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As the date fixed for the great republican meeting in Portland draws nearer the real significance of the occasion impresses itself with more and more force upon the minds of all local partisans, and there is a growing intent "to be there" on the 12th. Clatsop county and Astoria will undoubtedly have a strong and representative group of citizens on the floor of the conference, and this is as it should be.

It is announced in the dispatches from the Far East that the Taft party, which includes the daughter of the president, Miss Alice Roosevelt, will leave for the United States on the steamship Siberia on Friday, the 13th day of October.

The laborers imported into the canal zone from Martinique appear to have been incited to take the stand they did after making their contracts to work on the big ditch by some interest opposed to the completion of the waterway.

Another German general has expressed the opinion that British generalship is absolutely undependable. He says that any continental power within three days

after landing 300,000 troops upon the shores of England could march upon London and take possession of that capital. The German general's criticism does not possess the merit of novelty, nor has it any especially alarming features for the British, who always keep in mind the fact that a condition precedent to 300,000 continental troops marching on London is the necessity of landing them on the soil of the United Kingdom.

It is said in defense of an army officer who is continually in hot water because of his failure to meet the views of creditors who insist on prompt payment that he really desires to pay. That is doubtless true. Most debtors would sooner pay than cheat their tradesmen, or those from whom they borrow, but that excellent frame of mind does not help matters. It would be far more to the purpose if they made sure before running into debt that they could meet their obligations. That would be the honest way.

James J. Hill of the Great Northern has radically changed his views respecting the future of our trade with Japan. Not long ago he was pointing out the illimitability of the Oriental market now he dwells with especial emphasis upon the remarkable adaptability of the Japanese, and tells us that we shall have to get up very early in the morning if we expect to compete with them in any line of industry.

There is some prospect of the cry from Macedonia being heard in Europe, as it is to be converted into a financial matter. As long as the demand was merely for rectification of Christian grievances the Macedonians lifted up their voices in vain but now that Europe feels her financial corns being trodden upon something is likely to happen.

Evidently the kaiser is not in complete harmony with those of his subjects who appear to think that a man born on German soil who emigrates to another country still owes allegiance to the mother country. He recently declined receiving a man who represented himself as a "German-American." Apparently he was quite ready to receive him as a German or as an American, but did not recognize the mixture.

The gangsters in Philadelphia are calling Weaver a traitor. The mayor of the city of Brotherly Love had the misfortune to be the nominee of as disreputable a set of grafters as ever flourished outside of San Francisco, but he refused to be their tool when he achieved office and now they reproach him with recreancy. The louder they protest against him the more firmly will the decent elements of Philadelphia cleave to him, so the grafters may as well abandon their useless attacks.

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SKOBELEFF'S REVENGE.

The Way the Russian General Repaid the Czar's Insult.

During the Russo-Turkish war the day after the passage of the Danube had been made good the emperor of Russia crossed the river to congratulate and thank his gallant soldiers. In front of a long, massive line formed on the slope below Siatova, awaiting the coming of the great white czar, stood Dragomiroff, Yoichine and Skobeieff, the three generals who had been the leaders of the successful attempt. Dragomiroff, the divisional commander, the emperor embraced and gave him the cross of St. George. He shook hands warmly with Yoichine, the brigade commander, and gave him, too, a St. George to add to the decorations which this cheery little warrior had been gathering from boyhood in the Caucasus and central Asia. Then the emperor strode to where Skobeieff stood, and men watched the little scene with interest, for it was notorious that Skobeieff was in disfavor with his sovereign, and yet of him the czare was ringing with the story of his conduct of the previous morning.

Would Alexander maintain his umbrage or would he make it manifest that it had been displaced by Skobeieff's heroism. For at least a minute the czar hesitated as the two tall, proud, soldierly men confronted each other. You could trace in his countenance the struggle between disapproval and appreciation.

It was soon over, and the wrong way for Skobeieff. The emperor frowned, turned short on his heel and strode abruptly away without a word or a gesture of greeting or recognition. A man of strong prejudices, he was not yet able to exercise from his mind the calmness that had blackened to him the character of Skobeieff.

That officer, for his part, flushed scarlet, then grew deadly pale and seemed to conquer an impulse as he set his teeth hard and maintained his disciplined immobility. It was a flagrant insult in the very face of the army and a gross injustice, but Skobeieff endured it in a proud silence.

The time soon came to that gallant and brilliant soldier when he could afford to be magnanimous. As the campaign progressed he distinguished himself again and again, so that his name became a synonym in the army for splendid daring as well as for opportunity.

On Sept. 3 Skobeieff after exploit on exploit devised and led the storm of the Turkish position in Loftcha and drove his adversaries out of that strong place. On the following night at his own dinner table in the Gornl Studen headquarters the emperor stood up and bade his guests to honor with him the toast of "Skobeieff, the Hero of Loftcha!" It is not given to many men to earn a revenge so full and so grand as that.

A Way to Baffle a Shark.

The inability of the shark to seize its victim without turning itself first upon its back must be a serious inconvenience to it, and a swimmer with sufficient presence of mind to await his coming and then when he turns to dive suddenly under him can baffle the rush of a shark just as a man can avoid the charge of an enraged bull by coolness and activity. Man's aversion to the shark here stands greatly in his way, few swimmers when attacked possessing sufficient coolness and presence of mind to carry the maneuver into successful effect, although many possess nerve enough to await without flinching the onset of the most formidable of terrestrial animals. Did we know more of the domestic habits of the shark, learn to appreciate the virtues that he doubtless possesses, there can be little doubt that the unreasonable aversion that is felt toward him would be largely mitigated and that we should come to make due allowances for the pressure of hunger that at times operates to our own disadvantage.—London Standard.

The Man With No Tea In Him.

The long isolation of Japan from the rest of the world, so conducive to introspection, has been highly favorable to the development of teism. Japanese homes and habits, costume and cuisine, porcelain, lacquer, painting, the very literature—all have been subject to its influence. No student of Japanese culture could ever ignore its presence. It has permeated the elegance of noble boudoirs and entered the abode of the humble. The peasants have learned to arrange flowers, the meanest laborer to offer his salutation to the rocks and waters. In common parlance the Japanese speak of the man "with no tea" in him when a man is insusceptible to the seriocomic interests of the personal drama. Again they stigmatize the untamed aesthete who, regardless of the mundane tragedy, runs riot in the spring-tide of emancipated emotions as one "with too much tea" in him.—International Quarterly.

Trying the Bride's Temper.

On the day of a Chinese marriage uninvited friends and neighbors or even perfect strangers are allowed to come in and see the bride, and they may make any remark about her or to her they please. Sometimes things horribly rude and disgusting are said. To try her temper a man will say, "Fetch your husband a cup of tea." If she does so all will say jeeringly, "What an obedient wife you are!" If she sulks and does not do as she is told they remark: "That is a pretty vixen with which to begin married life. We cannot congratulate you on that tartar," and other words to a similar effect. Then the poor thing is made to stand upon an inverted cup to show how small are her feet.—Boudoir.

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NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned guardian of Charles D. Monteith and Margaret S. Monteith, minors, pursuant to and by virtue of an order of the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Linn County, duly made and entered in the matter of the estate of said minors on the 24th day of July, 1905, will, on Saturday, the 28th day of October, 1905, at the hour of 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the front door of the Court House, in the City of Astoria, in Clatsop County, Oregon, sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said minors in the following described real property, to-wit:

The undivided one half of lots 3 and 4 in block 116 in the Town of Astoria as laid out and recorded by John M. Shiveley, in Clatsop County, Oregon.

Also, the undivided one half of lots 7 and 8 in block 21 in McClure's Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure, in Clatsop County, Oregon.

And notice is hereby further given that the said guardian, pursuant to and by virtue of the said above mentioned order of the above named court, will, from and after the said 28th day of October, 1905, sell at private sale, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest and estate of the said minors in the following described real property, to-wit:

The undivided one half of lot 1 in block 80; the undivided one half of lots 3 and 4 in block 103; the undivided one half of lot 2 in block 107; the undivided one half of lot 7 in block 109; the undivided one half of lot 4 in block 134, and the undivided one half of lot 8 in block 135; all in McClure's Astoria as laid out and recorded by John McClure and extended by Cyrus Olney, in Clatsop County Oregon.

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