



#### PREPARING TO DEPART

##### Withdrawal of Troops From Pekin Now Under Discussion.

Pekin, April 30.—The generals of the powers held a conference yesterday to consider the question of the withdrawal of troops and decided to address a note to the ministers informing them that when the ministers are able to announce the lump sum demanded as indemnity, and the Chinese have agreed to the principles of payment, arrangements will be possible for withdrawal. The other matters discussed were the handing over of the administration of Pekin to native officials and the plan for the command of legation guards as to whether this command should be centered in one officer or each detachment should be independent. Regarding the government of Pekin, it was decided to allow the Chinese gradually to assume more control until the civil government was entirely in their hands, the military only exercising passive supervision.

The Germans were virtually caught in a trap near the Ku Kwan pass. A detachment of 80 had 45 casualties, while the Chinese losses are said to have been nominal. The German expedition is returning, leaving the country greatly disaffected, owing to the hardships inflicted upon the population. Altogether the expedition appears to have produced a very bad effect. The current Chinese gossip is that the Germans were driven back with heavy losses, and it is implicitly believed by the bulk of the people.

#### FIVE BURNED TO DEATH

##### An Entire Family Perished In an Incendiary Blaze at Houston.

Houston, Tex., April 29.—In a fire which destroyed a livery stable and three residences at an early hour Sunday morning five persons were burned to death, Job Coping, a florist, his wife and three children. A negro has been arrested on the charge of having started the fire to get revenge on his employer for having discharged him. In the ruins were found the bodies of the victims, among them being an infant who had been born to Mrs. Coping during the progress of the fire. Its body was found with its mother's. Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Hopper jumped from the burning building and both were badly injured, perhaps fatally. The fire started in a livery stable over which several families lived. The building was a mere shell, and was a mass of flames when the firemen arrived. A crippled widow, Mrs. Thompson, escaped from the building and says she saw the Coping family run back into their room from the hallway, and that was the last seen of them alive.

#### Not Peculiar.

Tess—I see a notice in the paper of the wedding of Mrs. Nubridge. Jess—Yes; I know her very well.

Tess—Do you? What was her maiden name?

Jess—I suppose her maiden name was to get married.—Philadelphia Press.

#### He Hacked Off His Leg.

Caught in a bear trap on the banks of the Athabasca, near Millford, Me., John McLeod, a lumber scaler, was obliged to take out his jackknife and cut off his leg. The trap was too heavy to move and was sprung in such a way that he could not reach over and release it. He was far from any human being, and the only way out of it seemed to be to cut off the leg.

That was done easily, because the leg upon which he operated was of wood. But when he stumbled back to camp it made him mad to hear the jeers of the French-Canadian cook of the lumber crew.

"Why you no take off you whole wood laig, ah? You get out um thrup and no spile you wood laig tall, ah?"

Such a way out of his difficulty had not occurred to McLeod before.

**Skill In Throwing Off Mail Bags.** The busiest clerk in any crew or car is the one who is detailed to receive and throw off the sacks and pouches. To lift a heavy mail sack and throw it from a car moving at the rate of a mile a minute is a matter of good target shooting. "Looks easy enough," commented one of the veteran clerks at the letter case, "and it does seem as if a man should be able to hit a station platform without much difficulty, but you see that station is passed and gone in about one second. Then, the suction of a train running at this speed is something terrific, and until the knock of throwing a pouch is learned a man is liable to feed the wheels with a few letters."—Saturday Evening Post.

**Origin of the Word Sterling.** The origin of the word "sterling" is very curious. Among the early minters of coin in northern Europe were the dwellers of eastern Germany. They were so skillful in their calling that numbers of them were invited to England to manufacture the metal money of the kingdom. The strangers were known as "easterlings." After a time the word became "sterling," and in this abbreviated form it has come to imply what is genuine in money, plate or character.

**Quits.** He—You women have such a ridiculous habit of screaming "Oh!" on every occasion.—Indianapolis Press.

**Other Allurements.** Mr. Goodman—Why don't you take the pledge, my good fellow?

Jaggs—Because there are too many other things to take.—Denver Times.

**The worst mosquito infested neighborhood in the world is the coast of Borneo. The streams of that region are at certain seasons unnavigable because of the clouds of mosquitoes.**

#### Didn't Cost Him Anything.

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#### Why She Wore It.

He (to the young widow)—Why do you wear such a heavy veil? I thought that you had an objection to ostentatious mourning.

"I'm very sorry," came the startling reply. "I'll see that it don't occur again, for I'm going to chain her up in future."—London Telegraph.

#### Comparing Notes.

Mrs. Slowboy—My husband's so lazy that if it wasn't for me I don't believe he would get up in time to go to bed.

Mrs. Rounder—My husband's different. He scarcely goes to bed in time to get up.—Chicago News.

#### Bombay is an immense city, with land and sea shipping equal to the best.

It has large commerce and trade and manufacturing interests. Its buildings are said to be the finest in India.

#### When Lot's wife was turned to salt, he probably started to look for a fresh one.—Kansas City Star.

#### ENGLAND'S FIRST SHIP.

##### Great Harry Was the Country's Premier Fighting Machine.

Of the first ship, properly speaking, of the British navy, known as the Great Harry, the following particulars are given in an old number of the Mechanic's Magazine, dated Oct. 25, 1823:

The Great Harry was built by King Henry VII at a cost of £14,000, and was burned at Woolwich, through accident, in 1553.

Though King Henry, as well as other princes, hired many ships, exclusive of those which the different seaports were obliged to furnish, he seems thus to have been the first king who thought of avoiding this inconvenience by raising such a force as might be at all times sufficient for the service of the state. Historians tell us that he caused his navy, which had been neglected in the preceding reign, to be put in a condition to protect the British coasts against all foreign invasions, and that in the midst of profound peace he always kept up a fleet ready to act.

In August, 1512, the Regent, a ship of 1,000 tons, which was at that time the largest vessel in the British navy, was burned, and to replace it the Great Harry, or, as it was also known, the Henry Grace de Dieu, was built in 1515.

The vessel, of about 1,000 tons burden, was manned by 349 soldiers, 301 marines and 50 gunners. She had four masts and portholes on both decks and in other parts.

Before the time of her construction the cannon were placed above deck and on the prow and poop. One De-charges, a French builder at Brest, is said to have invented portholes.

In a list of the British navy, as it stood on Jan. 5, 1548, the Great Harry is said to have carried 19 brass and 103 iron pieces of ordnance.

The name of the ship is supposed to have been changed in the reign of Edward VI to Edward, which, on Aug. 26, 1552, was reported to be still "in good case to serve," and was ordered "to be grounded and calked once a year to keep it tight."—Cassier's Magazine.

#### BILLIARD CUES.

##### How They Are Made—America Furnishes the Best.

"Most billiard cues," said a New York manufacturer the other day, "are made in two pieces—the cue proper and the handle. The cue is made generally of maple, and the butt, which is wedge shaped, is inserted into a handle of rosewood, snakewood, ebony, mahogany, walnut or some other fancy dark wood, which is cut to dovetail with the long part.

The maple wood used in making the handles is sawed into suitable lengths and seasoned. The logs are then split into pieces from which the handles are made. These pieces are called bolts. The bolts are sawed approximately to the shape of the handle to be finally made, and in this shape they are handle blocks. The handle block is turned to the shape of the handle in a lathe, and when the butt has been fitted it is finished and polished.

"The finest and best cues are fitted to the handle or butt by means of a double wedge. At the top of the cue is a ferrule of ivory, of horn or bone, in which the leather tip is fitted. While the ivory ferrule is the most expensive, of course it is less durable than the horn or bone ferrules, which are less liable to crack. The extra workmanship on cues is put in on the butts, some of which are elaborately inlaid and carved in beautiful patterns.

"There are a number of billiard players who will not permit another person to use their cues, and for the use of these particular players cues are turned out from which the tips may be unscrewed, leaving the cue with unfinished points and useless.

"American billiard cues are the lightest, strongest and neatest made anywhere in the world. They are made in all weights and lengths and rank in price from 30 cents to \$25 and more each, according to the quality and finish of the article.—Washington Star.

#### The Lesson He Wanted.

In his autobiography, "Up From Slavery," Booker T. Washington tells an amusing anecdote of an old colored man who during the days of slavery wanted to learn how to play on the guitar. In his desire to take guitar lessons he applied to one of his young masters to teach him. But the young man, not having much faith in the ability of the slave to master the guitar at his age, sought to discourage him by telling him: "Uncle Jake, I will give you guitar lessons. But, Jake, I will have to charge you \$3 for the first lesson, \$2 for the second lesson and \$1 for the third lesson. But I will charge you only 25 cents for the last lesson."

Uncle Jake answered: "All right, boss, I hired you on dem terms. But, boss, I wants yer to be sure an give me dat las' lesson first."

#### A Ghastly Scene.

Clayton, N. M., April 27.—Thomas E. Ketchum, alias Black Jack, the notorious outlaw who has terrorized the people of the Southwest for the past 15 years, was hanged here yesterday afternoon for train robbery, and his head was severed from the body by the rope as if by a guillotine. The headless trunk pitched forward toward the spectators, and blood spattered upon those nearest the scaffold.

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She—Oh, it is only to hide my smiles.—New York Sun.

#### POWER OF IMAGINATION.

##### A Druggist's Story of How It Worked In One Case.

"The power of imagination," said a New York druggist, "is past comprehension. Not long since a domestic in the employ of a prominent family came into the store in great haste with a prescription which called for two grains of morphine in two ounces of aqua pura—that is, distilled water—the anguish by having your folly and extravagance in black and white to stare you in the face, especially as you had no more money at the end of the month than you had without an account book?

But since she has been running a house she has achieved not one but nearly a dozen account books. There is one devoted to the grocery man, another to the butcher, personal accounts take a third, and so on till she spends nearly all her glad young life balancing sums. It is a matter of pride with her that they shall come out even, and so there was woe last month when 40 cents refused to be accounted for. She and Mr. Browley had a grave and lengthy discussion over the missing 40. Each accused the other of trifling away and neglecting to enter it on the proper book, "Sundries." Mr. Browley insisted strenuously he was not guilty. Mrs. Browley looked pained and urged him to confess. He left for downtown vowing vengeance. It was late that afternoon when Mrs. Browley was entertaining a roomful of aristocratic callers that a telegraph boy appeared. The maid brought in the fatal yellow envelope, and at once the bride knew her husband had been fatally injured and was sending for her. Some one revived her with smelling salts, a lady in purple velvet fanned her with a hastily snatched lamp shade, and a third visitor with more presence of mind than the rest opened the telegram. The message read:

"Honest, now, what did you do with that 40 cents?"—Chicago News.

#### FRIGHTENED HIS WIFE.

##### Forty Cents Almost the Cause of a Catastrophe.

Before Mrs. Browley was married she scoffed at the misguided girls and women who kept personal accounts. Her argument was that if you know how much money you had and it was all gone what was the use of piling on the anguish by having your folly and extravagance in black and white to stare you in the face, especially as you had no more money at the end of the month than you had without an account book?

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#### APPLICATION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

To the citizens of the Second Ward city of Decatur, Adams county, Indiana: Notice is hereby given that I, Lewis Nichols, a male inhabitant of this city, over the age of twenty-one years, and a person not in the habit of becoming intoxicated, will make application to next regular session in June, 1901, at their board of county commissioners at their regular session in June, 1901, for a license to sell spirituous vinous and malt liquors in less quantities than a quart at a time in a drunk where sold; in and at the two-story brick building on Second street, in the city of Decatur, Indiana, situated on the south part of lot No. 53 in said city, containing 22 feet north of the southwest corner of said lot, running thence east 132 feet, thence north 19 feet, thence west 132 feet, thence south 19 feet to place of beginning. Said building is on the ground floor room 80 feet long and 19 feet wide, having a front and rear 8-3

Lewis Nichols, Applicant.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids will be received at Mayfield, Indiana, till the hour of one o'clock p.m.

Friday, May 24, 1901,

for the erection and completion of a brick school house in Preble township, district No. 1, which is situated one mile south of Mayfield, according to the plans and specifications which are on file at the office of Mann & Christen, architects, Decatur, Indiana.

The right is reserved to reject any and all bids.

G. W. RUPRIGHT,  
Township trustee Preble township, Adams county, Indiana, postoffice Ossian, rural route No. 1.

Dated April 26, 1901.

#### NOTICE TO NON-RESIDENTS

The state of Indiana, county of Adams, ss.

In the Adams circuit court, April term, 1901.

Eugene Lindsey vs. Amos T. Dailey, et al. Complaint to quiet title.

It appearing from affidavit filed in the above entitled cause that Amos T. Dailey, Eliza Lambert, wife of James Lambert, whose true christian name is to the plaintiff unknown; George C. Bolus, E. J. Gard, whose true christian name is to the plaintiff unknown; James Lambert, wife of James Lambert, whose true christian name is to the plaintiff unknown; Farny O'Brien, Owen O'Brien, Joseph R. Jackson, — Jackson, wife of Joseph R. Jackson, whose true christian name is to the plaintiff unknown; that they be and appear before the honorable judge of the Adams circuit court on the 15th day of June, 1901, the same being the first judicial day of the present term, and thereon to be held at the court house in the city of Decatur, commencing on Monday the 8th day of April, A. D. 1901, and plead by answer or demur to said complaint, or the same will be heard and determined in their absence.

Witness my name and the seal of said court hereto affixed, this 24th day of April, 1901.

ELMER JOHNSON, Clerk  
7-3 By James P. Haefling, Deputy.

Merryman & Schirmeyer, Attorneys for Plaintiff.

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Harmon Thomas, Hannah Fredrica Thomas vs. Frederick Thomas Petition for partition to quiet title.

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