all skin affections. Accept only the genuine. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

Louisville Courier-Journal: The duke of Manchester not only kicked his wife in the pants "peaks," but so far as refused to pay the bill for them. Truly our American girls are getting a bargain out of "bootmen."

Don't wait until you become chronically constipated but take DeWitt's Little Early Bile now and then. They will keep your liver and bowels in good order. Easy to take. Safe pills. CHAS. ROGERS, Druggist.

A report from Supt. J. C. Gluck, Reform School, Pruntytown, W. Va., Oct. 18, 1900: "After trying all the modern used cough medicines we have decided to use Policy's Honey and Tar exclusively in the West Virginia Reform School. I find it the most effective, and absolutely harmless."—Hart's Druggist.

It is about time for General Kitchener to issue another proclamation.

Chas. R. Wessner, Evanston, Ill., writes: "My boy, 2½ years old, had a severe cold, which refused to yield to any treatment, until we tried Policy's Honey and Tar. He was completely cured before using one bottle." Take now but Policy's—Hart's Druggist.

Chicago Record-Herald: If the owners of factories and large buildings, the owners of tugs and the engineers of locomotives were arrested and fined every time their stacks emitted dense smoke Chicago could very quickly be redeemed from its most obvious and all pervading reproach.

After exposure or when you feel a cold coming on, take a dose of Policy's Honey and Tar. It never fails to stop a cold if taken in time.—Hart's Druggist.

Chicago Tribune: Does the star-eyed goddess of reform aspire also to the position of First Lady in the Land?

When suffering from racking cough, take a dose of Policy's Honey and Tar. The remedy will be relieved and a strong grateful feeling of healing of the parts affected will be experienced.—Hart's Druggist.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch: What will the women folk think of the Wisconsin man who failed after taking two bottles of it?—Hart's Druggist.

J. O'Connell of Frostburg, Md., writes: "I had a very bad attack of kidney complaint and tried Policy's Kidney Cure which gave me immediate relief, and I was perfectly cured after taking two bottles."—Hart's Druggist.

Kansas City Star: Mr. Roosevelt is the kind of president who would never under any circumstances, be accused of not writing his own messages.

Backache should never be neglected. It means kidney disorder which, if allowed to run its long, may result in Bright's disease, diabetes or other serious and often fatal complaints. Policy's Kidney Cure makes the kidneys well.—Hart's Druggist.

Haltmore American College president says they will stop class rashes, scroofs and other faculty diseases have been injured in these brutal attacks.

S. A. Ingalls, Crown Point, N. Y., writes: "My wife suffered from kidney trouble for years. She was induced to try Policy's Kidney Cure and in less than a week she was cured using it. She was greatly improved and three bottles cured her."—Hart's Druggist.

New York Press: That hemp combine investigation threatens to become a scourge factory for the turning out of a rope to hang some one with.

Mrs. T. Robinson of Parshallville, Mich., was troubled with salt rheum for thirty years and had tried a number of doctors without relief. After two applications of Manger Salve, her hands became better and in a short time she was completely cured. Be sure of subject, back.—Hart's Druggist.

Atlanta Constitution: Slovakia Henderson has been up on several mountain peaks since last spring and has some considerable success in the oil plan with its mountains.

TOP COURSES NIGHT ALARM. "One night my brother's baby was taken sick, vomited, nervous, Mrs. J. C. Butler of Princeton, Ky., "It seemed it would straighten before we could get a doctor, so we gave it Dr. King's New Discovery, which gave quick relief and normally cured it. We always keep it on hand to cure our children from colic and whooping cough. It cured me of a chronic bronchial trouble that no other remedy would relieve." Infallible for coughs, colds, chest and lung troubles, cures them. Trial notice free at Hart's Druggist.

Detroit Free Press: If President Roosevelt is determined to appoint only competent men to office, it's time some considerable soul formed a home for professional politicians.

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