

FLOODS IN THE ORIENT.

Since the Allies entered Peking it has been amusing to read belated articles written by military, geographical and meteorological experts telling how impossible it is for troops to approach China's capital city at this season of the year, owing to the terrible rains and the consequent immense floods. This is another proof of the dangerous nature of the best and most reasonable of theories, fortified with the best and most exact of facts, when they deal with the human equation.

As a matter of fact the theory as to the theory was perfect. And the facts were all that they should be. The picture herewith shows a street in Peking as it looks now. Certainly it offers no inducements for any traffic, even of the lightest, let alone the transportation of heavy guns. Yet men desired to move those guns, along through those flooded streets, and they did it.



A STREET IN THE CITY OF PEKIN.

If the theories were wrong, the statements about China's condition in rainy weather were perfectly correct. The territory from Tientsin to Peking is a terror now. It is all lakes and mud, with a few houses sticking out disconsolately in infrequent intervals. Heavy boats, drawing several feet of water, now navigate fields of rice and other crops where men walked dryshod only a few weeks ago. River banks have disappeared, and new ones have been formed miles beyond the original shore. The most traveled roads are rivers, and can be used only in boats. It is a country that makes every blessed soldier, even the Russians, long to get back home.

Miscellaneous Bedrooms of Chinese.
A Chinaman's sleeping apartment, even in the homes of the wealthy, are usually dark and poorly ventilated, and are like inside cupboards. The bed is usually a canopied, elaborate affair, heavy and beautifully carved, and this piece of furniture is often handed down from father to son through many generations. In place of a mattress there is a mat, and the covering is the occupant's clothing, or possibly a wadded quilt. Extra clothing is provided for cold weather, and in the north, where the weather is extremely

cold, the carved wood bedstead is not used. There, in the house of every well-to-do citizen, and in the inns, there are divans of masonry, beneath which are fireplaces, and on these divans the people sleep, and the fire is utilized for cooking purposes. There are no pillows in Chinese beds. They have instead hollow square frames of rattan or bamboo, or blocks of wood fashioned so that they fit the nape of the neck and support the head when lying on the side. They are said to be more comfortable than soft pillows, especially in warm weather. These substitutes for pillows are used even by those people who have rooms furnished with modern tables and other European furniture.

Discovery in Windsor Castle.
A short time ago some workmen were cleaning out a set of apartments in the tower that had long been unused. The rooms were filled with rubbish and old lumber, as they thought, but on close examination it was found to be a collection of most interesting relics that had been forgotten for generations. Queen Victoria was evidently pleased at the find and decided to make a private museum for herself out of these and other treasures. Each case is filled with rare curiosities and

one has a collection of feather cloaks, which formerly belonged to chiefs in the South Sea Islands. The feathers are sewn on a network so beautifully as to give a smooth finish. Single feathers are used of a rare species of parrot, and each of these magnificent garments is valued at not less than \$50,000. It was discovered that they were given to King George IV., by the king of the Sandwich Islands in 1824.

Low Country Near Tientsin.
During the rains most of the country between Tientsin and Peking is under water, and the roads, which are simply cart tracks, are utterly useless. The river route is always open to any force holding Tientsin and the neighboring forts, but the river is very winding, sometimes almost doubling upon itself, and during the rainy season always overflows its banks, often forming big lakes. The current also is very strong, and the fastest boats take a week or more to cover the distance from Tientsin to Tung-Chow, though it is only sixty-five miles as the crow flies.

Letters mailed in Paris are delivered in Berlin within an hour and a half, and sometimes within 35 minutes, through pneumatic tubes.

China's Toughest Town.

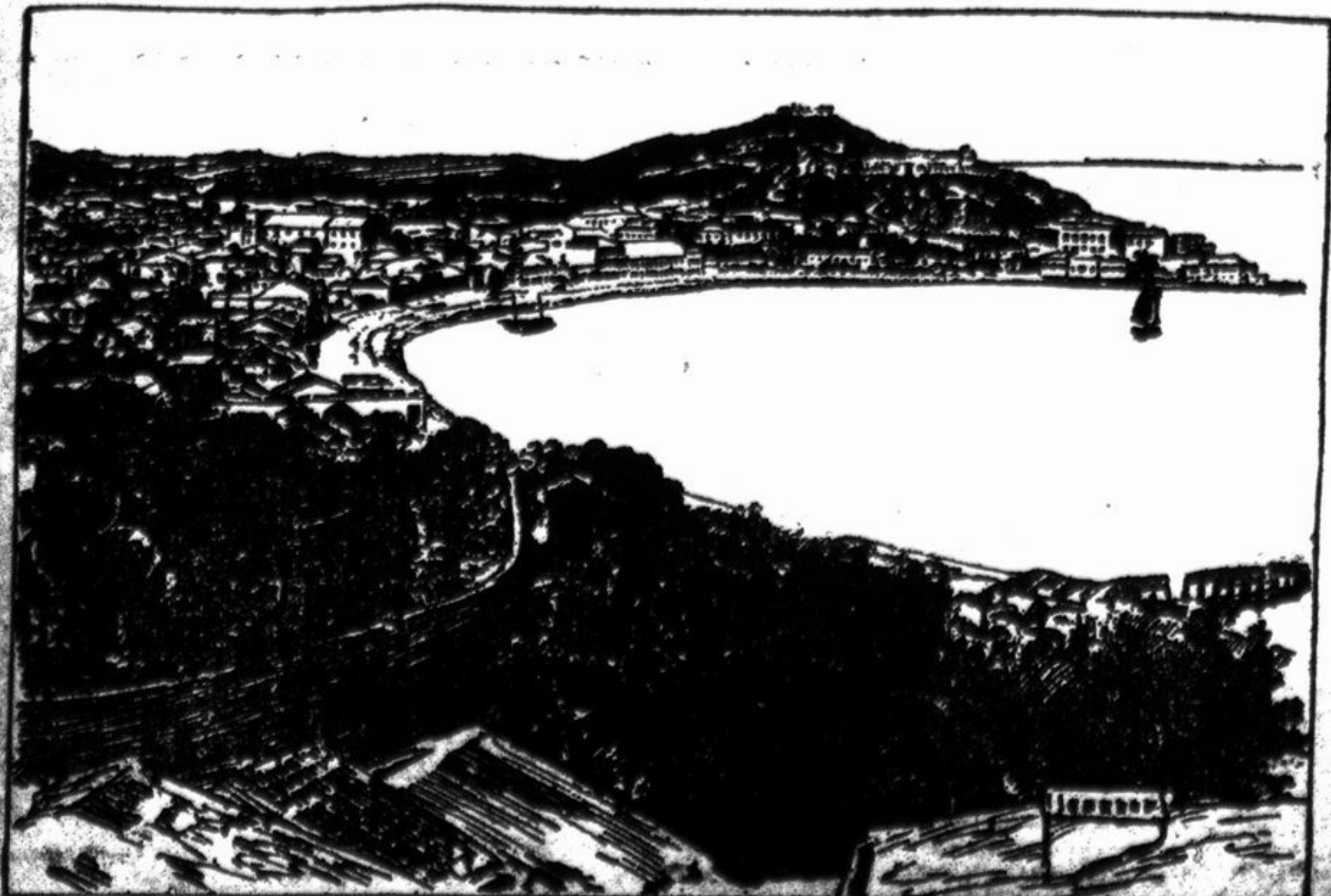
A queer mixture of contradictions is the town of Macao, 140 miles from Canton. It is the sinkhole of that part of China; in fact, probably the toughest community in that section of the Orient which borders on the China sea. Yet it is one of the principal homes of the reformer element in China. It is the refuge of pirates, yet in the latter part of the sixteenth century it was granted to the Portuguese by the Emperor of China for the help given by the foreigner in suppressing piracy. The town is built on a peninsula on the island of the same name at the mouth of the Canton river, and is in the Province of Kwangtung. This peninsula, which rises to a considerable height, is joined to the rest of the island by a narrow, low-lying, sandy isthmus two and a half miles long, and incloses an almost land-locked har-

bor, like some South European lagoon. The town lies on the sides of the promontory, sloping down amid luxuriant foliage to the water's edge, and forcibly reminding one, with its tinted, balconied houses, its still, blue bay, its cloudless sky and its brilliant atmosphere, of Monte Carlo or some other seaside resort of the Riviera; the resemblance to the great resort of the gambler being intensified by an enormous casino-like building overhanging the water, surrounded by exquisite tropical gardens, in which stands the "grotto" where, in 1553, Camoens wrote his "Lusiad."

The town is divided into two distinct sections—the Chinese and the Portuguese—the jurisdiction of the native inhabitants being vested by a treaty of 1863 in Chinese authority in the person of a mandarin acting under the viceroy. The Portuguese gov-

ernment consists of a senate, a council and a governor, whose official residence is the great white casino-like building.

The inner harbor and the outer roadstead suffer greatly from typhoons; the roadstead especially, owing to its exposed position, protected merely by a scattered chain of islands, being a veritable deathtrap to shipping. During fair weather no sight could be more picturesque than the mirror-like surface of the harbor, reflecting with absolute fidelity the hundreds of junks, of all colors and shapes, with their fantastic sails and quaint hulls. For all the trade of the place is carried on by means of these native vessels. The most important section of this trade consists in the smuggling of rice, tea, silk, sugar and indigo. In fact, Macao without smuggling would wither up as a tree shorn of its roots.



A VIEW OF THE TOWN OF MACAO SAID TO BE THE TOUGHEST TOWN IN THE ORIENT.

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Novelist Forgets His Stories.
The German novelist, Paul Heyse, possesses the faculty of forgetting his stories almost as soon as he has finished them. He claims that by forgetting his stories his mind is left clear to receive new impressions.

Ten Greatest American Railroads.
A table showing the mileage controlled by the principal railroad companies of this country on July, 1900, has been compiled by the Railway Age. The ten largest systems are as follows:

New York Central	10,430
Pennsylvania	10,392
Canadian Pacific	10,018
Southern Pacific	9,362
Chicago and Northwestern	8,463
Chicago, Burlington and Quincy	8,001
Southern Railway	7,887
Atchafalpa, Topeka and Santa Fe	7,880
Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul	6,437
Union Pacific	6,584

—From the New York Sun.

"With Rod and Gun in Arkansas" and "Enroute to the Southland," are the titles of two new booklets just issued by the General Passenger Department of the Chicago & Eastern Illinois Railroad for free distribution. The first deals with hunting and fishing on the St. Francis river in Northeastern Arkansas, a region abundantly supplied with game fish, wild fowl, wild turkey, deer and bear.

The second booklet contains a description of the points of interest, Chicago to Nashville, historical matter of the early days and many Indian legends common throughout Illinois, Indiana and Tennessee years ago. Both booklets are embellished with many fine half-tone cuts and are most interesting. If you desire a copy of either send your address to G. L. ...

HOI FOR OKLANOMAI
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