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JAPS STUDY CHINA

MAY OVERTHROW CELESTIAL EMPIRE BY STEALTH.

Russia and England Are Not the Most Powerful Enemies of China—Japan Will Show Her Hand in Time.

Peking, July 26.—The growth of Japan's influence in China since the upheaval of 1900 has attracted little attention in the United States and in Europe, largely because it has developed gradually. Nevertheless, it is one of the results of that campaign which should be considered in connection with the future politics of the far East. Moreover, there are indications that Japan is striving in every way to advance that influence with the Chinese government, and it is even broadly stated that her ultimate object is to strengthen her own position by an alliance with the celestial empire, using the argument that together they could better resist the aggressions of the western powers.

Japan's Meteoric Rise.

Japan's meteoric rise since she began to adopt western methods a little more than half a century ago has doubtless impressed many prominent Christians who are now newly awake to the helplessness of their country which was so strikingly illustrated by the sixty century of their capital.

As an Oriental people who understand the Chinese as no European people can, and as only the Asiatic Christians can hope to do, the Japanese may be able to make headway in such undertaking.

It is certainly true, as the records of the Japanese legation here show, that a very large number of Japanese have invaded Northern China since the Boxer war.

Not counting the Russians, they are perhaps equal numbers to all the Europeans and Americans in New-Chung, Port Arthur and Dairen. There are over 1,200 at Tientsin and more than 500 in Peking. Before the troubles they were a mere handful.

To Win Over Chinese.

To attain her political objects Japan's agents are trying to win the confidence of the most powerful Chinese officials, notably the progressive viceroys, Chang-Chi Tung and Yuan Shi Kai. Several Chinese officials of rank have been induced to visit Japan during the past few years. They were warmly welcomed and Japan sought to impress them with the community of interest between the two countries.

It is also stated that Japan is seeking to effect a reorganization of the Chinese army, and that there are many Japanese instructors in the army who have superseded Europeans, Germans and others, who were in the service before the Boxer troubles.

Students in Tokio.

The imperial university in Peking, which was directed from its beginning by Dr. W. A. P. Martin, an American missionary, has been reorganized by the Japanese.

The troubles between the Chinese minister in Japan and the students of his country, revealed the fact, which was a surprise to the diplomats in Peking, that a thousand Chinese students were living in Tokio. That was six months ago. Since then the number of Chinese students has increased to 2,000, and includes the children of some of the highest officials and nobility, and there are a hundred or more girls among them. Most of the students are enrolled at the Tokio university, but others are in military, normal, agricultural and scientific schools, and others in the private establishments of Mr. Fukudaya and Count Okurawa, who have played a great part in modernizing Japan.

REPORT OF CONVENTION

Sixth Annual Book of National Live-stock Association Now Out

The sixth annual report of the National Livestock Association has been received. It is a handsome volume of nearly 500 pages and a full addition in more ways than one to any stockman's library. The pages tell the story of the year's work by officers of the association and also contain the proceedings of the six annual convention, which was held in Kansas City, Jan. 13 to 16, 1903.

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SEVERE PRACTICAL JOKE.

Baker City Man Left Barefooted in the Mountains.

A party of men on hunting and fishing on Rock creek played a practical joke on Charles Whitehead, a member of the party, says the Baker City Herald. The party has been enjoying the outing to the fullest extent. This morning a member of the crowd found it necessary to return to Baker City. He arose and dressed in the early morning light. The other members of the party had in the meantime exchanged the shoes of the departing member and Mr. Whitehead's. The man came on to town and did not discover that he was wearing Mr. Whitehead's shoes until his arrival. He said that they felt rather large but he didn't have time to investigate. Mr. Whitehead cannot wear the ascending members' shoes and his friends in Baker City are wondering what he will do about it. It has been suggested that a party meet him on his return to Baker City and as a welcome address, Emerson's poetry, "The Barefoot Boy," be rendered. If he gets back he will have to come in his bare feet.

A Fight for Pure Milk.

Alber Katherine Fallows has prepared for the August Century a summary of New York City's fight for pure milk. The conditions found by inspectors and reformers when the war against death and disease-breeding milk was begun three years ago, are sickening and almost incredible. Now no housewife in New York has any excuse whatever for buying contaminated milk. Certified milk is as pure as science and skill can make it, but its price puts it beyond the reach of many families, 15 cents a quart being asked—and cheerfully paid by those who can afford it—for one farm's output. But "inspected" milk may be had for the price of ordinary bottled milk. The label, "Inspected by the Milk Commission of the Medical Society of the County of New York," guarantees that, at the farms supplying milk, yards and barns are in sanitary condition, cows properly cared for, bottles and cans clean; that the milk is cooled at once and transported quickly, and that it has not more than a certain number of bacteria; that the farm is visited by an inspector, and that the milk commission regards the milk as pure and healthful. Mrs. Fallows' article will be illustrated by Miss Charlotte H. Harding.

Five hundred tons of exhibits for the World's Fair, St. Louis, from the Philippines are now on their way to St. Louis on the U. S. transport Fitz Patrick.

POLITICS IN OHIO

REVIEW OF SITUATION IN DEMOCRATIC PARTY.

William J. Bryan Has Agreed to Attend the State Convention in August—Stated That Tom Johnson is Planning Something Unusual and Spectacular—A Hot Time is Promised.

Columbus, O., July 23.—It is an old saying that politics in the Buckeye state never approaches a state of stagnation and that as election time rolls around it is certain to reach the boiling point. At the present time the bubbling may be heard afar and spectacular politics of a lively variety may be looked for from now until the democratic state convention is held next month. The democratic situation is peculiar and politicians are on the qui vive awaiting further developments.

It will be recalled that on the fourth of July Tom L. Johnson was the guest of Mr. Bryan at Lincoln, Neb., and that immediately following his return to Ohio the announcement was made that Bryan would visit Ohio in August and attend the democratic state convention. This agreement was reached at Lincoln after an all-day conference between Bryan and Johnson, during which the latter went over the Ohio situation and explained that a tremendous effort would be made to repudiate Bryan and the Kansas City platform by the so-called conservative faction of the party.

The Dangers of Clevelandism.

Mr. Bryan agreed to come to Ohio, to warn the delegates against the dangers of Clevelandism, and any departure from the tenets of the Kansas City platform. Not only that, but it is believed he will very likely insist upon the nomination of Johnson as the candidate for governor, in spite of the fact that a majority of the delegates may be pledged to John M. Zimmerman, of Springfield, or some other candidate. He will declare that a United States senator must be informed, and probably put in a good word for his old friend, former Congressman John J. Lentz, who stands for the Bryan wing of the democratic party more than any other man in Ohio. With the Kansas City platform endorsed, Johnson nominated for governor and Lentz endorsed for United States senator, Mr. Bryan would certainly be in a position to congratulate himself, and the impetus given his cause would be felt in every state in the union.

In the meantime Mr. Johnson is keeping his own counsel. It is said his closest friends do not know his mind on the gubernatorial matter. The only thing that is positively known is that he is arranging a campaign that will completely eclipse his circumvent affair of a year ago. He proposes among other things, to employ a number of automobiles to carry stump speakers and a flood of literature over the state.

Meanwhile the opposition element is likewise preparing to take to the field. The report from Washington that soon after the return of John R. McLean from Europe, there will be a conference of his friends to look over the democratic situation in Ohio, if true, means that the conservative wing of the party, marshaled by McLean, proposes to make its influence felt in the coming election, both as to platform and candidates.

A \$5,000 Baby.

New York, July 24.—In these days of democratization in security prices it would appear that investors and capitalists who are fearful of the security outlook might turn their attention profitably to the Hippopotamus market. Miss Murray, the big Hippopotamus in Central Park has just added a baby hippo to the menagerie, her eighth contribution to the hippopotamus world and as a full grown hippo would be worth \$5,000, an investment in Miss Murray a few years ago would have yielded large returns.

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