

The historic reluctance of Oriental races to indulge in reforms is little understood, but time and experience will explain. These races are old in experience and in wisdom. Therefore, they are always apprehensive of the ultimate ends to which any reform will reach, says the Detroit News. Japan has modernized rapidly. It enjoys the benefits of a very improved form of government. Out of this change develops a gradual rise in the status of the masses and one of the consequences is a discontent. Alexander II. of Russia emancipated 22,000,000 serfs in the spring of 1861, after giving all landowners and serf masters three years' notice to prepare for the event and setting his own serfs free as an example. In 1881 the sons and daughters of the emancipated serfs, having enjoyed the benefit of education and thereby discovered the wrongs of the past and the oppressions to which the poor were still subject at the hands of the nobles and great land owners, expressed their discontent by killing the emperor who had lifted them to the status of free men and women. Russian discontent was fomented by Michael Bakounin, the founder of terrorism in Russia. Japan has her Bakounin in Dr. Ino Enryu, a publicist of discontent. Recently a band of 36 conspirators were arrested upon the charge of plotting against the life of the emperor, and 12 of them have already been executed. These terrible blunders seem to be unavoidable consequences of a change in the status of the people of any nation, but only the superficial observer could condemn all attempts at progress because, in governments as in railroading, they in vain a certain element of danger.

Rats are regarded as the most dangerous propagators of the bubonic plague that is raging in the East, and the matter has been under consideration by the Russian military authorities east of the Caucasus. They believe in killing off the rats to check the spread of the disease. But some of the methods they propose to employ will arouse the special wonder even of an age which is accustomed to remarkable developments. The military inspector of the district in question has issued an order in which is set forth "the hypnotic influence of music, as employed by wizards and witches," and it is remarked that this should not be ignored. In fact, the methods by which rat-catchers can lure their prey from the hiding places are specified, and the order concludes with the assumption that "it is very possible that among the soldiers of the Caucasian military district there are such wizards." If there is a piper in the Russian army he may now proceed to get busy.

Ecuador has rejected the proposition to submit the boundary dispute with Peru to the Hague tribunal. Colombia has sent a force of troops into territory claimed by Peru. War seems inevitable between those perennial squabblers, Haiti and Santo Domingo. And what looks like a pretty full-fledged revolution is under way in Honduras, says the Troy Times. It would seem that there are several unruly children in the international family of the western hemisphere who need a little wholesome discipline to make them behave themselves properly.

A woman, with a mandolin and a guitar, has sailed from New York on a wager that she can make a trip around the world on what she can earn with her music. Perhaps, those who do not appreciate it may be glad enough to pay her to move on.

Aviators engaged to be married are withdrawing from aeronautics at the command of their fiancées. No one can blame an engaged girl for objecting to her lover's being in the clouds in any other fashion than Cupid's way.

"Chicago has limited all its sky scrapers to 200 feet," says the New York Telegram. Not all. Merely those to be built between the time when the ordinance goes into force and the time when it shall be declared of no effect.

The No. 12 is still looked on as a hoodoo in some quarters, although it is hardly probable that the most superstitious person would turn down a gift of \$13,000, while some would not seriously object to \$13.

Flies are to be exterminated in Worcester, Mass. A college biologist there has formed plans for this extermination, and the students will catch the flies. It remains to be seen in the contest who stays longer in the ring—the flies or the students.

A southern planter has domesticated an alligator and is using it for a "watchdog." However, our notion of nothing to have running around the house is an alligator.

A New Jersey physician, just engaged, declines to give his fiancée a diamond ring on the ground that it is barbaric. Stings!

College men, according to the president of Dartmouth, have lost their "awe." When and where did they last have it?

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SON'S DEATH PAVED THE WAY

Mrs. Warner's Mission to Organized Labor.

WAS KILLED IN STRIKE RIOT.

Mother of Stabbed Strikebreaker Says the Death of Her Son Gives Her the Right to Demand to Be Heard at Labor Meetings.

New York.—Organized labor owes me a debt. Organized labor stabbed my son to death and now organized labor has to pay what it owes. And what it owes me is the right to speak at its meetings and let me do what I can to show it that organized capital on top of organized labor is the solution to the present under-balance system of capital and labor. Mrs. Louise E. Warner, mother of John C. Warner, who, mistaken as a strikebreaker, was stabbed to death last fall, thus declared that her son's death had paved the way for realization of her life's ambition. James Mulligan was acquitted of a charge of killing Warner Friday, and Mrs. Warner congratulated Mulligan's mother upon the verdict. "All my life," Mrs. Warner said, "I have been interested in the problems of labor and have not always had an opportunity to help. What I wanted was the chance to talk at meetings of unions and labor organizations and do what I could to aid only a few privileges were given me. Yet I was very earnest. "Then I prayed for opportunity. I prayed for the 'open door' through which I could go to my goal. And in my prayers I would say 'Dear Lord, Thou knowest what that open door is to be, and I will be patient and wait until Thou chooseth the way and sendest it to me.'"

Roosevelt Dam Opened Former President Frees Flood to Irrigate Lands.

Roosevelt, Ariz.—Standing on top of the great storage dam which bears his name, former President Roosevelt pressed an electric button at 5.45 o'clock Saturday afternoon which set in motion a mass of machinery, which in turn raised three of the six massive iron gates. By this act he officially opened the Roosevelt storage dam, a part of the Salt River irrigation project. The motors which raise the gates had hardly begun to turn before three raging torrents of water came running through the three openings at different levels, and ran madly down the valley, where, after racing fully 60 miles, it will be used in the irrigation of about 250,000 acres of land.

CLEVELAND MEMORIAL FUND Practically All of the \$110,000 Has Been Raised.

New York.—The Cleveland memorial fund is practically completed with the contributions received Saturday. The total so far received is about \$104,000; the amount necessary is \$110,000, but it is expected that the difference will be made up by the working of the canvassing machinery which ex-Senator J. F. Dryden, president of the Prudential Insurance Company, has set in motion. It is proposed to erect a monument on the golf links at Princeton, near the graduates' college building. The monument will be 150 feet high and 40 feet square. The same architects who had charge of the buildings will be employed for the monument.

TROOPS TO THE PACIFIC United States Preparing to Defend Island Colonies.

Tucson, Ariz.—Having taken a roundabout source through San Antonio, Texas, as if headed for the Army maneuvers, the Second United States Infantry, under command of Colonel Mansfield, passed through Tucson en route to San Francisco, where the men will embark immediately for Honolulu. It is understood this will be an additional force for the Hawaiian Islands, and not to relieve other troops.

A Thief's Dual Role. Cincinnati.—Anthony Gahl, confessed thief, who posed as a philanthropist by day and robbed his neighbors by night, pleaded guilty to two charges of house-breaking and one of petit larceny in the Police Court here and went throughout the proceedings. He was given sentences that will keep him in the workhouse for four years. Gahl has been identified by a picture in the rogues' gallery as a former prisoner in the Kentucky Penitentiary.

Mrs. Melber Taken to Prison. Albany, N. Y.—Clad in black from head to foot, her face hidden by a heavy veil, Mrs. Edith Melber, convicted of murdering her child, was taken to Auburn Prison to begin a minimum sentence of 20 years' imprisonment. Hundreds gathered at the station to get a glimpse of the woman and a platoon of police was necessary to force a passage way to the train for the prisoner and her guards.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR

Federal Barracks at Juarez Blown Up—Minor Fights—American Camp.

El Paso, Texas.—An attempt was made to blow up the barracks at Juarez, Mexico. Two heavy charges of nitroglycerin were exploded, tearing out parts of the buildings occupied by the Mexican troops. Two of a small band of insurgents who secretly entered town were wounded and captured.

Calexico, Mexico.—Firing from the American side of the international line, Mexican customs officials at Ilogones sent a volley into the insurgents, the latter replying by firing across the line into the American town of Andrade. No one was wounded so far as known.

Douglas, Ariz.—General Blanco and his rebel force moved east of Douglas to a point four miles from the American border.

Of the three wounded insurgents carried off the battlefield on Sunday, two are dead and the third is near death. This brings the death list of Sunday's battle to 14. Troops sent from Agua Prieta have not arrived.

Mexico City.—The government received a report of the battle of Casas Grandes, in which the rebels were defeated, from Colonel Cuellar. He stated that he took 40 prisoners, including 17 foreigners, and that all those are receiving humane treatment. Cuellar confirms the report that he was wounded in the arm. He says that 57 men were killed.

San Diego, Cal.—The arrival of Mexican federal reinforcements numbering 150 at Tijuana, Mexico, across the line from Tia Juana, Cal., is reported. This gives Captain Nuñez, in command, about 250 men for the defense of the place.

The border is reported quiet from Camp to the ocean. Captain Evans, in command on the American side, has received reinforcements, Company B of the Thirtieth Infantry having been sent by General English from this place.

The Medical Corps is vaccinating the men of General Bliss' command against typhoid.

HORSELESS FIRE ENGINE Motor-Driven Machine Goes 40 Miles an Hour.

New York.—An explosion like the report of a large-bored shotgun, in front of the Fire Department repair shops here was the death knell of the horse in the fire department. The explosion came from the motor of the first of its kind in the country, which the department was testing for the first time. So successful was the test that it is said within two years probably 50 per cent. of the fire engines of the city will be gasoline-propelled in five or six years, said a high official of the department, there will not be a single horse-drawn fire engine tender, truck or tower in the city.

The new engine just tested is a red machine, 20 feet long, with two seats. A 110-horsepower gasoline motor equipment was in the great hood, and the rear half was a regular steam engine, guaranteed to pump 700 gallons of water a minute at a pressure of 125 pounds. The whole rested on four huge red wheels, thickly tread with solid rubber and bound with chains, with one-and-one-half-inch links to prevent skidding when it whizzes through the streets at 20 to 40 miles an hour. The testing of the new engine was witnessed not only by officials of the Fire Department here, but by others of fire departments of cities throughout the country, many of which were represented by their fire chiefs. Fire Commissioner Waldo drove the new engine 40 miles an hour and found that its pumps exceeded the guaranteed speed and strength.

BANK TELLER SENTENCED Mellon, Pleading Guilty to Embezzlement, Gets Seven Years.

Philadelphia, Pa.—After pleading guilty in the United States District Court here to the charge of embezzling about \$7,000 from the Western National Bank of this city, Joseph P. Mellon, former paying teller of the institution, was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment in the government prison at Atlanta, Ga., by Judge McPherson.

Wm. J. Bryan's Daughter To Wed. Lincoln, Neb.—Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bryan announced the betrothal of their daughter, Grace Dexter Bryan, to Richard Lewis Hargrave, of Lincoln. The marriage will take place early in June.

Tuber Raisers May Combine. Presque Isle, Maine.—Farmers of Aroostook county, Maine, the largest potato-growing district in America, are contemplating the formation of a combination to govern the production and output of the tubers, with special attention to the distillation of potato spirits. The proposed organization is planned on the lines of the tobacco raisers' organization in Kentucky. There is talk of sending a delegation to Sweden to investigate the distillation question.

Has Harem Skirt Ordinance. Atlanta.—"Whereas, the harem skirt is modeled on lines decidedly at variance with our traditional and time-honored ideas of what a woman's skirt should be," therefore will Alderman James B. Everett on Monday night introduce an ordinance in Council barring the species of wearing apparel on Atlanta's streets. He says he has a majority of the Council with him and that the passage of the ordinance is assured.

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Chief Condition of the Rebels' Terms of Peace.

NO FAITH IN GOVERNMENT. Both Sides Must Meet on Equal Terms, the Insurrectos Not to Surrender Their Arms.

El Paso, Texas.—Before any proposals for a termination of the Mexican insurrection will be entered into by the Insurrectos, President Diaz must agree to declare null his election of 1910 and to submit to a new election under the terms for a free ballot allowed by the constitution of 1857. He must agree to grant all the political reforms demanded. The Insurrectos must not be required to surrender their arms until peace is assured.

This is the reply of Senor Gonzalez Garza, insurrecto secretary of state, to the statement from New York that Senor Limantour, Mexican minister of finance, had formulated tentative plans for ending the insurrection. It made it the reply of Francisco I. Madero, the revolutionary leader, who is now fighting in the field.

Madero is about 100 miles south of El Paso, with 1,500 followers. He is reported to be coming north to join General Orozco and 800 men. Whether his destination is the frontier in connection with any peace negotiations is unknown. Senor Garza, who acted here in conjunction with Braulio Hernandez, insurrecto secretary of state of Chihuahua, outlined the demands of Madero, which he said were: "Abolition of the re-election of president. "Election of the government in a state, instead of by federal appointment. "Curtalement of the powers of jefe politicos, or mayors, of cities, and provision for their selection by popular vote, instead of by appointment by the governors of states. "Reform of the land laws, so that plantations, now as extensive as from one million to ten million acres, may be divided and distributed or sold in small lots to the people. "Free ballots in all elections and preservation of individual rights under the constitution. "Extension of the school system."

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San Antonio, Tex.—General Carter issued, through Lieutenant Colonel E. F. Ladd, his first instructions, founded on the theory that the mobilization of the divisional army at Fort Sam Houston is for maneuvers only. This general order, accompanied by a memorandum of particulars, sets in motion the severe regime of discipline and training which is to whip the new recruits into soldiers as fast as possible and try out the old regulars, under the new field service regulations adopted by the general staff last December.

This is the text of General Carter's order: "Under instructions of the Secretary of War, this camp of instruction, consisting of the maneuvers division, will be conducted: "1. With the view of obtaining the greatest amount of information as to the efficiency and fitness of our present provisional organization and all that pertains to its strength and equipment of its component parts. "2. With a view to economy and simplicity of administration with special reference to avoidance of unnecessary correspondence and records and the elimination from the division of all unnecessary impediment and its reduction to the least point consistent with an efficient performance for field service. "3. That advantage be taken of the opportunity furnished this camp of instruction to give the division most efficient instruction in all branches of field training. "The first attention of all commanders is to be toward the instruction of the nearly 1,200 raw soldiers who have come into camp within the past week. For three hours a day, every day since the first recruit landed on the hard adobe of the camp, awkward squads have been doing the setting up exercise, squad evolutions and all of the grind getting into soldier shape. By next week they will be ready to be taken into the company formation and then the next stunt will be the rifle range. It was said at the camp today that it is the purpose of General Carter to rush the men through to preparation for rifle practice as soon as possible. Within a few days additional rifle ranges will be constructed at the army reservation at Leon Springs, 21 miles out on the prairie, and by companies the recruits, from tailor shop and village smithy alike, will be taught what a gun is for and how to use it. "That the men of every arm of the service assembled on the camp ground here are to be given some pretty severe sprouts, is indicated in the comprehensive memorandum accompanying General Carter's general orders. In this memorandum the commanding general emphasizes the fact that commanders are to see to it that in every way their men are prepared for the field.

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Phoenixville.—The heroic home of their children from their home by Andrew Garay and his wife and then the devotion of the building to secure clothing for children, made the burning of Garay home the most sensational that has occurred in this vicinity in many years. The Garay home in Charlestown Township and the members of the family were sleeping when fire started in the rear. They awoke the house was filled with smoke, and flames compelled them to escape by means of a staircase to the rear. Fearing the flames would contract colds Mrs. Garay rushed back into the house for clothing, but she was forced to leave and succeeded in escaping by being from the second story. A woman severely injured her arm.

Lansaster.—The \$100,000 road bill was denounced by A. E. Leaman, of West Willow, president of the Lancaster County Supervisors' Association, in his address at the second annual convention of supervisors. Dr. Leaman advised the adoption for the roads of a system similar to that governing the schools. He said that under the Sproul bill the State roads in Lancaster County will mainly follow the established turnpikes, thus giving Lancaster County no new, separate roads. The only benefit will be freedom from toll charges on the cleared.

Bedford.—President Judge James M. Woods filed an eight-page opinion refusing all the liquor licenses in the county except the Bedford Hotel. This hotel is open less than four months of the year. Hearings in the License Court were held on March 1. There were 25 applications. Last year there were 24 licenses, and all but seven were canceled. This makes practically no dry counties in Judge Woods' district as there are no licenses in York County.

Kennett Square.—The village of Unionville, near here, will be the coming year from rather a peculiar cause. When Landlord Scott filed his application for license, said, several of his signers gathered outside the voting district, where a hotel is located. The temperate people found this out and filed a motion against the license application, because the law requires the signers to live in the village of the hotel.

Media.—J. R. Foster, of Media, was killed by a trolley car on the Media and Chester division of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company being cut almost in half. He was walking at the side of the track. Just as the car was reaching him he gave a lurch and fell in front of the car. He was non-sighted and the fact that he could not see well is believed to have caused his death.

Pottsville.—Congressman R. L. Lee, who succeeds A. B. Garret, Schuylkill County, performed an act of heroism which makes him eligible for a Carnegie medal. He was walking along the city's main thoroughfare, when a pair of spirited horses without a driver came plunging along at a wild rate. Directly in their way was a nurse girl wheeling a baby in a coach, crossing the street at the time.

Pottsville.—William S. Galt, owner of a Port Carbon engine and operator of the Shamokin "Daily Dispatch," died Thursday after months of suffering with cancer of the tongue. The trouble began last year with a pimple on the tongue, which was not regarded seriously by Dr. Guiterman.

Basket.—Seven months ago, while crossing a room in her bare feet, Annie Himmelreich trod upon a three-inch steel pin. Wednesday the pin was removed from her foot and many attempts had been made to cure it. The woman suffered great pain during the long period.

West Chester.—Mrs. John Spangler, wife of a farmer near Rocky Hill, had just stepped outside her house when the high wind carried away the roof of a silo. In its descent the roof struck the woman, injuring her so badly that she died shortly afterward.

Shenandoah.—Thomas McDonald, 17 years old, met a horrible death at Hammond colliery. He was in the act of oiling machinery when his clothing caught in the elevator shaft, which tore and mangled his body.

Berwick.—Breaking through a bridge over Wapwalton creek, John Cornell, aged 35 years, was killed, as was one of the horses he was driving. His body was found at his wife.

Lancaster.—The will of Dr. P. J. Rosebuck, of Litz, admitted to probate, disposes of an estate of more than \$100,000. The sum of \$50,000 is bequeathed to Litz for the maintenance of the Rosebuck public fountain. The bulk of the estate goes to the widow.

Ten years ago the total number of passengers carried one mile in the United States was about 13,500,000,000. In 19 years' time this has been increased over 120 per cent., resulting a total of 29,500,000,000.

A catch with which a window may be locked open at any desired height contains a fusible link connected with a weight to close the window in event of excessive heat.

During 1909 the Montreal market disposed of more than \$200,000 worth of frogs' legs, of which more than 50 per cent. were produced in the Province of Quebec.

No two nations have the same laws governing the handling and storage of explosives.