## THE KINGDOM OF COREA

THE STATE OVER WHICH CHINA AND JAPAN ARE QUARRELLING.

Corea's Other Name is Tsyosien—It Means "Morning Calm," but a Glance at This Distressed Country Makes the Title Seem

Inept-The Country Described.

The kingdom of Corea, which China and Japan are quarrelling over, is not quite twice as large as the Province of Ontario. Its population is estimated at 9,600,000, or in the neighborhood of 6,000,000 more than the population of this province.

Corea is a peninsula stretching out from the continent of Asia in a south-easterly direction, between Japan and China



COREA AND ITS SURROUNDINGS.

proper, with the Yellow Sea on one side and the Sea of Japan on the other. The average width is 135 miles, and the whole length is about 600 miles. The native name for the country is Tsyosien, or Chosen. The Chinese call it Kao Lee. The Japanese know it as Korai, from which comes the English name.

The climate is cold, and in the summer rain is frequent. The mountain range running through it lengthwise is precipitous on the eastern side, but the gentle slope of the west side, well watered by rivers, is exceedingly fertile.

There are eight provinces, each with a Governor. The King's revenues, which are considerable, are obtained chiefly by the letting out of lands and from a tithe of all the produce. The King owns nearly all the landed property. The people are great sufferers through this system of land-grab. bing and tax-farming. Grinding poverty holds them in a relentless grasp.

Chemulpo—where the hostile troops are

glaring at one another, and where a British warship and the U. S. Cruiser Baltimore have landed marines to protect the British and American Legations-is the port for the capita, Seoul, a walled town of 250,000 inhabitants, about twentyfive miles inland, and joined to its seaport by a badly made road. The harbor of Chemulpo is picturesque, but the water is very shallow, and the trade of Corea is so small that only about once a month can the small steamer of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha (a Japanese company) be seen in the bay. At Chemulpo there are three so-called European hotels, one kept by a Chinaman, the second by a Japanese, the

third by a Hungarian. Seoul is the heart of Corea, and it is the one aim and object of every Corean to live there, for in the city every pleasure and vice is more easy of attainment, and the chances of getting favorite posts by judiscious flattering and canvassing of super. iors are multiplied. The contempt shown for provincial life by all officials and every Seoul-born man is most amusing, and those who are obliged to live in the country do nothing but lament their sad and uninteresting existence, and get together wealth as fast as they can, that they may return to the capital and its pleasures. The King is a puppet in the hands of his Court, and the country only preserves its independence through the jaalousy of the Chinese, Japanese and Russians, all of whom covet the land.

Corea is run by the Japanese and Chinese, and it is difficult to say which race



KIM-OK-KIUN.

the inhabitants hate most: they are, however, more frightened of the Chinese, who always assume superior airs, as belonging to the dominant power.

Corea is rich in minerals; gold, silver,

copper and coal are all common. The Government shows itself thoroughly alive to this fact-gold-mining is strictly prohibited, the permission to work silver mines have been revoked, the copper mines are neglected and the use of coal is confined to a few districts. There are a good many cattle, horses, dogs, pigs, sheep and goats. The sheep and goats are a royal monopoly, and are only used for sacrifice. The people eat the dogs.

The principal ministers are the Sengeitsieng (or Admirable Counsellor; a very useful official to have at hand), the Tsoaei-tsieng and the Ou ei-tsieng. There are also judges, whose main function is the free use, as an incentive towards veracity, of dislocation of legs, carding of calves with batons, cutting of thighs by continual friction with a cord or suspension by the arms. After this one is but faintly moved by the information that the usual form of

execution is decapitation. All officials are paid very high salaries. But as it is the first social law of Corea that when in office a man has to support all his relatives, the system seems to work

out pretty even all round. The nature of the language can hardly case the perplexities that will be seen to beset the average Corean in discharging the duties of citizenship. True, there are only fourteen consonants, but the vowels muster eleven and the diphthongs thirteen. There are many Chinese words, but they submit to the Corean declension. The full sifinificance of this announcement is only realized when it is said that the noun has nine cases, and the verb affirmative, conditional, interogative, causative, honorific and other moods. Indeed, there is a special mood for each grade in the Corean table of precedence, which is say-

There are books, but in Chinese. The most popular is a sibylline one, which is prohibited, like all the other joys of life mainly for military and avel defense

ON LEARNING TO SWIM. by the Government. The editions de luxe are printed on marble interspersed with cushions of scarlet silk, but it may be doubted if this format lends itself to con-EASIEST AND QUICKEST WAY FOR GIRLS TO ACQUIRE THE ART. stant perusal, and it certainly is almost

prohibitive of pocket use. Learning as in

China, is held in high respect, but nobody learns particularly. Still there are competitive examinations for the Premiership

flour and wiped with ink, to the sound of

The religion is Confucian, relieved by

Women hold a low position in Corean

estimation, and count for little in the

not held personally responsible for any

To the Chinese and Corean mind even

town on the east coast, to the capital, and

to Chemulpo, on the west coast, but the

It is the fate of weak eastern kingdoms

to be the prey of their powerful neighbors.

Corea has not only to endure the rivalries

of China and Japan, but is threatened with

the dangerous assistance of Russia. The

Russians have long wanted an open Asiatic

port to replace Vladivostock, which is ice-bound in winter time. Port Lazareff, or

Gen-San, as the natives call it, about the

middle of the east coast, would exactly

suit them, but a Russian harbor there

could hardly be accepted by Great Brit-

ain, considering that she gave up Port

Hamilton on the condition of no Russian

port being established in the Japanese

Civil war has gone on in Corea for three

years. Ground down by official tyranny

and extortion, the people rose in despair. A "National party"—the "Tong Hak"—took the lead and lately succeeded in securing a

whole privince. Then Japan appeared

upon the scene, sending troops to suppress

with her rights and bluntly refused. Now,

therefore, the question resolves itself into

a trial of military force between the rival

The assassination of Kim-ok-Kiun, if

not the prime cause of the trouble between

Japan and China, has had much to do

with precipitating long-standing national enmities into active preparations for war.

He had been a refugee in Japan since the

Corean massacre of December, 1884, and

was assassinated by order of the King of Corea about the 27th March last. His

murderer was Sjyong-ou, a Corean of good

position, well known in Paris, France, and

it is said he was purchasing immunity

from the Corean king for his complicity in

HOW REPORTS ARE RECEIVED.

Cipher Showing Shots on the Target as

Cabled From Bisley.

The Toronto Telegram has had very full

reports showing the actual face of the tar-

get at Bisley Commons in England, when

the Canadians were to the fore in the re-

cent rifle matches. In speaking of the

Some of the Telegram readers may have

entertained a suspicion that the targets

that have appeared in connection with the

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Bisley competition are "made up" in the

editor's room. To dispel this illusion, if

such exists, the method in vogue is here

shown and explained. The figure of the

target as divided in the cut was forwarded

to the Telegram's special correspondent in

England, and the key of course kept in the

office in Toronto.

As Sergeant Jones fired his shots in any

match, the special who is standing behind

the firing point would record the shots as

they are signalled on the target, and the

score would be cabled "Sergt. Jones, A.C.

K.E.D.O.S." The editor in Toronto with

the key transcribes this on a blank target,

And the score appears 5, 5, 4, 5, 5, 4, 3-

being bulls eyes or inners.

would go into business."

It will be seen then that the whole busi-

If I Only Had Capital.

"If I only had capital," we heard a young man say, as he puffed away at a 10-cent cigar, "I would do something."

he walked away from a dram-shop, where he had just paid ten cents for a drink, "I

"If I only had capital," said another, as

The same remark might have been heard

from the young man loafing on the street

corner. Young man with the cigar, you

are smoking away your capital. You from

the dram-shop are drinking away yours

and destroying your body at the same time, and you upon the street corner are wasting yours in idleness, and forming bad habits. Dimes makes dollars. Time

is money. Don't wait for a fortune to be-

gin with. If you had \$10,000 a year, and

spent it all, you would be poor still. Our

men of power and influence did not start

with fortunes. You, too, can make your

mark if you will. But you must stop

spending your money for what you don't

need, and squandering your time in idle-

The Cost to the British Government.

ernment in connection with the colonies,

The total expenditure of the British gov-

the massacre of nine years ago.

matter that paper says:

railway has not been introduced.

superfluous.

a firm trust in devils and great veneration

The Method Differs With Boys-How to Go About the Necessary Work-Hints That and such public posts, and a man takes his degree by having his face sprinkled with Will Help the Timid and Points That Should Always be Remembered.

The best way to teach a boy to swim is to toss him over the side of a boat with a rope about his waist, and let him plunge and tumble in the water until he catches the movements of the arms and legs that carries him lightly along the surface. A sight of the law. As, however, they are girl should be sent to swimming school if there is such a convenience in her town or of their actions, they presumably miss the favoring eye of the law less than city. Or, if at the lake or seaside this summer, many a girl who was never in the water before can quickly acquire this most graceful and serviceable accomplishapproximate truth is absolutely useless and ment by a very simple method. A comfortable fiannel bathing suit and a strong-The telegraph has penetrated to Corea, and a wire runs from Wan San, a seaport armed brother or other companion who

swims well are the chief equipments for this practical beginning. Wade into the water until it is waist deep and then ask your brother to put one arm under your body about the waist line and place his other hand under your chin Then lift your feet off the bottom and lie in the attitude shown in the picture. Have never a bit of fear; you are well supported : your face is out of the water, and you will feel your body lifted up by it as though pushed from beneath. Now, with arms and legs stretched to their full length, make the first stroke. Draw your hands up to your chest, the finger tips nearly



THE FIRST LESSON. touching, the palms turned out. Then sweep your arms out in the half circles through the water until they stretch out

straight on either side from your body. Your legs meanwhile must also be drawn up until your toes almost touch, then stretched out quickly, the feet far apart. When your hands are drawn up against your chest, your knees must be simultaneously crooked to bring your feet together and arms and legs propelled through the

water at the same moment. Go through these movements for at least ten minutes every day in the water, having someone to hold you up and resting for a bit every two or three minutes. By perhaps the fifth morning you will be able to be in the water with only your chin in



THE STROKE. your brother's hand. You are feeling by this time how buoyant the water is and you are beginning to trust it. After that you will feel yourself moving along an inch or two, and anyone's forefinger lightly pressing up will keep your head up at the level shown in the picture. About the tenth morning you will be able to dispense with even a helping finger and will swim a few feet at a time.

After that the old rule of practice making perfect must be followed in order that you may learn to swim twenty yards at a stretch, which is a fine feat for one's first summer in the water.

To hasten your progress as a beginner try to remember and follow closely these



ANGLE OF THE HEAD WITH THE WATER. two or three simple rules, the violation of which greatly retards one's progress: When in the water never open your

mouth. Breathe through your nose. Never, when learning to swin, go in water

over your waist in depth. Never go with any but a person who knows how to swim, who is kind and cautions, and who would not play pranks or practical jokes. Never fail to go in every morning regu-

Never be discouraged.

Aluminum Watches, The latest fad co the Parisian swells is the alumnium timepiece. They are very light in weight, but a trifle more than the works. The cases are in a dull black color -very effective. Some are open-faced, ness is very simple to practical men who some are open in a small, three-quarterunderstand the matter. Fortunately for inch disk in the center, with small gilt the Canadian team, the two outer rings of hands on the black face of the watch, but the target were seldom used, all their shots they are in all sorts of inlaid decoration in colorings, but the best of it is they are

very reasonable in price. It is the custom at the gay capital for the gentry to carry this timepiece in the right-hand trousers pocket along with the keys, coin, matchbox, and other parapher-nalia of the masculine pocket. It is, however, the wont of the owners to rush the hand down into the pocket with great show of devil-may-care and bring forth the watch, of which the material is unscratchable, from among the other articles, glance at the time, and carelessly replace it with an air of certainty in its infallibility. -Cloth-

ier and Furnisher. Colonization Notes.

The French Congo region covers 250,000 square miles, the population is estimated at 7,000,000 but there are only 300 Euro-

peans in that number. Gibraltar is a crown colony, and the governor, who is also commander-in-chief of the garrison, exercises all the executive and legislative functions.

The Spanish dependencies now have a population of 8,500,000. In the days of Spain's greatest glory the colonies were estimated to have 150,000,000 people. The South African British colonies had

in 1840 a population of 140,000; at present it is 1,860,000, with a business of £17.000,. including India, is £2,000,000 a year, 000 and 1,800 miles of railway

BISHOP HAWKINS.

A Good Old Man Who Lived Up to His Religion. The death of the Bishop of the British

Methodist Episcopal church in Canada, the late Rev. Walter Hawkins, has called away a striking individuality and a most interesting figure. He was well known to many



THE LATE BISHOP HAWKINS

outside of his own communion and to many outside of his race he was a link that emphasized the truest brotherhood of man, irrespective of race, creed or color. Three times the writer met him, and the first instance, albeit it reflects no credit on the scribe, demonstrates the kindly heart and the Christ-like nature of the deceased. Never mind where it was. The scene was the African church in one of our thriving minor Ontario cities when "Pathfinder" was just out of his teens. Out of bravado he and the "boys" went to the church and he was to take part in the services. He did. His "prayer" was fervently attuned, was much more in earnest than he wished his companions to believe; but a member of the congregation discovered his hypocrisy and the fervent "Lord, bress de good white brother," which had echoed through the little building on that spring night in the early seventies, with hand-clapping accompaniment, was suddenly changed to indignation that was righteous. The late Bishop was presiding on the occasion, a fact which made less spiritual members of the church more wrothy, but he was equal to the calming of the storm.

"My friends," he quietly and in his quaint way said, "the erring brother has more need of our love than we thought. Let us pray.'

And one soul at least that night on departing from that little chapel felt the rebuke of "the woman of the town" to be just as she said as he passed out: "You're worse than I be."

Three years after and at a still later Emancipation Day celebration picnic I was introduced to the Bishop, and before beginning to speak on the cause of liberty as invited by the then joyous and free repre-If served iced, during warm sentatives of the down-trodden race, who first tasted liberty when they set foot en British soil, I discovered my identity and was made more of in his effusive way as one who had sinned but who had come right. I cannot close this sketch better than by quoting the Toronto Telegram's tribute to this large hearted and devoted Christian lover of his race. The Telegram said: "Old Bishop Hawkins had au individuality of his own. His race may have as able a son, and his church as devoted a servant, but the student of human nature will look vainly for another figure as interesting. The nobility of nature was in all these peculiarities of the eld man. His unstudied oddities were not the biggest part of his utterances. His language was simple and una-dorned, and in his sermons there was a great deal of thought to very little froth. A slave himself and a child of a slave, Walter Hawkins rose by the strength of wonderful natural gifts. Great is the difference between his position and the position from which distinguished white men have risen, but consider how much greater was the difference between the starting point of the slave and the starting point of the white man who rises to distinction. The old bishop was one of the slaves who 'followed the north star to Canada,' and never ceased to love this country. To his latest day he would sing -"I'm on my way to Canada," that song of the fugitive slave. As age came on him there were cracks in his voice and his notes quavered, but the earnestness of a personal experience was always in his song. He loved the name Britain with a fervor that born freeman cannot know. He first saw the Union Jack at the moment he was passing from bondage to liberty, and

a ways loved the flag that made him free," PATHFINDER. Sewers as Chimneys. A suggestion made by Wigham Richard son for dealing with the smoke nuisance has at least the merits of novelty. Why not experiment upon a method of sucking the smoke from house and other fires into the sewers, he asks, and by so doing kill two birds with one stone? But it is a stone that might kill more birds than two. Mr. Richardson assumes that the effect of smoke on sewer gas would be to act as an antiseptic. He is, we believe, a practical man, and probably his suggestion may be feasible, but it has been objected that the risk of sewer gas entering into our habitations under such circumstances would be rather serious, and in that case any possible benefit would be counteracted by the annihilation through diphtheria and typhoid of the inhabitants of the district where the experiments were carried out. All things considered, this remedy would, perhaps, be more dangerous than the smoke nuisance itself,-Invention.

Au Orang-Outang's Nest.

The nest of an orang-outang has been placed in the natural history museum at Berlin, by Prof. E. Salenka, and Prof. Mobius has discussed it in the Berlin Academy. Prof. Salenka removed the nest himself from a tree in Borneo. The nest, which was situated about thirty feet from the ground, in the crotch of a tree forty. five feet high and about one foot in diameter, measures four and one half feet long, and one to two and one half feet wide, by about seven inches high. It is made of twenty to twenty five branches locked and wined together, and is large enough for a fully grown erang to lie in at full length, though this monkey probably always sleeps as it does in captivity, with legs drawn up and arms crossed over its body. The so-called nests of the orangs are not skillfully built huts or closed shelters for new-born young, but simply sleeping-places, as many careful observers of these monkeys in Borneo have established.

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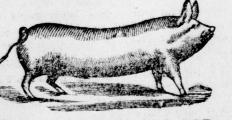
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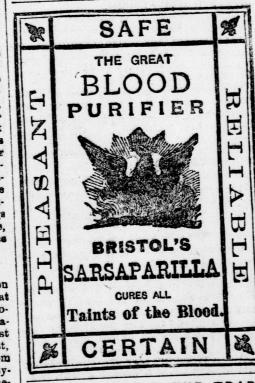
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