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American Consuls.

Verily, an American consul is not without honor—save in his own country. Readers of THE ASTORIAN remember with what feeling we referred to the return of our fellow traveler, Hon. Henry S. LaSar, with whom we journeyed from San Francisco to Omaha as he came home from the American consulate at Fiji. The China Mail, of Hongkong, December 16th, takes up the subject of paying our consuls decently, just where we laid it down. The Mail says:

We have more than once had occasion to speak in the highest terms of the honorable position held by Consul-general Denny in the United States consular service, and to draw attention to the circumstance of Mr. Denny's connection with the service as a redeeming point in its condition. There are other United States consular men, it is true, who have a claim to a worthy place; but there can be no doubt that Judge Dennys promotion to Shanghai gave the most sincere satisfaction to all the well-wishers of the United States. Shanghai had suffered long from a consular regime that was a scandal to the government of the United States, and the new Consul-general was, under these painful circumstances, one of the very best men available to inaugurate a reign of honesty and purity. What the new Consul-general at Shanghai actually knows about the irregularities of those persons who have formerly posed as immaculate and patriotic servants of the United States government, had better not be too frequently spoken of. But a glance at the subject matter of a letter recently written to a New York paper by Mr. Denny, on the consular service, indicates that the knowledge does not overburden with credit the service of which he himself is an ornament. The statements of the Shanghai Consular-general are well worthy of consideration, and the sentiments which pervade his letter are highly creditable to the writer. For the last fifteen or twenty years this journal has endeavored to express views regarding the reform of the consular service of the United States, held by the united foreign communities of China; united, because in this matter the purity and respectability of those representing foreign governments affects all foreign nationalities more or less, and everything which endangers the prestige of one nationality invariably affects all. Of late years much attention has been drawn to this subject in America, and the voice of public opinion has been lifted up against the grave irregularities that have been so effectually exposed by the present consul in Hongkong; and in view of these facts, it is most gratifying to find Mr. Denny voluntarily lending his powerful aid to the cause of reform in this direction. The consul-general at Shanghai makes some most pertinent remarks on the tendency at Washington to run the consular service upon a paying basis, and cites the example of Great Britain as one to be more closely followed than it has hitherto been. This straining after a balance on the credit side, has been, as we have frequntly contended, the origin of the dishonesty so frequently displayed by members of the service,—the credit balance is secured, as Mr. Denny puts it, "at the expense of an efficient and honest service." The concluding words of Mr. Denny's letter are so manly, so truthful, and express so accurately what all true friends of the state have continually and persistently advanced upon this subject, that they deserve special prominence. He writes: "Then pay them to devote more time to their consular duties. Whereas, with a small salary, their time is principally taken up in worrying and fretting from one quarters end to the other trying to make ends meet. With liberal salaries, all fees from whatever source should be accounted for as the property of the government, while the collection of such a thing as an unofficial fee, the curse of the service, should be held to be sufficient cause for remomoval from office." With the reputation which Mr. Denny possesses, it may not be necessary to corroborate the above advice; and in view of the healthy public opinion which has now been formed in the states, any words of approval of such language, from this part of the world, may not now be so much required as it was some years ago. But it may not be amiss to express a hope that the policy at Washington, which declined to abolish the consulates at Chinkeang, Ningpo and Canton, may be further carried out, to the advantage of American interests, and of the foreign name generally, upon the lines indicated by the new consul general at Shanghai.

The Opium Trade.

From reports of Judge Denny to the state department at Washington, as Consul-general at Shanghai, we learn that the import value of the drug there, in 1879, amounted to $54,067,000, or say 44 per cent of the total foreign import trade to that country; and adding thereto that quantity finding its way into China from Hongkong through Chinese junks, which amounted to a value of $14,360,000, we reach the respectable sum of $68,427,000, for the import of foreign opium, against a total of $69,130,000 for all other imports. The exports of opium to California for eight years, 1872 to 1879 inclusive, amounted to $4,087,000. Judge Denny says:

These figures show at a glance the quantity and value of this drug, from which the government of British India derives the enormous yearly revenue of forty to forty-five millions of dollars. It is not my purpose to enter here into a lengthened demonstration about the mischevous and ruinous effects of opium smoking, for that is evident; nor do I intend to apologise for the foreign opium trade, against which evil years ago the Anglo-oriental society for the suppression of the opium trade was established in London, and which does not leave a stone unturned to have the Indian opium trade abated, which it asserts is as debasing and damnable as ever the slave trade was. But these comments will be more upon the subject in a general way, based upon personal study and observation made during my residence in China. In the first place, I may say that it is an erroneous, but general belief, that Great Britain is not only responsible for the introduction of opium into China, but for its increasing evil results.

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The Arabs and Persians traded with China centuries before the Portuguese, and the Siamese did from time immemorial. Besides her extensive tea trade, China for thousands of years carried on a valuable and important trade across her western borders with India and Central Asia, and there is no where any evidence to be found to show that the Chinese ever came to know the use even of opium through Europeans. As before stated, in 1736 the Chinese in the western provinces extensively cultivated the poppy, which gradually assumed greater dimensions until 1780, when the first prohibition against the opium trade by sea was issued by the Emperor. But notwithstanding these Imperial decrees, the cultivation increased and the east India company, who had established an agent at Canton for trading purposes, but more particularly in opium, was communicated with by the government in the same year with the object of abolishing the trade in opium. In 1809 the foreign merchants at Canton had to give bonds conditioned that they would not deal in this branch of trade, and from the year 1815 up to 1834, many edicts, couched in the strongest language, were issued by the Emperor prohibiting his subjects from engaging either in the traffic or consumption of opium under severe penalties. In 1830 a censor memorialised the throne stating the fact to be that not less than one half the area of the province of Chekiang was planted with the obnoxious poppy plant.

—The New York Herald says: "A New York journalist, who has for many years been afflicted with dyspepsia so that he could not eat even the most delicate fruits, recently visited Arizona, and found that he could eat fried salt pork three times a day." To which the Sanitarian replies: "Had he tried the same diet before going, possibly he would have fared quite as well. He might have required a few trips to Coney-island or Long-beach and back, or a daily walk before dinner from Printing-house square to his up-town home, to stimulate his appetite, when he would have found the same good effects from fried salt pork in New York as in Arizona. By fried salt pork we would be understood as recommending it or some other kind of food containing a sufficient amount of digestible fat. The difference between salt pork and bacon, in this respect, if equally well prepared, is a matter of taste, and with either one properly cooked and well made hot griddle cakes, daily, for breakfast, journalists would rarely find it necessary to seek a better climate than may be found within easy access to New York; or a diet which will better fortify them against the common dangers of city filth."

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"We do not insure husbands and wives, but buildings," was the reply.

"I know, but mein oldest poy he runs for der fire box und falls a picket fence oafer und breaks his good clothes all to pieces. Two tollar! Dot doan' bay me for goming op here."

"Yes, but we can only pay for actual damages."

"Dot's all I vhant. Who stole my dog vhen my house vahs on fire? Dot dog ish gone, und he vhas ten tollars wort."

"We didn't insure the dog."

"Und maybe you don't insure dem poys who sot on der fence and called out: 'Dot ole Dutchmans red nose has set his house on fire!' Do you expect I take such sass like dot for two tollar? Und when der firemens come here dey break mein clothes line down mit der ladders, and dey spill wasser all oafer my carpets. Two tollar! Vhell! vhell, you go right awhay from here, und I takes dot ole insurance bolicy und steps him into der mudt!"

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Homily and Young Chief, influential Umatilla Indians, are opposed to the railroad passing through their portion of the reservation. Whites wanting the railroad to change its present course have influenced the indians. The railroad officials will hold a pow wow with the Indians. These Indians have had thirty five or forty years of the care of Uncle Sam and should by this time certainly have some ideas of progress, and bulls and bears.

—One fretter can destroy the peace of a family, can destroy the harmony of neighborhoods, can unsettle the councils of cities, and hinder the legislation of nations. He who frets is never the one who mends, who heals, who repairs evil; more, he discourages, enfeebles, and too often disables those around him, who, but for the gloom and depression of his company, would do good work and keep up brave cheer. The effect upon a sensitive person in the mere presence of a fretter is indescribable. It is to the soul what a cold, icy mist is to the body—more chilling than the bitterest storm.

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