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The Road from Taku to Pekin.

The name Taku signifies "great mouth." It is borne by the little fishing hamlet at the mouth of the Pei River, the Pei-ho. It is the port of Tien Tsin and is twenty-five miles by rail from that city. Formerly steamers from Shanghai went directly up the river to Tien Tsin, but the mud banks now piled up at the mouth of the river prevent access and vessels of considerable draught could not go up the river anyhow because sediment has made it shallow. The village of Taku, now in the possession of the allies, merely consists of huts occupied by fishermen, a railroad station and a telegraph office.

The region between Taku and Tien Tsin is a low plain without a tree, scarcely a clump of bushes and very few habitations. The few houses along the river are the homes of fishermen and their families. The railroad between Taku and Tien Tsin, twenty-five miles long has a double track, for traffic in time of peace is quite large. The railroad between Tien Tsin and Pekin is just eighty miles long, and there are eight stations between the two cities sun, Lofa, Langfang, Anting, Huangtsun, Fengtai, and Machiatu, the northern terminus of the railroad, four miles from one of the southern gates of the Chinese city, which is the south part of Pekin.

The Boxers began to destroy this railroad at the station of Langfang, about thirty miles from Pekin. They carried on their work of destruction in both directions and are said to have made a very thorough job of it. There is no longer any railroad, and it must be counted out as a means of transportation for a campaign against Pekin. There remains two routes for an advancing army to follow.

One of these routes is the Pei-ho. The river, however, is very shallow and can be navigated only by vessels of small draft. The Anglo-French forces that went to Pekin in 1860 did not take the river route, and it is not likely that the troops would depend upon the river at the present time. The Pei-ho, however, will probably be made very useful in the transportation of supplies. The journey is made by poing up stream and making use of sails as much as possible. It usually requires seven days.

The second route is the wagon road to the west of the river which was followed by the Anglo-French army. This force had to repair the road as it went along and it was in very good condition when the army left the country. Nothing apparently had been done to keep it in good order since that time, forty years ago, and it is now in execrable condition in summer it is knee deep in dust and in winter wagons sink in the huts in the mud. It passes for the last fifteen miles through the superb hunting park of the Chinese emperors just south of Pekin and separated from it by a swampy plain. This is the great park of Nanhai, and Europeans and other foreigners have always been jealously excluded from it. Because the government would not permit the railroad to be built through the park it was necessary to make a long detour to the west. A fortified wall forty miles in length surrounds the park, which contains about eighty square miles.

The Chinese people, however, are by no means excluded from the park, for the wagon road from Tien Tsin runs through it, and there are numerous villages, cultivated tracts and military stations in the woods. Though the distance is less than eighty miles, wagons take from four to five days to traverse this road between Tien Tsin and Pekin.

Blood Thicker Than Water.

Famous Phrase That Had Its Origin at Taku in 1829.

The Taku forts, recently occupied by the international forces, forty one years ago were the scene of an episode which gave to the world that famous phrase, "Blood is thicker than water." A British fleet of eleven small gunboats, under Admiral Hope, was engaged in an assault on the mud batteries just inside the Pei-Ho river bar on June 25th, 1859, when the tide went down and left them helpless in the mud under the fire of the Chinese "smooth" boats.

Captain Tattall, the flag officer commanding the United States China squadron which was anchored off the bar, nominally guarding American interests, perceiving the plight of the British admiral, lowered his barge and, with his flag lieutenant and twenty men, rowed up the river to show the Englishman how to point his guns. The flag lieutenant, Stephen Decatur Trenchard, was badly wounded, and one man in the barge was killed in passing through the fire from the forts. Once on board, however, the British guns were so well served by the Americans that the forts were silenced, and Tattall himself piloted the gunboats by a channel he had discovered until they found protection in the fleet outside.

Tattall's action was regarded by the authorities at Washington as tantamount to disobedience of orders, as he had been strongly cautioned by his government to preserve neutrality and limit his activity solely to the protection of Americans. He was detached from command and brought home, where he only avoided a court martial through the great popularity his brave act gave him. The "blood is thicker than water" phrase was coined in English newspapers at that time, and was echoed so vigorously in the American press that the Navy Department finally approved Tattall's action.

His Salary Not Proportionate.

There was one occasion when Sir Henry Irving received from one of the super-numeraries of the Lyceum an answer which seemed to satisfy him. It was the man's duty to say simply, "The enemy is upon us," which he uttered at rehearsal in a poor, whining way.

"Can't you say it better?" shouted Irving. "Repeat it as I do." And he gave the words with dignity, with all his well-known dramatic force.

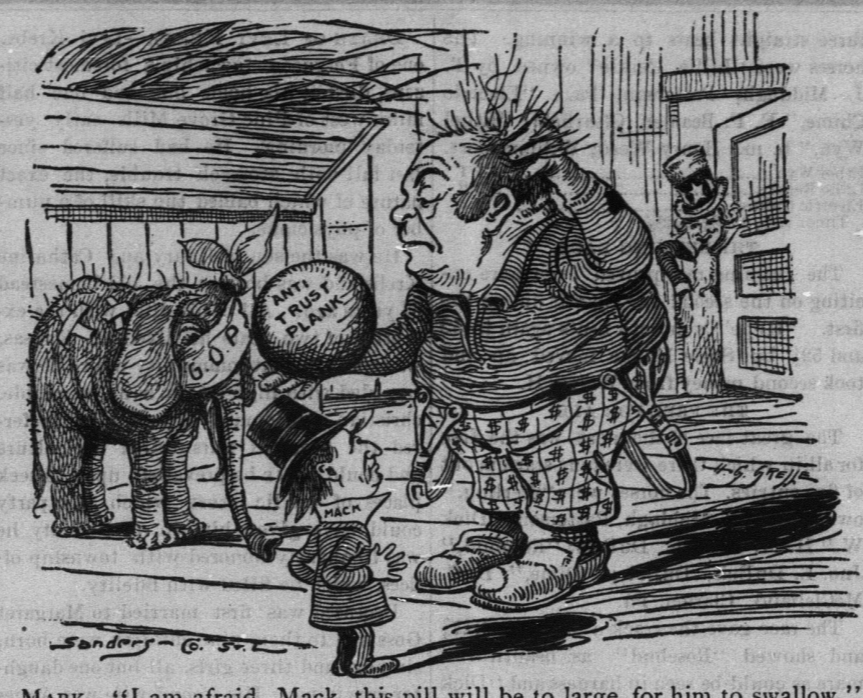
"If I could say it like that," replied the man, "I shouldn't be working for 25 shillings a week."

"Is that all you get?"

"Yes."

"Well, then, say it as you please."

Franklin county has the distinction of having the heaviest child in the State so far as heard from. Abram M. Lehman, who lives near Rocky Springs, has a daughter who is 14 years old and weighs 370 pounds. The child was taken ill with pneumonia some weeks ago and for a time her condition was critical. She is now all right, however. Another daughter, 17 years old, weighs 250 pounds.



MARK—"I am afraid, Mack, this pill will be to large for him to swallow."

Dr. Klopsch's Indian Trip.

Street Scenes in Bombay—Need of Blankets and Clothing.

Dr. Louis Klopsch, who recently returned from a tour of inspection of the vast famine area of India, says that now that rain is falling the need of blankets and clothing is pressing. Unless blankets by the hundred thousand and clothing in wholesale quantities are supplied at once, thousands of people already saved from starvation will die for want of proper bodily protection.

Dr. Klopsch made two trips into the famine districts, first going 500 miles north from Bombay, and then an equal distance north, covering in all more than two thousand miles. He visited Poons, Khedgona, Dohad and Amednagar and then Baroda, Godhra, Dohad, Narlad, Amedabad and Virangam. He inspected every poor house and every relief camp along the route.

Dr. Klopsch gave the following account of his trip yesterday: "On the day of our arrival in Bombay the streets were literally crowded with walking skeletons. Every step of the way we were besieged by men, women and children in the last stages of destitution piteously begging for a mite that they might eat and live. They held out their hands with a beseeching look, hoping that we might drop a coin that would purchase at least enough food to satisfy their hunger at least for an hour. Gaunt men, emaciated women with nursing, diminutive, hollowed, sickly babies; children with leas and arms like clothes pins and every rib plainly visible, all ran toward us completely surrounding the carriage and crying out every step of the way: "Where did these unfortunate people come from I asked. "They come from the villages in families and groups to the larger cities hoping there to be able to beg enough to keep them alive," was the reply. "How many of them are there in Bombay?" "Tens of thousands," responded my companion. "The municipality sent 7,000 by railway to the relief camp at Thapa, twenty-five miles away, the other day, but 6,000 left in one night and returned to the city, walking the entire distance."

All along the drive of over two miles, between our hotels and Marathi mission, doorways, stoops and curbstones were occupied by these helpless unfortunates. Houseless and homeless these unfortunate sleep in the streets of Bombay at night. It is no exaggeration to say that I have seen as many as 500 sleeping on the sidewalk of a single block, lying so closely that it was almost impossible to thread ones way through. Since the first of last January the deaths by starvation in India in any one month out number all the British losses in the Boer war to date. The number of famine victims who have died since the first of the year exceeds the total of 300,000, at which figure the losses in our Civil War are computed."

Virtues of Coal Oil.

Try the virtues of coal oil. A few drops on cloth, moistened with water polishes windows and mirrors, removes dust from paint and furniture. Equal parts of linseed oil (boiled) and coal oil polishes old furniture and floors, also cleanses painted floors. A tablespoonful in a boiler of clothes is equal to the best washing compound.

Two-thirds milk and one-third oil, well shaken, is the best remedy for rose bugs. Keroline removes lice from poultry and cures scaly legs. Wash perches with it now and then. Sometimes it is quite effective in the family in sore throat, rubbing on outside with the hand. This, however, is only for sore throats from cold, as sore throats with fever and pain need a physician every time. Best medical authority advises coal oil for hair tonic, rubbing in scalp thoroughly with ends of fingers applying at least once a month. The odor quickly passes away. Nothing better for cleaning zinc and tin.

Grace Ramsey Sane.

Released From the Matteawan Asylum.

Grace E. Ramsey, formerly of Williamsport, who was indicted for murder in the first degree, for killing her husband, Herbert E. Ramsey, with a razor, in the Garden hotel, East Twenty-seventh street, New York city, on July 2nd, 1899, was released from Matteawan asylum recently and returned to the Tombs on an order granted by Justice Dickey of the supreme court, Brooklyn.

After Mrs. Ramsey had been indicted a commission of lunacy adjudged her insane and she was committed to the asylum for the criminal insane at Matteawan.

While her husband was sleeping she slashed his throat with a razor "because she wanted to see the color of his blood." She attempted suicide while in the Tombs and was taken to Bellevue.

Superintendent Allen, of Matteawan, in an affidavit presented to Justice Dickey, says the woman is now of sound mind. She has been released from the insane asylum and is now with her parents and child in Williamsport.

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Low-Rate Vacation Trip via Pennsylvania Railroad.

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This year the excursions from Philadelphia will be run by two routes. Those on July 26th, August 9th, September 6th, October 4th, and 18th, going via Harrisburg and the picturesque valley of the Susquehanna as heretofore, special train leaving Philadelphia at 8:10 A. M.; excursions of August 23rd and September 20th, running via Trenton, Mauch Chunk, and the Delaware Valley, leaving Philadelphia on special train at 5:00 A. M.

Excursion tickets, good for return passage on any regular train, exclusive of limited express trains, within ten days, will be sold at \$8.50 from Altoona and Harrisburg; \$6.90 from Sunbury and Wilkes-Barre; \$5.75 from Williamsport; and at proportionate rates from other points. A stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua, and Watkins within the limit returning, on the excursions of July 26, August 9, September 6, October 4 and 18.

For the excursions of August 23 and September 20, stop-over will be allowed at Buffalo on return trip within limit of return ticket.

The special trains of Pullman parlor cars and day coaches will be run with each excursion running through to Niagara Falls. An extra charge will be made for parlor seats. An experienced tourist agent and chaperon will accompany each excursion.

For descriptive pamphlet, time of connecting trains, and further information apply to nearest ticket agent, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad street station, Philadelphia. 45-27-61.

Excursions to Atlantic City.

And Other Atlantic Coast Resorts via Pennsylvania Railroad.

Thursday, July 5th and 19th, and August 2nd and 16th, are the dates of the Pennsylvania Railroad annual low-rate excursions for 1900 to Atlantic City, Cape May, Ocean City, Sea Isle City, Avalon, Anglesea, Wildwood, Holly Beach, N. J., Rehoboth, Del., or Ocean City, Md.

Tickets good to return within sixteen days, including day of excursion. Passengers for points other than Atlantic City will spend the night in Philadelphia, and use regular trains the next day from Market street wharf.

A stop-over of ten days will also be allowed at Philadelphia on the going trip, if passengers will deposit their tickets with ticket agent at Broad street station, Philadelphia, immediately on arrival.

Tickets will be sold from the stations at the rates named below:

Table with columns: Station, Rate, Train leaves. Includes Altoona, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, etc.

Tickets will also be good on regular trains leaving Pittsburgh at 4:50 and 8:30 p. m., carrying sleeping cars to Philadelphia, and 7:10 p. m., carrying Pullman sleeping cars through to Atlantic City.

Reduced Rates to Detroit via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Biennial Conclave, Knights of Pythias, at Detroit, August 27th to September 1st, the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets from all stations on its line to Detroit, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on August 25th, 26th, and 27th, good to return between August 29th and September 5th, inclusive, but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Detroit not later than September 1st, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 14th, inclusive.

Reduced Rates to Pittsburg.

Via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Prohibition state convention to be held at Pittsburg, August 8th, the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Pittsburg from all stations on its line in the State of Pennsylvania at rate of one fare for the round trip (minimum rate twenty-five cents). Tickets to be sold and good going August 6th, 7th, and 8th, and to return until August 9th, inclusive.

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On July 9th and 17th, August 1st, 7th and 21st, the Missouri Pacific railway, will sell excursion tickets to Pueblo, Colorado Springs and Denver, Salt Lake City and Ogden, at the rate of one regular fare, plus \$2.00, for the round trip. For information apply to J. R. James, C. P. A., 905 Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

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To Niagara Falls, excursion tickets good to return within ten days will be sold on July 26th, August 9th and 23rd, Sept. 6th and 20th, Oct. 4th and 18th, at rate of \$10 from Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington. These tickets include transportation only, and will permit of stop over within limits at Buffalo, Rochester, Canandaigua, and Watkins on the return trip, except on the excursions of Aug. 23rd and Sept. 20th from Philadelphia and tributary points, which will be run via Manunka Chunk and Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad. On these two excursions stop over will be permitted at Buffalo on return trip.

Five-day tour to Gettysburg, Luray, and Washington Sept. 15th. Rate, \$25 from New York, \$22 from Philadelphia. Proportionate rates from other points.

A nine-day tour to Gettysburg, Luray Caverns, Natural Bridge, Richmond, Old Point Comfort, and Washington, October 9th. Rate, \$65 from New York, \$63 from Philadelphia, including all necessary expenses. Proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and further information apply to ticket agents, or address George W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Philadelphia.

Pennsylvania Chautauqua.

Reduced Rates to Mt. Gettysburg via Pennsylvania Railroad.

For the Pennsylvania Chautauqua, to be held at Mt. Gettysburg, Pa., July 2nd to August 8th, 1900, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets to Mt. Gettysburg from New York, Washington, Baltimore, Frederick Md., Canandaigua, and intermediate points, including all stations on its line in the State of Pennsylvania.

Tickets will be sold June 25th to August 8th, inclusive, and will be good to return until August 13th, inclusive. 45-27-2t

Reduced Rates to Chicago via Pennsylvania Railroad.

On account of the Thirty-fourth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Chicago, August 27-31, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from points on its line to Chicago, at rate of single fare for the round trip.

Tickets will be sold on August 25th, 26th, and 27th, good to return until August 31st, inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Chicago prior to noon of September 2nd, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to September 30th, inclusive. 45-30-3t

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