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AN EMPIRE IN ANARCHY.

Every Where

At the close of the nineteenth century the world has a grand, terrible, and horribly spectacle: the leading up—the explosion, we speak—of the largest empire in the world. China, whose possessions cover almost as great an extent of territory as those of Russia and Great Britain combined—is to all purposes in a state of anarchy.

Nobody can believe, after a little reflection, that the uprising against foreigners was started, or even encouraged, by the Chinese government—such as ever that is. Any one who has brain enough to rate at all, has too much brain to interfere in any manner with ministers of powerful foreign nations, or to act in the open exciting outbreak.

It is not difficult to divine the real cause of this gigantic tumult—which a weak and unstable government has rendered possible. The Chinese wall, which has been broken down in some places, has never been removed from the hearts of the Chinese people. They hate "the foreign devil" just as bitterly as ever; and the railroads and telegraphs they consider as part of the satanic paraphernalia. Their theory of life is as exactly opposite to ours as is their side of the world. Their white mourning goods and reading from right to left, and placing toward themselves, are only three of hundreds of matters in which they differ exactly and hopelessly from us. Their habits and customs are rooted thousands of years into the soil of time. When they come here on money-making expeditions, they bring with them their own ways, and keep them, as nearly as they can under American conditions. And they cling all the more closely to their ideas, from the fact that they are so old; that we are the newer of the two; that we differ from them instead of they from us.

Against, and into this great mass of people, numbering between three and four hundred millions, western enterprise and civilization have been struggling for several years. The European "powers" have been sitting at the national capitals, both with the accountant's pen and the soldier's sword, to get them to give up some of their resources. They have even convinced, or half convinced, some of the most intelligent men, as we reckon intelligence, that western ways are the best.

Encouraged by such concessions as they have succeeded in obtaining, the more greedy of the nations and some of their inhabitants as private citizens, have gone on, considering the old empire as a rich wilderness to be conquered and have pushed themselves wherever they could get. They have gone beyond the limits of legitimate trade and entered upon petty careers of conquest. They have even not taken pains to keep their ultimate purposes to themselves, and have talked freely and publicly with each other and with the world, about "partitioning China among themselves."

It does not inspire wonder, that these facts have gone far toward increasing the Chinese hatred against everything not Chinese born; and the sentiment needed only a definite form and coherency to give it a terrible power. This seems to have been supplied by the organization of the "Boxers", who for some years have been growing stronger and more formidable; and the present ominous state of things is the result.

Of course every country of importance that has citizens in China, will do its best for their safety and remuneration in such cases as it is not too late for that; and hence, for the time being, all the stronger European nations, and United States besides, are at war in China (not with, we hope.)

But even anarchy has in it the timber of which new nations are made; and law and order will of course eventually have sway in China. In what form the reconstructed nation will exist, no one can foretell; but it is to be hoped that the Latin and Anglo-Saxon nations will, after making themselves good for what losses they have already incurred, keep their hands off.

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WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

Washington, D. C., July 27, 1900.

"American, European, and Chinese fighting side by side against Europeans for the maintenance of the Chinese empire, is one of the possibilities of the near future in China," remarked a European member of the diplomatic corps. This is probably an extreme view, but it is certain that the European powers, whatever may be their professions, wish to divide China among themselves, while the U. S. and Japan would prefer that the Chinese empire remain as it is.

The situation in China at this time as far as we know, is largely a matter of opinion. Officials believe that the message received from Minister Conger, saying that himself and other foreign ministers in Pekin, were safe, although much in want of substance, was genuine, while nearly everybody else regards it with suspicion and not a few as being a bit of Chinese trickery. The one bit of absolute fact in sight is the disappointing tidings from Admiral Kempff, saying that the allied forces would not begin the march to Pekin before the middle of August, owing to lack of harmony among the allies. Gen Chaffee will probably arrive at Taku early next week, but he can do little without the assistance of others, as he will have but four thousand men.

Americans do not monopolize important industrial discoveries and inventions. The U. S. consul general to Germany, in a report to the department of state, briefly describes a new and economical method of welding cast iron pipes, tramway rails, etc., which is both cheap and simple. The process is thus described in the report: "Briefly stated, it consists in mixing powdered aluminum with oxide of iron and adding to it an easily ignitable substance. This powder is put into a clay crucible and ignited by a match. The resulting chemical action renders the mixture liquid, and the liquid is then poured around the place to be welded, the object assumes a white heat and the welding is done by a very simple apparatus. The welded places show the same firmness as the original piece, and manifold application of the method is possible."

When the present plans of the navy department are carried out, there will be about 4,000 marines in China to act in concert with the army forces. This will not only be the largest force of American marines ever on foreign soil at once, but will be the largest force of American marines ever assembled at any one place. The full authorized strength of the marine corps is 6,000 and special efforts are now being made to recruit up to the limit.

Mr C Tower, U. S. ambassador to Russia, who is unfortunate enough to be away from his important post at this particular time, on vacation, arrived in Washington a day or two ago. He left St Petersburg before the Chinese trouble had resulted in the attacking of the foreign ministers in Pekin. He denies the stories of Russia's intention to declare war on China and go it alone, and believes that the powers will act together. He thinks that this government will necessarily be a sort of umpire in all disputed questions that may arise among the allies or between the allies and the Chinese government, because it is the only government which possesses the unreserved confidence of all the others, and which is regarded by all as being absolutely without selfish motives in its policy towards China. Mr Tower said of the Trans-siberian railway, which the Russian government will complete in two years: "Americans will profit much by the commercial

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GENERAL NEWS.

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Yellow fever is said to have broken out among the troops in Cuba.

The Spanish cabinet is considering the proposition of the United States government to sell to this country for $100,000 the islands of Sibuta and Cagayan, two of the Philippines that were overlooked by the Paris peace commission.

The late Liberal rebellion in Colombia has been ended after nearly 100 true had been sacrificed.

The Minneapolis Journal says Towne will withdraw from the Populist National ticket about August 15 having been promised a cabinet position if Bryan is elected.

King Humbert of Italy was shot at Monza Sunday evening by an assassin. The King expired in a few minutes. The murderer was arrested and admitted his crime.

General Prinsloo with 5000 men has surrendered unconditionally to the British in south Africa.

J J Corbett and Kid McCoy have been matched to fight 25 rounds before the Twentieth Century Club in Madison Square Garden in the last week of August.

A Mother Tells How She Saved Her Little Daughter's Life.

I am the mother of eight children and have had a great deal of experience with medicine. Last summer my little daughter had the dysentery in its worst form. We thought she would die. I tried everything I could think of, but nothing seemed to do her any good. I saw by an advertisement in our paper that Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy was highly recommended and sent and got a bottle at once. It proved to be one of the very best medicines we ever had in the house. It saved my little daughter's life. I am anxious for every mother to know what an excellent medicine it is. Had I known it at first it would have saved me a great deal of anxiety and my little daughter much suffering.—Yours truly, Mrs Geo F Burdick, Liberty, R. I. For sale by All Druggists.

GREENLEAF ITEMS.

By a West Correspondent.

July 30, 1900.

Ed Potter and wife are working for big wages in a lumber camp on the Siuslaw.

Cutworms or the army worm or some other worm have appeared by the millions and are eating every green thing off the face of the earth in several localities.

Lucas Wheeler has finished his haying and gone back to Eugene to work.

Mr and Mrs J A Burnett have gone to Portland for medical treatment. Mrs Burnett's condition is serious.

Herman Steinmeier says he expects to burn another kiln of brick this summer.

Emil Roberts has been actually bedridden part of the week with tooth-ache.

SHIPPING AND MARINE.

The schooner Lizzie Prien of San Francisco came in Sunday with the machinery and fixtures for O W Hurd's new cannery. She sailed in over the bar and proceeded up to the cannery presenting a fine sight for our people as she sped up the river before the wind.

The steamer Maggie left for Portland Monday in tow of the Roberts where her machinery will be repaired, after which the craft will be ready for business once more.

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The impudence of some people who frequently violate the law of the state is astonishing. The statement made by some of them that they cannot be punished for their wrong-doing because they own the property where they reside is ridiculous. The law does not exempt any one from its operation because he is on his own property. A crime in one place is a crime in another and is punishable as such.

German officials commend President McKinley's shrewdness in dealing with the Chinese question.

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"They are notched larvia, or a variety of cut worm, of which there are many species. About the only method for controlling the pest is by spraying infested vegetables with paris green, or what is ordinarily called trapping them with poison. This is done by taking some fresh green clover and treating it with a pretty strong solution of paris green, then placing it underneath some boards or cabbage leaves or under a light covering of earth. This method has been found successfull in poisoning a great number of them. Land that is troubled with them this season should be plowed late in the fall, as by that time the larvia will have pupated in the ground. The plowing will break them up and expose them to the weather, hence result in their destruction.

"In using paris green, the solution should be made weaker for vegetables than for fruit, in fact some vegetables are very sensitiv to the action of the poison."

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NEWS OF LAST.

That the Statistics Are Safe in Pekin.

A dispatch from Berlin under date of July 29 says:

The German consul at Tien Tsin telegraphed under date of July 24th that he had received the following letter from the German secretary of legation at Pekin: "Thanks for news of July 19. The condition of Cordes is satisfactory. The remaining members of the legation are all right. Of the detachment of guards ten have been killed and fourteen wounded. The house of the legation has been damaged by cannon. It is now held by the guards. The speediest advance of the relief troops is necessary. According to a trustworthy report Von Ketteler was buried by the Chinese government."

Cordes is second interpreter of the German legation. He was with Ketteler when the latter was murdered, and was himself wounded, but escaped to the legation.

A dispatch received at New York July 30, states that Li Hung Chang states that the ministers at Pekin are safe, but that he favors holding them as hostages.

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He Would Know More.

An exceedingly well dressed woman sat in an elevated railway car the other day, and opposite her was an elderly man. The woman got up to leave the car, and in the corner of the seat where she had been sitting the man spied a piece of black net. Jumping for it, he called out:

"Madam, you have left your veil!"

As she took no notice of him he dashed down the aisle after her, and, touching her on the elbow again, said:

"Madam, you have left your veil," at the same time holding it up in full view of all.

It was a frowsy, frayed, torn piece of black cotton net.

"It is not mine, sir!" she snapped out, giving him a withering look, and the obliging old man shrank back as if he had been jabbed with a hatpin, while the passengers grinned.

"Why was she so mad about it?" he asked in a dazed way as he laid the homely little rag on the window sill.

"I guess you never paid for a woman's finery," said another man.

"That's so," said the withered one in a hopeless tone. "I am a bachelor. Perhaps I'd know more if I'd married."

"You would that," said the other feelingly.—New York Tribune.

Resting the Muscles.

When a man is tired, he stretches his arms and legs and yawns. Birds and animals, so far as possible, follow his example.

Birds spread their feathers and also yawn, or gape. Fowls often do this. Fish yawn; they open their mouths slowly until they are round, the bones of the head seem to loosen, and the gills open.

Dogs are inveterate yawners and stretchers, but seldom sneeze unless they have a cold. Cats are always stretching their bodies, legs and claws, as every one knows who has a cat for a pet.

Horses stretch violently when and after indulging in a roll, but not, as a rule, on all fours.

A stag when stretching sticks out his head, stretches his fore feet out and hollows his back and neck as though trying to creep under a bar.

Most ruminant animals stretch when they rise up after lying down. Deer do it regularly; so do cows. This fact is so well known that if a cow, when arising from lying down, does not stretch herself it is a sign she is ill.

The reason for this is plain—the stretch moves every muscle of the body, and if there be any injury anywhere it hurts.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Measuring a Tree.

Supposing a woodchopper in the Maine forest is told to get out a mast for a yacht. He knows that he must find a tree which is straight for 60 feet below the branches. It would be very troublesome to climb trees and measure them with a tape measure, so he, without knowing it, uses practical trigonometry. He measures off 60 feet in a straight line from the tree, and then he cuts a pole, which, when upright in the ground, is exactly as tall as himself. This he plants in the earth his own length from the end of his 60 feet.

For example, if he is six feet tall, he plants his six foot pole 54 feet from the tree. Then he lies down on his back, with his head at the end of the line and his feet touching the pole, and sights over the top of it. He knows that where his eyes touch the tree is almost exactly 60 feet from the ground.—Weekly Bouquet.

Filial Love.

That's a pathetic story of the Gourdon fishing boat crew. No class of men face death more frequently than the hardy fisher toilers of the sea, and among none is a genuine heroism more frequently displayed.

The Gourdon boat was manned by a father and his four sons. When the boat sank, three of the latter went with her. The old man got in oar, and soon the fourth son appeared by his side. But the oar could only support one, and the lad, taking in the situation at once, bade his parent farewell in the words, "Weel, weel, faither, I maun jist awa'," and sank.

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