

### TERRORS OF CHINESE INFERNO

It is Not Pleasant to Look Forward to Inhabiting.

Post-Mortem Tortures of a Terrible Nature Are Applied to People Who Have Been Wicked on Earth.

The Chinese purgatory is not a pleasant place to contemplate as a future abode. It is distinctly unpleasant even when compared with the gehenna as painted by the most orthodox Christians. Even Dante's inferno is not so bad as the place to which naughty celestialists must look forward.

To the Chinese mind the proper punishment for sins done in the flesh is a series of post mortem physical tortures of the most horrible kind. These are vividly illustrated by means of pictorial charts with which every Chinese is familiar. An examination of one of these religious charts is most interesting.

It is because the Christian missionaries preach that these torments do not exist that they have aroused the anger of the Chinese, and especially of their priests. The present troubles are therefore directly connected with these pictures.

The Chinese love of cruelty and ingenuity in inflicting torture are vividly shown here. For every offense committed there is some different and peculiar way of tearing a man to pieces. Life on earth does not differ much from this imaginary purgatory. The Chinaman puts an enemy to the torture at every opportunity, and bears it himself with wonderful equanimity. He must suffer somewhat from it or he would not take such trouble to inflict it, but the fact that he can conceal his feelings at all shows that they are very different from those of white men. This custom of torturing makes the danger of Europeans and Americans falling into Chinese hands during the present outbreak very alarming. They are clearly a bad as Apaches.

An explanation furnished by an educated Chinaman of the various tortments illustrated on charts gives one a clear idea of the Chinese conception of purgatory.

The human bodies which have been impaled upon the sharp limbs of bare trees will at once arrest the attention.

These are the bodies of women who have been guilty of the murder of their husbands. This is a very dreadful crime in China, much more so than the murder of a wife by a husband.

On the top of an ornamental bridge is pictured an unfortunate creature with his hands bound behind his back, while the executioner, with a devilish expression, pulls the eyes out of his face with an enormous pair of tongs. After the victim has been operated upon his body is handed over to the assistant executioner, who tosses it into a lake. This is the punishment inflicted upon a man for the murder of his brother. The slightest body floats for a hundred days in the lake, after which it is fished out for further disposition.

A very curious scene is where a tiger is used as a chopping block while a man is bound across his back and an executioner is in the act of cutting the man in two with an enormous knife. A Chinese authority explains that the tiger plays a very important part in Chinese religion. He is supposed to be animated by an intelligent spirit and to eat up only wicked men. The particular tiger has misbehaved himself by eating up good men, and for punishment he is to be used as a chopping block in purgatory for a certain period. The man tied across his back, who is being divided in two, has been guilty of disrespect to a priest.

In one case an executioner with an enormous sword is engaged in dismembering a human body lying on the stump of a tree. As he cuts off the head, a leg, etc., he sticks it on the sharp limb of a tree. The body before him has lost every limb but one arm. This is the punishment inflicted on a blasphemer, or one who said that there was no "shin," or soul, in a man. It is the most dreadful punishment that can be inflicted, for this is the greatest of all crimes against religion.

Two torturers are engaged in putting a man head downward into a receptacle which looks like a large ornamental flower pot. His legs are still sticking up in the air, while his body and head are already out of sight. This vessel is filled with boiling water, and the victim is suffering thus for having spoken ill of a mandarin.

In several places on the chart there are pictures of animals. They play an extremely important part in Chinese

religion. In one case a man is lying on the ground, while three curiously spotted animals with long tails are gnawing at him. These are intended to be cows and calves, and the man is condemned to be eaten by them because he had killed some members of their species in life. Another man is having his eyes picked out by a crane. He has been guilty of killing one of these birds, which are very sacred in China. Many other birds are hurrying up to take part in the execution, including the goose, the parrot, the chicken and others.

Still more curious are the pictures of the chicken and the kid, who are walking away with what appear to be tickets labeled "1" in their mouths. These contain souls which have once inhabited men and which, having been judged in purgatory, are now being sent on earth again in this form.

A woman having a board with a hole in it fastened about her neck is being led away by two men of very curious appearance. Three small children who look like demons cling about her. She is a woman who murdered her children, but died too soon, and is being sent back from purgatory to spend some more years on earth before undergoing the next transformation. She is condemned to have the demon children always dodging around her to remind her of her crime.

One executioner gouges out the eyes of a man whose hands are tied behind his back, while another feigns with a grin on his face holds the victim's head. This man has been guilty of disrespect to his parents, which is one of the worst crimes among the Chinese.

Treachery to the emperor is the crime for which one of the terrible punishments is inflicted. The traitor is fastened feet upward between two upright posts, while two executioners saw him in half lengthwise.

A pair of scales of Chinese pattern, with a man bound hand and foot at one end and a weight at the other, is pictured. The man's hands, feet and pigtail are bound together behind his back, and he is suspended face downward, in a most painful situation. His crime was wasting food, which, with considerable reason, is considered very wicked in China.

When the punishments are completed, the former dwellers upon earth come before the judge again to learn what shall be done with them next. If they have been good on earth, they are sent back to become princes and rich men. Then, according to their degree of unworthiness, they are condemned to be soldiers, workmen, sailors, women, and so on down to the lowest forms of human life. Most of those who have undergone punishment are too bad to go back to earth again as men, and therefore their spirits must pass into the bodies of animals. Those who have sinned least inhabit the bodies of horses and cows, while others become snakes and rats.

The fact that any animal may have a human spirit makes it wrong for a Chinaman to kill one of them. On the other hand, it is often not considered wrong to kill a white man, because many of the priests teach that they are not men, but devils.

**An Advocate of Peace.**  
"You ran at the first fire, did you?" said the colonel of a colored regiment that distinguished itself during the war of the rebellion.

"Yes, sah," was the unblushing reply. "An I would have run soonah if I had knowed it was comin."

"But have you no regard for your reputation, Sam?"

"Reputation is nuffin to me, sah, by the side of life."

"Well, if you lost your life you would have the satisfaction of knowing that you died for your country."

"What satisfaction would dat be to me, sah, when the power of feelin it was gone?"

"Then patriotism is nothing to you, Sam?"

"Nuffin whatever, sah."

"If all our soldiers were like you, traitors might have broken up the government without resistance."

"Yes, sah, dat's so; dere would hab been no help for it. I wouldn't put my life into de scales 'gainst any government that eber existed, for no government could replace de loss to me. I spect, though, dat de government would be safe 'nuff if all de soldiers were like me, as den dere couldn't be no fitin."—Collier's Weekly.

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### PERSONALITIES.

Bethany college, in Kansas, has conferred the degree of LL. D. on Representative Dolliver of Iowa.

Louise Chandler Moulton, the poet, has sailed for Europe, where she will spend the summer in travel.

Charles S. Wilbur, the New York supervisor of the census, was the first to send in his completed returns to Washington.

Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay will spend the summer at their country place on the shores of Lake Sunapee, New Hampshire.

Captain S. E. White of Columbia, S. C., an old Confederate soldier, will erect a monument to the dead Indians who helped the Confederate cause.

George W. Watts of Durham, N. C., has given \$30,000 to the Presbyterian Union Theological seminary at Richmond. It is his fourth large gift to the institution.

Professor J. Hendrik Witherdrink of the University of Leyden, who came to this country to observe the eclipse, is in facial characteristics the counterpart of Governor Roosevelt even as to mustache and eyeglasses.

J. B. Pioda, the Swiss minister at Washington, gave a public lesson in democracy the other day when he stopped his carriage to get some soda water and brought out a glass of the beverage to the coachman.

One of the first alienists to sit in the house of commons is Sir J. B. Duke, who has just been elected to represent Edinburgh and St. Andrew's universities. He is of the opposition and one of the greatest living authorities on mental diseases.

There is a story in the senate that General Hawley, speaking for 10 or 12 minutes in a short speech, once spoke 225 words a minute. The average speed of senators in dictating letters is only 100 a minute and in addressing the senate only 110.

Police Judge McAuley of Kansas City, who not long since won some attention by declaring in favor of a law to compel women to wear short skirts on the street, has added to his fame by imposing a fine of \$500 on a man who stood on a street corner and tried to flirt with the telephone girls when they came out of the central office.

Baden-Powell was nearly lost to the British army six years ago by reason of regulations. He was rapidly approaching the time limit at which majors, unless specially nominated for command, have to take a retiring allowance. Fortunately for him trouble broke out in Ashanti, and he was one of the first to be selected for the staff.

### On Clear Creek.

Within the past few days a large number of Dawsonites have gone up the Stewart river and are prospecting and staking claims on Clear creek, a tributary of Stewart, which empties in about 40 miles back from the Yukon. On Clear creek about 130 miles back some very fine prospects have been found and pans going as high as 25 cents can be found at the grass roots. Among other Dawson men now up there are Frank Slavin and Alex McFarlane. E. W. Sullivan was endeavoring yesterday afternoon to arrange for shipping up several tons of freight to that creek.

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### Milne Means Business.

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A large warehouse has been erected on Second avenue in which is stored at present 150 tons of groceries and provisions. These goods together with those already in the store were personally selected by Mr. Milne on the outside recently.

### YUKON PARTY PLATFORM.

Addresses of Candidates Wilson and Prudhomme.

To the Electors of the Yukon Territory:

Gentlemen—We, the undersigned nominees of the convention held in Dawson on the 8th day of September, 1900, hereby appeal to you, the electors of the Yukon territory, for your support, influence and votes on the platform of the Yukon party adopted at said convention, which is as follows:

The platform is embodied in the memorial given the governor general with additions and amendments as follows:

First—A legislative council wholly elected by the citizens of the Yukon territory.

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Second—That while proper protection should be afforded the mine owner and investor, a proper miner's lien on the result of his work should be enacted for the protection of the miner and laborer.

Third—The necessity for immediately doing away with, or at least greatly reducing the present royalty on gold mined in the Yukon territory.

Fourth—The necessity of preparing roads and bridges and affording free means of communication within the Yukon territory.

Fifth—The necessity of opening for location to free miners all parts of the Yukon territory owned by the government which are fit for placer mining.

Sixth—That fees for free miners' licenses and recording fees be reduced to a nominal figure; that only mine owners and persons working to represent an interest be required to have a free miner's license.

Seventh—The necessity for altering the hydraulic mining regulations so as to secure for the free miner the right to locate, record and work any ground which is fit for placer mining, whether covered by a concession or not.

Eighth—The adoption and enforcement of such mining regulations as will encourage to the utmost the prospector first, the miner second and the investor third, and throw open the country for the fullest and freest development.

Ninth—The necessity of granting representation to the people of the Yukon of at least two members in the house of commons of Canada.

Tenth—A legislative council wholly elected by the citizens of the Yukon territory.

Eleventh—The necessity of putting the liquor trade of this territory under such regulations as to subject it to the laws of trade and insure commercial freedom.

Twelfth—Establishment of proper courts and a court of appeal in and for the Yukon territory.

Thirteenth—The necessity of securing or establishing a free British port of entry on the western coast of America within reach of the headwaters of the Yukon river, in order to encourage the trade and commerce between the Yukon territory and other portions of the Dominion of Canada.

Fourteenth—That the intention of establishing an assay office in Dawson by the Dominion government receive the strongest approbation.

Fifteenth—That proper schools be established at once through the Yukon territory.

Sixteenth—That all the mining record books be open to the public and no fees be paid for search of title.

If elected to the Yukon council we individually pledge ourselves to use every legal endeavor to have the principles set out in the above platform made into law in this territory and to make as strong recommendations as possible to the federal government at Ottawa, to carry into law and effect those planks in the Yukon party platform which are in the control of and come under federal jurisdiction.

Dated at Dawson, Y. T., this 20th day of September, A. D. 1900.  
ALEX. J. PRUDHOMME.  
ARTHUR WILSON.

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