

CHINA MODERNIZING ARMY



The recent dispatch from Berlin to the effect that China has ordered two million modern rifles, with which to equip its army, calls attention to the wonderful progress made in the modernization of the fighting forces of the great Asiatic empire. The picture shows a group of Chinese officers from a photograph taken at the military manoeuvres last December. The supporting figures are sketches of the Chinese soldier of five years ago. In four years China has perfected plans for a home force of a half million men.

DELEON ATTACKS CRAFT UNIONS

Socialist Editor Denounces Units in the American Federation of Labor.

MILL STRIKE'S END FORMALLY ANNOUNCED

Heslewood Declares Men Formerly Employed Here Have Been Sent to Other Jobs Elsewhere After Learning Gospel of I. W. W.

Daniel DeLeon, the Socialist leader from New York, delivered an address to a crowded house at Arton hall last night. Mr. DeLeon's speech was an exposition of industrial unionism and a comparison of the form of organization of the Industrial Workers of the World with that of the American Federation of Labor. He declared that craft unions are nothing but "scab-herding" organizations and cited many instances to show that craft union strikes are lost because of the "scabbing" of other craft unions rather than by the importation of "scabs" from the outside.

W. W. such as a cat has to a mouse," said he. "Toward the A. F. of L. they have the instinct of a mouse toward a gingerbread cat. The speech of Homer to Julius is based on all hollow by the speeches the capitalists make to the A. F. of L. They love craft unionism; they hate industrial unions."

At the close of the meeting Fred W. Heslewood, who was at the head of the recent mill strike, announced that the strike had been called off by the local members of the I. W. W. He claimed that the strikers had not been defeated in every sense, since they had organized and educated 2,000 men who would be better fitted to make a more efficient fight next time. Most of these men, he said, had been shipped to new jobs in various sections of the west but they would be heard from again as forming nuclei for strike disturbances in the future.

FLOOR RESURFACED

Mammoth Skating Surface at Oaks Blisk Made White and Smooth. The big Oaks floor has been in charge of Charles McLean with his electric floor resurfer all week and is now smoother than glass and white as snow. It is a skating rink of the highest class, this surface as there are 30,000 square feet of floor space at the Oaks. The big machine has left the floor perfectly level and as clean as a pin. With the big band and the perfect skating on the new floor, skating can never be enjoyed under more favorable circumstances. Remember Jones and Randall promise skating all summer at the Oaks and another big rink in the city next fall. If you cannot skate, why not learn now. Skating lends that grace of carriage found in no other pastime. The special sale of skate boots closes this week. Don't fail to go out to the Oaks tonight.

STORIES OF MEAN PEOPLE

Woman Returns Skewers to Butcher—Miser Paid for Letter.

"There are some meannesses which are too mean even for man—woman, love woman, alone can commit them." We quote this sentence from "A Shady General Story" not as any reflection on our fair readers, but as a fitting introduction to an example of meanness on the part of a lady which we feel sure is quite exceptional among her sex. This lady lived in a fairly good position and lived in one of the suburbs of a large town. One morning she went to her butcher with a basket filled with wooden skewers. She told him she had saved them—that they should be returned to her as meat, and that she had brought them to receive their weight back again in meat!

Is there a man bold enough to carry economy so far?

Perhaps the meanness of mean people are more often actuated by feelings of avarice rather than those of economy. It would be difficult, for instance, to find a worse case than the following: An old man once wrote a letter to a friend, and wishing to save his stamp he ordered his servant to take it to the address. It was raining and the girl wore a new dress that she was afraid of spoiling. She looked into the street, saw a boy she knew, and calling out to him she said, "Deliver this letter for me and I will give you a penny." The miser heard the offer and said, "Give me the penny, and I will carry the letter myself." What is more, he did so.

The meanest person of whom I have heard is a contributor to the Captain, from which these stories are taken. "was the owner of a certain sweetshop in a Yorkshire village. One of my aunts when she was a girl used to buy a pennyworth of sweets. After carefully placing a number of the required sweets in the scale pan the shopkeeper, finding that they did not quite make the necessary weight, carefully chose another and added it to the pile. But unfortunately the sweet proving heavier than he had expected, the arm of the balance containing the sweets slowly descended. So he took the offending sweet and the pile and actually bit it in two, placing one half back in the bottle and the other in the paper bag into which he emptied the pennyworth. Then, without a word of comment on this extraordinary performance, he handed the bag to my aunt."

The workman's compensation act should put an end to examples of meanness such as the following:

Early one morning a bricklayer was going up a scaffolding with a hod of bricks when he fell to the ground, sustaining a broken leg and other injuries. The master builder, who was notorious for his closefistedness, visited the hospital to which the poor fellow had been taken, and approving the letter's book, observed: "How on earth did you manage it, Jim?" "Sheer accident, sir—I slipped," replied the sufferer, faintly. "Oh, well, you know, you should have been more careful," said the master builder. "Every brick in the hod was broken, and I find by the time sheet that you had not earned enough to pay for them, but as you are injured I won't press the matter further—you may pay for them gradually when you recover."

Forgotten Item. From the Kansas City Journal.

Senator Tillman, attacking a certain measure, said: "The penalty this measure imposes is unjust. It makes the offender pay twice. It is like an incident that occurred one night in a Pennsylvania restaurant. A patron, dining in the restaurant with his wife, said to the waiter when his bill was brought: 'Waiter, one item is wrong here. We didn't have three plates of soup. We only had two.' 'Pardon me, boss,' said the waiter. 'You forgot the plate which I spilled over the lady's dress.'"

Society Circus Seat Sale. The sale of seats for the big society circus.

JUST BECAUSE your cough is only in the throat and does not trouble you now, don't think that it needs no attention. When it has not had much of a start is the time to check it. The slightest cough easily leads to pneumonia, bronchitis and Consumption. A bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup will cure that cough. The price puts it within reach of all. Sold by all druggists.

AT THE THEATRES



Nella Bergas, with the comic opera "The Free Lance," which began an engagement of four performances at the Heilig theatre tonight. The great big joyous event of the season will transpire at the Heilig theatre, Fourth and Washington streets, tonight, Friday and Saturday nights, with a special-price matinee Saturday, when Klav & Erlanger's "The Free Lance." John Philip Sousa's new military drama, comic opera, "The Free Lance," is given here. The cast includes Joseph Cawthorn in the leading role, Nellie Bergas, Jeanette Lovrie, Albert Hart, George Tallman, George Schiller, Stanley Murphy, Monte Elmo and others. Seats are now selling at theatre box office for the entire engagement.

"The Free Lance" at Heilig Tonight.

"The Judge and the Jury." The Baker's strong attraction this week, "The Judge and the Jury," is more than living up to the reputation it acquired in Los Angeles when it was first presented. It is a Oliver Moroco and H. D. Cottrell, and announcement alone is enough to draw many people. All this week. Matinee Saturday.

"The Admirable Crichton."

The fact that the name of William Gillette will always be associated with "The Admirable Crichton," and that this popular actor scored so tremendous a success in it in England and the east, has made the presentation of the play at the Baker next week awaited with unusual interest. Monday afternoon will see the first performance of the Gillette play.

Empire's Comedy Very Popular.

At the Empire "A Stranger in Town" goes merrily on its way and all the friends of the Empire and the scores of their friends who have been told of the good show there this week are attending. Heavily and truly, "A Stranger in Town," is a comedy of the most musical hits in it are especially popular. The new stars heard whistled on the streets are being heard at the Empire.

A Long Laugh Coming.

"Hello Bill" will follow "A Stranger in Town" at the Empire. This is positively one of the funniest shows ever. It is founded on preparation. How a bridegroom tries to keep his wife of a few hours from learning that he must go to jail furnishes the scheme for "Hello Bill," a hilarious farce comedy. "Hello Bill" opens Sunday afternoon.

Get the Lyric Habit.

If you are wise you'll "get the Lyric habit" and go this week to see "The Gamekeeper," the delicious play of country life in Ireland, with its picturesque situations, its rich humor and its deep, healthy heart interest. Children's matinee Saturday and two performances Saturday and Sunday nights, the first at 7:15 o'clock.

"Across the Potomac."

Next week the Lyric stock company will present the famous comic play "Across the Potomac." The company will be enlarged for the production. Costumes and scenery will be true to every detail. Seat sale opens Monday morning at the theatre box office.

Fun at the Star.

Unless you want to laugh, do not go to the Star theatre this week, where the Allen stock company is playing a screaming farce comedy, "Our New Girl." All the members of the popular company are in the cast and every one of them has something to do to assist in the gaiety of the nation. Fenna Fritze, in the title role, never before had such a funny character. There will be matinee Saturday and Sunday. Last performance Sunday night. Next week, "Northern Lights."

High Class Artists.

High-class vaudeville artists can always be found on the program at the Grand and this week is no exception in the rule. The bill is made up of musical acts, novelties and vaudeville generally. There are no indifferent acts nor "fillers," each one being alive and bright. The Fenistons, with their selections on various instruments, give an artistic performance which would attract attention in any musical town. Three shows daily at the Grand.

Society Circus Seat Sale.

The sale of seats for the big society circus.

BARGAIN FRIDAYS GREAT Sensation Sale Still greater bargains to make this week's sensation sale the biggest success yet. Bringing the crowds by sheer force of lowest prices and keeping the buying enthusiasm at fever heat. EVERY ITEM A REAL SENSATION Read the list—get posted—Portland's Only Bargain Store breaks all cheap selling records again—Come with the crowds

GOLDEN EAGLE ENTIRE BLOCK ON YAMHILL, FROM 2ND TO 3RD. FRIDAY'S KID GLOVE SENSATION A one-day cleanup of odds and ends that should clear out every broken line tomorrow; 2,000 pairs and over to go. MADE OF FINE, SOFT KID In over a dozen different kinds and styles, 1 and 2 clasps, black and colors, and all sizes from 5/4 to 7 1/2 so that insures a perfect fit for every one. All the best of Kid Gloves, and including some of the most famous makes. None worth less than \$1.00 and up to \$1.25. Not over two pairs to a customer. While they last, 69c pair

IF IT'S BARGAINS YOU'RE LOOKING FOR--THEY'RE HERE Whatever you do, don't overlook this store tomorrow—or any other day. Those that trade here—and most all Portland does—knows there's savings of 10, of 25 and even 50 per cent under all other stores' prices. A single trip here will demonstrate the superiority of our values—values that are the wonder of the city and that are rapidly making this the most talked of store on the coast. Women's 15c and 20c Handkerchfs 7c Women's 50c Fancy Collars 25c 15c Fancy 27-inch Dotted Swiss 9c 8 1/2c Checked Apron Gingham 61c 15 Souvenir Postal Cards 5c

Friday Bargains in the Cloak Room—A Veritable Sensation Tomorrow \$10 AND \$12 SILK PETTICOATS \$5.98 Just 80 of them, all we could get, and when these are gone, you'll pay \$10 and \$12 for Petticoats as good; made of extra heavy sponged and guaranteed taffeta silk, in all the latest shades and black; made good and full, accordion plaited flounce, with extra dust ruffle; some few with pretty shirred ruffle; all well made; not one in the lot but what the silk alone is worth more. Positively \$10 and \$12 Petticoats. While they last, choice \$5.98 500 Women's \$3.50, \$4 and \$5 Silk Waists Ladies' Finest \$1.25 and \$1.50 Wrappers 79c

Have Your Photo Taken In our new gallery in the Second street annex. Tomorrow we offer, special Six Photo Postal Cards These are the same all others ask \$1 and \$1.50 39c doz. our price, 6 for \$3.50. Cabinets as low as 98c dozen. Printing and developing for amateurs at lowest prices.

Friday's Great Hosiery Sensation—1,200 Pairs Women's 15c Hose 8c Pair A bargain that'll astonish you; the finest of Women's 15c Hose at 8c. It means almost two pairs for the price of one; made of extra quality mace cotton, full seamless and all fast black; a standard 15c hose the world over. One day only, per pair \$1.15 Large White Bedspreads 79c Mill Ends 15c Figured Lawns 81c

Our Family Liquor Dept. Opens next Saturday with a full line of Wines, Liquors and Cordials, and At a Saving of 1-4 to 1-3 See tomorrow's ad for full particulars and list of prices. FREE We will also make the greatest free offer ever announced. Look for it tomorrow.

65c Black Satin Duchess 39c Yd 10 bolts only, and it's the finest yet; full 18 inches wide, brilliant black and elegant finish; regular 65c value 65c wide 27-inch plain Jap Silks, all colors. 49c For one day, yard 1 Yard wide black Taffeta Silk; guaranteed \$2.00 grade; yard \$1.39 Women's 50c Chemisettes 25c Just the kind and styles you want and same as sold all over at 50c; made of fine white lawn, finished with collar, elegant openwork embroidery effect, nicely laundered and all new perfect 50c goods. For one day, special 25c

Save on Your GROCERIES 1,000 WOMEN'S FANCY Hand Bags 98c All the latest novelties in plain leathers and opera shades, either draw string or handle; sold all over at \$1.00. Special

60c Fancy Silk Mulls 35c Yd 500 yards only, mill ends of the very finest, all elegant designs and 27 inches wide; best 50c and 65c grades; yard 1,000 yards 16-inch bleached Roman Toweling; regular 10c grade; yard 61c Special 500 regular 50c boxes Oregon Souvenir Stationery, with views 15c

which appears at the Army next Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights, will open at Sherman, Gray & Co., Sixth and Morrison streets, Saturday at 10 A. M. MARS' LIFE LINES Discovery of Canals on the Planet Notable Achievement. "It has been said," writes Waldemar Kaempffter in his article "What We Know About Mars," in McClure's, "that when our earth has so far wasted away that its inhabitants will depend for their water supply upon the melting ice and snow of the Arctic and Antarctic oceans, a gigantic effort will be made to devise some means of conducting the polar spring and summer floods to the parched equatorial and temperate zones. To Mars the unlocking of the polar seas is of as much moment as the annual inundation of Egypt by the Nile. "Assuming that Mars is inhabited by beings as intelligent as ourselves, it is reasonable to infer that they would dig huge trenches to guide the freshets of the poles to those regions where water is most sadly needed. If we would find signs of Martian intelligence we must accordingly look for trenches and sluices. In the hands of Schiaparelli, Lowell, Pickering and a few others the telescope has revealed to us long, dark stripes which Schiaparelli called canals, and the discovery of which may well be numbered among the most noteworthy astronomical achievements of modern times. "They are in truth the life lines of the planet. Their existence was doubted for years because of astronomers, with the exception of Schiaparelli, who saw them first, had been misled by even a glimpse of them. Long and narrow, few painstaking observers of Mars needed in discerning them (for they appear only in March, as it were, by reason of currents in our atmosphere, their reality was doubted. Some of the very men who had seen them refused to believe their own eyes, arguing that the stripes were merely optical illusions induced by perspective. The late Mr. Langley, the very man who had all's stars performed the very same kind of photographic work, had been deceived by the same optical illusion of our atmosphere. The

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Trousers \$4 to \$10 Suits \$17.50 to \$40

It will open your eyes and make your mouth water to see the light blues, the rich browns and the delightful grays that will predominate this spring and summer. Whether you buy or call out of mere curiosity, call at any rate. We will not urge you to buy. We figure that you will call upon us when you do want to buy if you see what we have now. Honestly, the season's new patterns are in much lighter and fancier patterns than we have seen for many seasons past.

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