CHINA'S BIG RIVER

Immense Traffic of the Great Chinese River Yang-Tse-Kiang.

More Than \$60,000,000 Worth of Goods Carried Down the River in a Year-Yang-Tse-Kiang Drains a Valley Which Is the Richest Portion of the Middle Kingdom - Scenes on the River.

The chief commercial highway of China is the Yang-tse-Kiang. The control of the immense traffic of this great river will be one of the rich prizes for which the powers will strive when the final settling up of Chinese affairs comes.

It is estimated that the total value of the goods annually carried down the Yang-tse-Kiang is more than \$60,000,000. The amount of tonmage entered and cleared at the two



RISE OF THE YANGT-SE-KIANG.

reat river ports, Nankin and Hanis 8,000,000 tons. Of this more than half is credited to British ships. The remainder is made up by the native cargo junks which ply up and down in a ceaseless procession during the summer season when the

The Yang-tse-Kiang Grains a valley which is the richest portion of the Middle Kingdom, Countless tons of silk cocoons have been produced in this valley and are still being produced. Most of the Chinese tea also comes down this river.

So you can see that while the nations may be more or less interested in the punishment of the imperial government, the catching of the empress dowager and the establishing of a responsible government in Pekin, the really important issue will concern the future of the trade on the Yang-tse-Kiang.

Early in the present trouble Great Britain foresaw this condition and even before Pekin had fallen sent Admiral Seymour up the river to keep an eye on the fealously guarded "sphere of influence" which the Brit-Ish claim in the valley.

At the mouth of the river is Shanghai, the Paris of China. Six hundred miles up stream is Hankow, an even more populous place and a great Ocean steamships can go up as far as Hankow, and since the opening of the port to foreign trade in 1860 several lines of steamships, mostly British, have been establish-Steamers leave Shanghai for Hankow, and vice versa, every day. The trip takes from three to four days and is a favorite one with tourists in the orient.

There is only one other river in the world longer than the Yang-tse-Kiang, and this is the Amazon. The Yang-tse is about 3,500 miles long and takes its rise in the mysterious mountains of Tibet. Traversing the richest region of China, it has been called the "girdle of the empire," as it belts it from west to east, but owing to the vast accumulations of which it brings down and denosits along its banks and at its mouth it is better known as the Yang-tse-Kiang, or Great Muddy, "kiang" being the name of a first class river.

In China alone it drains an area of 700,000 square miles, containing an estimated population of 180,000,000, mainly pure Chinese, who speak with contempt of "those Mantchoos at Pekin" and hold themselves aloof from intimate intercourse with their

Into the ocean the Yang-tse pours a flood of diluted mud which tinges the sea hundreds of miles from the coast. The tides are felt 300 miles from its mouth, and it is navigable for large steamers 680 miles, for river steamers 1,050 to 2,000 miles, depending upon the season of the

Just now the river is at flood, for



HANKOW.

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yon walls sometimes 1,000 feet in height, one great natural spire being called "the Needle of Heaven." At Ichang, which is 1,050 miles from the sea, there are rock inscriptions, pagodas and cave temples which show it to be a very ancient city. Chung-king is an important city on the Yang-tse, 1,500 miles from its mouth and at the head of navigation for large boats during the season of

floods. At the mouth of Tung-ling lake, 20 miles from Ichang, is the curious Kinshan, or Golden island, where the most precious teas, worth more than their weight in gold and reserved exclusively for the emperor's table, are raised and cured. The fragrant fields extend far back to the hills on either side, and at Hankow, 680 miles from the sea, is the great tea mart of the empire.

This is the headquarters for ten merchants, peckers and buyers and particularly the Russians, who load ships and dispatch caravans of camels to far distant Odessa with the famous brick and caravan teas. Great ocean steamers may be taken here for coastwise ports and on the way pass Kiu-kiang, where famous royal porcelains are made.

At the entrance to Lake Poyang rises the oriental city of Mu-kan. Near it is the beautiful Orphans' island, with its pagodas and temples plastered against almost inaccessible cliffs, forming one of the world's most picturesque natural features. At Nankin, the last important city on the great river going toward the sea, the Yang-tso is a mile and a half broad and 75 feet deep, with a current of from three to five miles an hour.

This interesting old city was once the southern capital of China, as Pekin is now its northern capital, being occupied by the Mings, who were predecessors of the Mantchoos, and though far gone in decay still retains some relics of its former grandeur. It has a Chinese city and a Tartar city divided by a wall, and there is the same distinction here as in Pekin between the ruling and the subject classes. Its prestige suffered during the Taiping rebellion, for it was held by the rebels for ten years and its commerce nearly destroyed, but it is slowly recovering and if the present rebellion does not extend southward will soon regain prosperity.

The province of Huan is richest in



YANG-TSE-KIANG AT NANKIN.

'Chang, the Incorruptible,' who is noted as being one of the few honest men in China. It is believed that this viceroy is favorable to foreigners and to all kinds of occidental reforms and innovations. If there is no mistake about this, Chang may have much to do with the future control of the Yang-tse basin.

LESSONS IN SELF CONTROL.

How Children Should Be Trained to Regard Thunderstorms.

It is a pity to see what terror assails some nervous children at the approach of a thunderstorm. It is not only the vivid flashes of lightning which throw them into a panic, but the long roll of the thunder and the frequent deafening crashes and peals which act disastrously upon their youthful nerves. Of course, it is well to teach them to be prudent and avoid getting into a draught during a thunderstorm, but such prudence is often carried to excess, and the children endure torments of apprehension of sudden death from lightning stroke.

Mothers who have dread of thunderstorms should endeavor to govern their apprehensions, and show selfcontrol before the children. Teach them the benefits of electricity in clearing up a sultry atmosphere, when the humidity has been unendurably oppressive. There is a bright side even to a thunderstorm, and it is our duty to teach little folks les-

sons of cheerfulness. Young Americans have nerves not quite so strong as those of a few generations ago. Anything which teaches a child courage, cheerfulness and self-control should be cultivated the nursery. Let us teach the children to understand the benefits of the thunderstorm in summer, and not dwell exclusively on the idea of being "struck by lightning," which is a general impression with the den-

izens of the nursery.

A Trick in Cookie Making. Every housekeeper knows that to be good, cookie dough must be handled very little and very lightly; but, says a writer in What to Eat, many of us have also found that there are some cookie doughs that positively refuse to be coaxed into shape without considerable handling and knead ing. To such I would offer a sugges tion that may prove of as much value as it has to me. Stir your ingredients in a mixing bowl with granite spoon only ,and when ready to roll spread the bread cloth or other clean white cloth over the kneading board; dredge thickly with flour and drop your dough upon this from the spoon. Flour your rolling pin, pat the dough into shape with the spoon, dredge lightly with flour and roll out. By this little trick your cakes are ready for the over and you have not soiled your hands ruffed your temper, or, worse

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No Longer Any Doubt of Japan's Military Standing.

Little Brown Fighters Have Stood the Test of Fire in China-The Japanese "Tommy" Is a Clean Little Fellow-First Military Duty Laid on Japan Found the Country Ready and Equal to the Emergency.

The little brown soldier of Japan has undergone his test by fire, and he has come out of it with flying colors. The undoubted gallantry with which the Japanese fought at Tien Tsin has proved them worthy to take their place among the white fighters of the best nations of the world.

We can hardly realize with what anxiety Japan has waited for this trial and with what pride the nation is now hearing the grateful news. It is not that Japan seeks to prove herself superior to the white nations, but that she has been doubtful about being received on terms of equality.

There is no longer any doubt as to Japan's military standing. Her soldiers are not only admitted to be as good fighters as the English, French and German troops, but they have been received as social equals, and this seems to be regarded as the most important feature of the result so far as the Japanese are concerned. The Japanese Tominy is an extremely boyish looking, clean little fellow, but no one new questions his

Nor is the officer nor the little Jap



MAJOR-GENERAL FURUSHIMA

private unworthy by any means to associate with his European or brother-in-arms. His month's salary will hardly be equal, it is true, to paying for a single champagne tiffin; but, on the other hand, many officers know French and German and have private means. Major General Fukushima, for instance, is well acquainted with English, German, French, Russian and Chinese and this combined with his savoir faire and dash and love of athletics ought to make him a general favorite in the camp of the allies.

For several years the great powers of the world have been expecting an international crisis in China, in which perhaps all or nearly all would be compelled to show force. Yet when the crisis did come it was at such an unexpected moment and from such an unlooked for cause that, notwithstanding the fact that European armies are supposed to be kept practically on a war footing, not one of them was ready to at once put an army into the field to defend or avenge its subjects or protect its interests. Russia, which had a force only a few days distant from the Chinese frontier, was unprepared in its commissary department.

The only nation and one not yet wholly recognized as a first-class power which stood ready for the emergency, both on land and water, was Japan, which a century ago was held to be almost as "dark" as China herself. The marvelous thing about the readiness of Japan to take her part in the general movement of the world against China is the rapid development of her military resources in the five years that have elapsed since she thrashed China at home and on the seas. Then she had an army of 25,000 men that gave so good an account of itself chat the unprepared world first gasped with astonishment and then applauded her heartily.

On the water Japan proved that her men were as good sailors as soldiers. The Japanese naval and military force at that time was not large, but it was well equipped, well drilled and composed of fearless and desperate fighters. Japan emerged from her conflict with China in 1895 richer by an indemnity of \$82,500 .-000. Of this she devoted about \$29,000,000 to army expansion and more than \$50,000,000 to the navy.

Thus she used China's money to be-

come prepared to do battle again with her old enemy, while \$10,000 .-000 constitutes a war reserve which is probably being used now. After her war with China Japan laid down an extensive program of army expansion. At the beginning of that war her army on a peace footing comprised 60,000 officers and men. With army expansion the land forces were increased to 145,000 men on a peace footing and between 530 .-000 and 540,000 men on a war footing. So much progress was made that at the end of 1898 there were 120,800 men with the colors, besides 4,520 students in the military schoels. The first reserves numbered over 115,000 and the second 75,000 At the present war footing the army is not less than 360,000 men of all

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KING CHRISTIAN OF DENMARK.

tian is not popular. Some of his children have made good marriages, notably Alexandra, the Princess of Wales; Dagmar, who wedded with the late Czar; the crown prince, whose wife is Princess Louisa of Sweden, and the second son of the crown prince, who married Princess Maud of Wales. King Christian married Princess Louisa of Hesse-Cassel, who died Sept. 29, 1898. King George I. of Greece is the second son of King Christian.

HEALING BY X-RAYS.

Skin Humors Said to Be Eradicated by

Roontgen Light. Two Austrain doctore, Schiff and Freund, recently made public the results of their experiments with the X-rays in the curing of certain diseases.

At a meeting of physicians in Vienna thirteen patients were shown who had been treated by the X-rays. Two had suffered from ring-worm, three from beard scab, five from lupus (skin tuberculosis), and three from superfluous hair. So far the curative properties of

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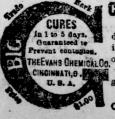
A man whose face was rendered horrible by lupus, and whose nose and mouth mucus membrane scarcely acted, was remarkably improved by a treatment of five weeks, after a surgical operation had failed to give any relief.

The effect in cases of ringworm of the head and beard were still greater. Those who had suffered for years and who had, moreover, tried every known remedy in vain, were completely cured in a few weeks.

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