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BITS FROM THE MAGAZINES.

The incidence of indirect taxation is often curious and not infrequently wicked in its effects, remarks Louis F. Post in "The Public." The profits made by Carnegie, Frick and their associates, amounting to \$40,000,000 in the last two years are examples. Though this astonishing sum of money was collected from the people of the United States, not a cent of it went into the national treasury, Carnegie and his accessories pocketed it all. McKinley's belief that the tariff is not a tax except upon the foreigner, to the contrary notwithstanding. As most of this huge sum was exported from the people by adding nudily to the price of structural iron and steel, it is not difficult roughly to follow its burden to the end. Most of that product went into office buildings in the larger cities. Their cost being enhanced just so much, the annual rents demanded and obtained by their owners are higher than they could otherwise be by an amount equal yearly to the interest on the increased cost.

The press reports tell of British and American marines fighting side by side in China. British and American soldiers once before faced the "heathen Chinese" together, on June 24, 1859, just 41 years ago. The Taku fort-guard the Peking river, which flows past Tien Tsin gate, and port to Peking. The same fort which was captured only the other day as the first step to the smother of the "foreign devils," as the Chinese style all foreigners, in Peking were attacked in 1860 by the British and French who were endeavoring to force a treaty from China. It was then that Captain Tattall, of the United States steamer Powhatan, went to the assistance of the British seaman of Admiral Hope's fleet in an action which will never be forgotten as long as the Stars and Stripes wave. It was in that memorable engagement that Tattall gave free expression to that famous term, "Blood is thicker than water" as his excuse for interfering in a fight which was strictly none of his own, nor of his country.

Complaint is made in Linn county at the expense of the courts. It is pointed out that the circuit court in Linn county costs all the year round \$382 a month, for just the labor of the district judge and the prosecuting attorney, with only work for them for less than half of their time, and then only on petty criminal cases. Justice, so-called, does cost a great deal, and the people are so used to the burden, which is often needless and largely unnecessary, that they do not concern themselves about it. The courts can be operated for considerable less expenditure, but they will never be, so long as the people are willing to carry the burden with patience and without complaint. It is this lack of vigilance on the part of the people that give opportunity to "the professional fix" to obtain a great deal for doing very little. There is a disposition rampant everywhere to get as much of the public money as possible for as little service to the public as possible and the official class are not inclined to throw anything in the way of a continuance of this state of affairs.

The press of New England does not show any great amount of enthusiasm for the republican presidential ticket and in some quarters there is even strong belief that the addition of Roosevelt to it gives strong ground for opposing the election of the republican candidates. The Springfield Republican, one of New England's strongest and ablest journals, says, "The comparatively conservative Mr. McKinley might better his phrases as he pleased, but the convention demanded stronger stuff for its satisfaction and

turned well-nigh as one man to the accepted exponent of the "strenuous life" to represent the spirit and purpose of the moment. And well Mr. Roosevelt does this. If there had been any doubt before as to the ultimate purposes of the republican party or of its dominating spirit, there can be none now. Mr. Roosevelt as its central figure, even against the president, speaks louder than words possibly can. The convention, in a rush which might have swept the president himself from the ticket, could its temper have been foreseen by the enemies of the administration, broke away from all restraint and substituted for a conservative business man the one person who above all others in the party incarnates the essential spirit of militarism and the gathering by force under the American government of vassal states. The ticket as thus constructed cannot appeal to the sober, thoughtful, humane and liberty-loving among the American people."

There is a charming little story in the June Scribner's by Roy Rolfe that will be read with deep appreciation by many of the "wolves" who promptly answered the call for volunteers during the late trouble with Spain, yet did not manage to get on the "fringe line." It is "The Story of a Tin Soldier," for that is what the hero is called himself when he turned and drew this and another bottle in the Florida camp, waiting, always waiting, for sailing orders which did not come.

The chief beauty of this little tale is its identity and touching pathos. There is no suggestion of an attempt to pattern after some other writing, no effort at some style which has a vague or has become a fad, no straining after effect. Billie Jones was a clerk at \$12 a week and on this princely salary he had engaged himself to marry the prettiest girl in Greenapple street. He enlisted; he went off with patriotism; he went to the hot sands and operating winds of Florida and drilled like a veteran; and he wrote the girl in Greenapple street what heroic things he would do when he got in sight of the enemy.

But Billie's regiment waited in vain for its turn to board a transport at Tampa and Billie drilled and did general duty and grew thin on army fare day after day. The doctor said "typhoid" and Billie went into hospital.

And one night Billie started from his pillow. He was on duty elsewhere. He "smiled at the stars; lowered his gun to port arms across his breast; "Corporal of the guard." "No, no," he said, "Relief." "You beat me," he said, "Yes, but you beat me." "Yes, dear," he said, "It's your tin soldier." "Come home again." And in the morning the part of the regiment that wasn't sick or on guard or in the cook stables fell into line and marched while the band played something slow, something mournful for the drums, which throbbed mournfully.

as far from the "floating palace" idea as possible. Pretentious luxury and houseboating should not be mixed.

In the current Home Magazine R. Van Bergen, author of "The Story of Japan," tells "The Strange Story of the Chinese Emperor." The editor announces that this is "the first complete and authentic history of the career of the unfortunate Kuang Hsu, compiled from original sources." There will be small disposition to question his authority, but so far as his completeness goes this record leaves much to be desired. Perhaps, though, there is little to tell about the depressed emperor of the celestials. What Mr. Bergen recounts, however, is most interesting, coming just now.

He says darker days are looming up for China than when Hsin Feng seized in undisturbed haste from Peking at the approach of the Anglo-French armies in 1860. Hsin Feng left a son, who was 17 years old at the time of his father's death. His mother was the western empress, who, with the emperor of the East, as one of the two principal wives of the emperor. These empresses were made joint guardians of the child emperor. Mr. Bergen tells how plots and counter plots beset the path of the youthful ruler from the first hour the nation confronted at its best-hore-daughters that he might select a wife. Then he was "specially favored of heaven" by taking small-pox and died.

The dowager chose as his successor the baby brother of Hsin Feng—seeking to prefer ruling the empire through a baby ruler. This baby was called Kuang Hsu, meaning "Illustrious successor."

Kuang Hsu was old enough, to reason for himself China had war with Japan, and this struggle revealed the fact that the Chinese army and navy existed chiefly in the imagination of the Chinese.

This war also resulted in the foreign minister being admitted within the walls of Peking the "Fortified City." Then Kuang Hsu wanted an army. He planned many reforms. And the dowager, one of them having died, seeing in these reforms the end of her sway, soon had the emperor where he could be controlled. Which is another way of saying China cannot continue as an independent empire at all, for Confucianism is not likely to be dropped and the progress of the age will not enter if the aged empress dowager can prevent it.

One it happens that China is not only menaced with loss from without but she is torn by dissensions within and it is difficult for Mr. Bergen to see how she can escape destruction. He says China cannot continue as an independent empire unless Confucianism is dropped and the progress of the age is permitted to enter. Which is another way of saying China cannot continue as an independent empire at all, for Confucianism is not likely to be dropped and the progress of the age will not enter if the aged empress dowager can prevent it.

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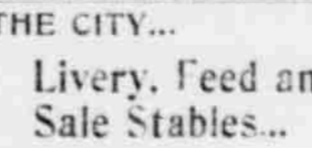
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