

THE RED CROSS IN JAPAN.

Military Hospitals and Trained Nurse Service Is Thorough and Extensive.

The recent offer from America of a corps of trained nurses who served in American hospitals during the war with Spain to come over and nurse sick and wounded Japanese soldiers in the event of war with Russia is highly appreciated by the Japanese people as an evidence of American sympathy. It would not be possible, however, writes Eliza R. S. Seidmore, in Chicago American, for foreign nurses to be put to any use if they were on the spot, as, aside from their certain ignorance of the Japanese language, Japan has the model field and military hospital service of all modern armies. It proved its efficiency and practical superiority when working side by side with the same service arms of the American, English, French, Russian, German, Austrian and Italian forces at Tientsin and Peking in 1900. English and American official reports assigned the Japanese the palm for thorough system and smooth working, perfection of appointment and intelligent detail.

Their hospital and medical service was as smooth working and efficient in the campaign of 1894-'95. It did not break down during the rapid marches up the Korean peninsula and across Manchuria to Port Arthur and Newchwang.

There are schools for trained nurses in every large city in Japan, and in Tokyo the empress, as especial patroness of the Red Cross hospital and school, always presides at the annual meeting and gives the diplomas to the white-capped graduates. One of the imperial princesses has taken the full course of training, and other court ladies are as accomplished.

When the American minister suffered a stroke of apoplexy and died at a hunting party a year ago, there was no medical man within ten miles, but Baroness Sannomya, wife of the grand master of ceremonies, had had training at the Red Cross classes and was able to take entire and intelligent charge until a professional arrived.

In the north China campaign of 1900 the Red Cross society was as active and efficient, and every year some flood, earthquake or disaster calls for the Red Cross' prompt relief.

There are branch societies in each province, and each year the annual meeting is held at Tokyo, where 10,000 members often gather at the great outdoor session in Ueno park. One sees the ribbon and insignia of the order worn everywhere these days, from Princesses Arisugana and Pushimi, who actively preside, down to the elderly matrons and widows of the provinces, to whom the function is an event comparable to the great February sessions of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Washington.

It is a pleasure to see some of these elderly women in their rich but severely tinted crepe kimonos and heavy brocade obis as they go about the capital sight-seeing. Dazzling as the street scenes may be to them, they observe good form and ride with the jinrikisha cover up—not out. In summer heat, autumn sunshine, as in rain, the Japanese lady always has the jinrikisha hood drawn to shelter her from common gaze.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

In Germany savings bank officials visit workmen's homes on pay day to collect their savings for banking.

The largest deal for cutover lands in the northwest was recently made by James L. Gates, of Milwaukee. He has purchased 10,000 acres.

The word tinsel once meant brilliant, shining. Milton uses it in this sense when he speaks of "the tinsel-slipped feet of Thetis."

When free from ice the Yukon river is navigable for large steamers 1,965 miles, a distance more than twice as great as that from Chicago to New Orleans.

One thousand pounds of dough for bread can be rolled out and prepared by machinery in three hours 54 minutes. By hand the same work would take 54 hours' labor.

The rose is the emblem of secrecy in Greece, and was formerly hung over the table where guests were entertained in token that nothing heard there was to be repeated.

The number of milch cows in Kansas is approximately the same as of horses, being a little over 800,000, and their value a year ago this spring was estimated at over \$25,000,000.

At Lord Rothschild's beautiful house in Piccadilly, at his country seat at Tring and in all the other Rothschild residences, either in England or on the continent, there is always in a conspicuous place, often among the cornices, a piece of stone or marble left in a rough and unfinished state, which invariably catches the eye, so strongly does it contrast with its surroundings. This is in obedience to the rule among orthodox Jews that they should have no permanent abiding place until they return to the Holy Land, and this bit of unfinished stone is a token that the building is temporary and incomplete.

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Paul Jones' Body Found.

Washington, April 14—Ambassador Porter's dispatch announcing the finding of the body of John Paul Jones reached the State Department today. It is probable that a recommendation will be made to Congress at its next session looking to Ambassador Porter's imbursement.

The remains of John Paul Jones are to be brought here and to be interred in the National Cemetery at Arlington, and it is likely that the transfer will be made the occasion of an interesting demonstration. It is probable that Secretary Morton will send a battleship to France to bring the body home.

June 27 will be Oklahoma day at the Lewis and Clark fair. The Oklahoma Press association and the National Editorial association will be present and take part in the exercises of the day.

Charles B. Billman made a statute of President McKinley for the city of Logansport, Ind. After waiting for four years for his pay, he has taken it away from the public square and set it up in his back yard.

Tragedy Averted.

"Just in the nick of time our little boy was saved," writes Mrs. W. Watkins, of Pleasant City, Ohio. "Pneumonia had played sad havoc with him and a terrible cough set in besides. Doctors treated him, but he grew worse every day. At length we tried Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, and our darling was saved. He's now sound, and well." Everybody ought to know, it's the only sure cure for Coughs, Colds and all Lung diseases. Guaranteed by Slocum Drug Co., Drugists. Price 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free.

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COVERS ITS TRACKS.

Beef Trust Sends Away Employees Who Know Things.

Chicago, April 20—Government secret service men, it is said, have unearthed a move on the part of the packers to send employees out of Chicago before the Federal officials learn that they may be in possession of facts valuable in the investigation into the beef industry.

Today the first fruits of the attempt were shown when it was learned that C. J. Davis, head sheepbuyer for Armour & Co., was making preparations to leave the city. A subpoena was issued and a search begun for Davis. He had almost completed his plans to leave, it is said, and had even gone so far as to sell his home. He has been in the employ of Armour & Co. for a number of years and is said to be in possession of valuable facts.

The Government officials are said to have received repeated warnings that employees of the packers have been leaving the city from day to day, ostensibly to take up work in other packing centers. As a result the Federal authorities are said to view with suspicion any departure of packers' employees other than their traveling salesmen. Every effort is apparently being made to head off the alleged departures by the immediate issuance of subpoenas when the identity of any person is learned.

The grand jury today to keep the investigation of the Aetna Trading Company. A large number of witnesses were on hand. One of those who testified today is said to have been F. A. Fowler, manager of the beef department for Swift & Co.

District Attorney Morrison stated today that it is probable the investigation will be concluded by May 1. He said that although the question of the part played in the beef business by the railroad companies may be taken up, it would not be under the interstate com-

merce laws, because this feature of the case is handled by the Interstate Commerce Commission, which is to meet in Chicago May 10. He also said that no part of the Garfield report on the beef industry was to be used in the grand jury investigation.

Italy is having serious railway disturbances. In a recent encounter between the troops and the strikers, three strikers were killed and many were wounded.

At a depth of 500 feet a flow of artesian hot water has been struck at Baker City. It will be used for heating buildings and the surplus for irrigation.

W. A. Fagen and H. Gorham, two sons of prominent families, came west, and losing their money in mining deals but poison in their whiskey and committed suicide at Denver.

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Morrow county has thousands of head of sheep, horses and cattle. The wool production for 1904 was 2,500,000 pounds. Alfalfa and fruit growing are profitable industries, rapidly growing in importance. The county has also a great coal field, soon to be developed.

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