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WAR CLOUD INCREASES.

The Chinese war is assuming proportions which justify the very gravest fears which were expressed prior to the outbreak of hostilities. The fact that China was easily subdued by Japan in the war which occurred between the two Oriental nations some few years ago is not in any respect to be accepted as a criterion of what China will accomplish in the present instance. In the war with Japan a very small portion of China was engaged. In fact, by far a majority of the Chinese people did not know from the beginning of the war until its close that hostilities had even been begun.

The contest was carried on mainly at sea, and by reason of that fact Japan had every advantage owing to the superiority of her naval equipment.

In the war which now seems inevitable, the advantages will not all be to the forces of the powers which are arrayed against China. In respect to discipline, scientific methods of warfare, and effectiveness of equipment the former will far outclass the latter.

The best armies that the world has ever produced will be engaged against China. They will be commanded by the ablest generals in the world and will have at their command every known device in the way of modern war machinery, both defensive and offensive.

Against these elements of strength will be arrayed the combined forces of religious fanaticism and inexhaustible numbers. The dispatches of yesterday state that China has in the field already troops aggregating a total of 950,000. Assuming that one American or European soldier is the equivalent of five Chinese soldiers (something, by the way, which is yet to be demonstrated) the powers must place in the field an army of 200,000 men before they can hope to contend successfully against this enormous array. But it must not be forgotten that China in placing 1,000,000 men in the field, scarcely makes an impression in her available resources. When these are killed off she will raise another million and still another with as much ease as the powers will secure one-tenth the number. Another consideration which must not be overlooked is the fact that the troops of the allied forces must be transported thousands of miles before they reach the scene of battle. They require more and better food than the Chinese and may easily become subject to the pestilential diseases which flourish in the flowery kingdom. The war, therefore, if it really becomes war, as now seems altogether probable, will be a tremendously costly affair, the end of which it is impossible to determine from the beginning.

The idea once spread among the Chinese that they are fighting a war for the preservation of their national existence and in defense of their religion, will make them doubly effective in the field, and render the task before the powers twice as difficult as would otherwise be the case.

The magnitude of the contest now beginning becomes clearer as the facts are brought more definitely to light. Once undertaken, the war must be continued with no let up until the humiliation of China is completed. But there is every reason for belief that the war will be one of the most costly both in blood

and treasure that history has yet recorded.

NOTHING IN SECRECY.

Reference has previously been made in these columns to the folly of attempting to maintain secrecy in respect to such matters as the discovery of smallpox in the town. There is nothing to be gained by shutting the eyes of the public to facts. Rumors easily gain credence, and if the actual conditions are kept from the press, exaggerated stories are certain to attain circulation, which do more harm than can possibly result from the publication of the actual facts. In order, therefore, to quiet the rumors which have been about town for some days, the Nugget publishes elsewhere in detail the present status of the smallpox situation. There is no reason to fear a general spread of the disease.

The authorities are doing everything within their power to prevent further cases arising and with every indication that they will be successful. Meanwhile, the matter is sufficiently serious to warrant everyone in observing more than usually the ordinary rules of health, and a general movement on the part of citizens to improve the sanitary conditions of the town is in order.

It will be difficult for any pestilence to gain strength in Dawson if citizens generally interest themselves in maintaining proper sanitary conditions.

If some announcement does not arrive pretty soon respecting the date for the election of two members for the Yukon council it will begin to appear that the Yukon territory has again been made the victim of unfair play. Premier Laurier promised definitely and authoritatively that an act granting such representation would be passed prior to the 1st inst., and that the election would take place within a very few weeks. It has been over a month since this assurance was given and still no information is at hand as to the date when the election is to be held or even that an election has actually been called. Something must happen soon, or the premier's word will not pass current for much in the Yukon.

Make It Effective.

The sidewalk ordinance passed several months ago does not appear to be generally effective. It was enforced on First avenue and on an occasional block on the cross streets, but the same old, rickety sidewalks are still in evidence on Second and Third avenues and on nearly all the streets. The time in which such improvements can be advantageously made is growing short.

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CURRENT COMMENT

A Correspondent's View.

To the Editor of the Nugget.
Sir: The suggestion thrown out, or "pointers" given in your editorial in yesterday's issue of the Nugget regarding the prospective visit to Dawson of his excellency the governor general of Canada, are, I consider, very reasonable and worthy of the serious consideration and energetic action of every man in the country.

Every man interested in the legitimate and speedy development of this territory knows the Nugget from its inception has been the only fair and fearless exponent of public opinion in this camp. In view of this fact, and considering there is no other publisher or individual here in possession of so full a knowledge of the evils which have been the means of driving thousands of enterprising and honest prospectors and miners from the camp and thereby materially retarding its progress, the writer would suggest that you, at the earliest moment possible formulate a petition to be presented to his excellency, in which a brief history of the direful effects that bribery and favoritism have had on the camp, and a prayer for such reasonable and necessary improvement as you have incessantly advocated could be set forth.

Such a petition would surely merit the hearty approval and unanimous endorsement of every man interested in the progress of the Yukon territory.

R. MACGREGOR.

Dawson, July 24, 1900.

(The Nugget acknowledges with thanks the above words of commendation. We assure our correspondent that in the event Lord Minto comes to Dawson, this paper will do everything within its power to acquaint him with the actual conditions which exist here and point out, as well, suggestions for legislative measures as seem best adapted to the requirements of the territory. —ED.)

Singular Facts.

An Atlin government official was accustomed to charge \$2.50 for the privilege of layovers, records, etc., to such an extent that when a local miner was dying he requested the official to come and see him, when he informed the representative of the B. C. government that he could not pass away happily without paying the customary two and a half for that privilege.

Another fact has just come to light despite desperate efforts to keep it secret. It is now well known that one of the men working on railway construction in the vicinity of Bennett was blown about a mile high by a charge of dynamite. On returning to work 15 minutes was deducted from his time, that being the duration of the novel journey. —Whitehorse Star

A Big Enterprise.

Last winter Mr. J. E. Doherty, secretary for Alex. McDonald, went out over the ice for the purpose of purchasing a complete equipment of machinery and material for a machine shop and foundry. He has now returned and has landed in Dawson with a stock valued at \$50,000. Plans have been drawn and a site

selected for the establishment of the enterprise, which will be the largest in this part of the country and will compete in extent with all but the very largest works in the great cities of the country. The machine shop will cover an area of 30x80 feet and the foundry and blacksmith shop will extend over an area 40x50. The foundry can turn out any kind or size casting that may be required, either in brass or iron, and will employ 30 men when in full operation.

A large stock of pipe fittings, boilers, engines, hoists, etc., will be kept in stock, as a large business will probably be done with the miners.

Geo. W. Waltenbaugh is superintending engineer and one of the proprietors with Mr. Doherty. He is thoroughly conversant with the business in all its detail and was formerly engaged with the Atlas Iron Works, of San Francisco, one of the largest plants in the country. Active operation will commence immediately and the buildings will be erected at once.

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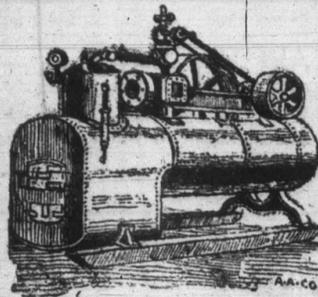
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