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LOOKING FOR REFORM.

Frequent comment has been made on the lack of vigor and enthusiasm displayed by the Chinese in the war being waged between their country and Japan. The last mail from Shanghai brought a copy of the *North China Daily News*, which speaks for the foreign residents of China, and which contains an editorial on the war. It deplores the fact that a conflict has been entered upon to cause disturbance in business relations, and then says: "Some of us look with complacency on the possibility that the success of Japan may cause a revolution in China from which foreigners as well as Chinese would ultimately gain. The collapse of Chinese influence in Corea at the touch of so small a power as Japan would cause an awakening of China that would be very unpleasant for the government, whose ignorance, indifference and extraction have got China into her present predicament; the government does not seem to know that thousands of the more intelligent of the Chinese people are hoping that their country will be beaten at the beginning of the war."

This statement contains a suggestion of a cause of Chinese lethargy not generally recognized, viz: that a strong sentiment exists for a more liberal government. It would appear that the civilization of western Europe and America, as adopted by Japan, and probably as instilled by the foreign population of China, has commended itself to a large class to the last named country, who would welcome the breaking down of Chinese ultra-conservatism, and hope that this result may be attained through the present war, without resorting to revolutionary methods. In this view, Japanese triumphs would be looked on as the least expensive way of securing desired reforms, under the influence of a peace party which could not operate successfully until the government was to close distress through the failure of its policy to receive national support. The suggestions of the *News* also give clew to what is perhaps a chief reason for the feeling against foreigners, namely, that the latter are more active than is desirable to the government in urging Caucasian ideas of politics and business upon the Mongolians. Whatever may be the effect of the war upon other nations, it appears reasonably certain that it will result in liberal reforms in China, to some extent in accord with the views and teachings of the foreign element.

ELECTRICITY AS A PURIFIER.

The manifold uses to which electricity can be put are being added to constantly, so far as human knowledge goes, and the idea of a limit being reached is not yet entertained by investigators and experimenters with the subtle fluid. It has been a prevalent notion for centuries that electrical storms cleared air, earth and water of many impurities, and rendered conditions more healthful for the dwellers of the sphere. Now a French scientist and inventor, M. Hermite, of Havre, comes forward with a system which he has discovered of purifying through man's manipulations electricity as a disinfectant, in connection with the salt sea water.

M. Hermite's system has been tried at Havre, and is reported to have given complete satisfaction. A central station for the electrolization of sea water was built on Quai Kennedy, near the Augustins bridge over the Seine, and pipes in connection with it were laid through all the streets of the St. Francis quarter, inhabited by some 12,000 people of the poorest classes and formerly the hotbed of every infectious disease. The electrolyzed sea water was forced through the pipes and effected a marvelous change. The stream watered with the disinfecting fluid by means of hose connected with the pipes for that purpose also which formerly made that not very fragrant but an ever-present danger in the very center of the town. Installations to the two of the most insalubrious houses in the district were chosen by M. David, the town architect, for the application of the Hermite system to dwellings. One of them was situated at 24 Rue de la Fontaine and the other at 33 Rue d'Estreville. A large tank containing with the electrolyzed sea-water mains was placed at the top of each of these six-story buildings, and pipes from the tanks carried down to flush the closets and sinks on the various floors.

In the case of the Rue d'Estreville house, the waste water was conducted direct to the sewers, in which it was found to be alkaline without odor, the latter combined with refuse from other parts. The water from the house at 24 Rue de la Fontaine came from the siphons of the closets and sinks perfectly odorless, and was conducted through pipes to the street gutter, down which it ran some distance before it ultimately fell into the sewer. The object of this arrangement was to offer the public a constant, visible and olfactory proof of the purifying qualities of electrolyzed sea water. The disinfectant liquid, so to say, consumed the sewage matter as well as the microbes it contained, and in passing along the gutters and through the sewers it contributed to the disinfection of both of them by the chlorine it still contained.

If the experience of Havre in this matter can be realized in other municipalities, and the purification of sewage be shown to be due to the electrolyzation of the salt sea water, as the inventor of the system and those who made the official tests claim has been fully demonstrated, the system is a marked advance in methods of sanitation which is without a parallel in this century. The new discovery is now receiving the attention of scientific men in Europe and in this country, and the result of their inquiries will be received with interest.

THE PONY EXPRESS.

With some of the relics that are being presented to the committee on the Veteran's excursion to Salt Lake on the 20th inst. are copies of newspapers published in this city in early days; and among these are issues containing the news of the world as it was carried over the Plains by pony express. Instead of the dispatches bearing "per Western Union line," as for a quarter of a century past, the legend at the column's head was "Latest Telegraph by Pony." One feature which caused this service to be highly valued by the people (besides the money cost, which at the beginning of 1861 was "reduced to $5 per half ounce for letter postage") was the fact that it brought the news during the intensely exciting period of the opening of the great civil war. It was delivered with wonderful promptness, too, for the distance and conditions, the dispatches being brought through from the coast and published in ten days, even in the winter time. For instance, on February 15, 1861, there was printed news of the action east of the Missouri up to February 5. The same issue, by the way, contains an account of the Red Serious fighting in Florida; the secession proceedings in several of the states; the demand of Isaac Hayne for the surrender of the U. S. forts in South Carolina to that state; the projected attempt to prevent the inauguration of President Lincoln, and a host of minor items, including the famous dispatch of the secretary of the treasury, John A. Dix, regarding the order to arrest the traitor Captain Hindebrandt, which was seized by commissioners of the governor of Alabama and forwarded to the governor of Louisiana (both states being in rebellion), and which ends as follows:

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29.—To Hempstead Judge: Tell Lieutenant Caldwell to arrest Captain Hindebrandt, assume command of the revenue cutter McClelland, and obey orders I gave through you. I. Capt. Hindebrandt, after arrest, undertakes to interfere with the command of the cutter, Lieut. Caldwell will consider him a mutineer, and treat him accordingly. If he attempts to take down the American flag, shoot him on the spot. (Signed) JOHN A. DIX, Secretary of the Treasury.

WELLMAN'S RETURN.

With the return of Mr. Wellman and party to Tromso, another failure to reach the extreme north of our globe is added to the long list of fruitless attempts of a similar kind. Yet, Mr. Wellman's expedition is a notable one. In a remarkably brief time he succeeded in reaching almost the 81st degree, and added some points of interest to our geographical knowledge. He demonstrated that the aluminum boats were perfectly serviceable for Arctic explorations and found sufficient encouragement in his experiences on his first "flying trip" to the north to induce him to promise to make another attempt next year.

The reason for this trip, he says, was the loss of the Hansa's boat, by which accident a very considerable portion of his outfit was lost. The aluminum boat did not seem entirely satisfactory with the original oars, which were made of ash, as the blade was particularly liable to break, but early made oars of spruce served very well. Dogs are to be used in the north and it certainly seems the wisest plan on Prince Edward's island, where no dogs, supplies or provisions may be taken, instead of hauling the sledges, and knowing that his friends back are ready otherwise to take the place of the lost wood, intended to be used for the sledges and bring relief to Wellman in case he should be lost. He was not discouraged over his failure to reach the North Pole, and he feels that he has found the difficulties of the journey to the Arctic regions not quite as great as he had thought, and he is ready and willing to try again.

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