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JAPS MAKE NO FUSS.

Businesslike Methods in the Departure of Soldiers.

This is a picture of a battalion leaving Tokio for the Chinese war at the railway station: Suddenly the public are instructed to wait a little and the turnstiles are locked. At last the great iron gates at the end of the platform are opened and the head of the battalion appears. It marches straight on till the leading company arrives at the front carriage.

The battalion is halted, turns toward the train; in a moment the train is packed as full as it can hold. The guard whistles, the train moves on. There are no friends on the platform—no women—no band playing "The Girl I Left Behind Me." "All is quiet, all is great," everything betokens order and quiet determination. Now the train has gone, the great gates are shut, the turnstiles are opened, the next ordinary passenger's train is ready to depart "on time." This is, as far as I can remember, the exact description of a Japanese battalion leaving for the front in the Chinese war. Who can resist such a nation as this? —London Telegraph.

Arms Used at Sea by Nelson.

Curiously the announcement of yet another new explosive synchronizes with the outbreak of war. The present conflict will determine many theories respecting arms and their handling. Under modern conditions two great navies have never yet fought. The combats between the Chinese and Japanese, and the Spanish and American navies did not teach a great deal. It is interesting to contrast the armaments of the Russian and Japanese warships with those which served Nelson's purpose. His great wooden sailing vessels could discharge in a broadside only as great weight of metal as one of the biggest of modern guns will throw at one discharge. His heaviest shot was a solid sixty-eight pounds. The explosive shell was unknown. Land fighting was conducted with as primitive weapons. Napoleon and Wellington won their battles with the old Brown Bess, with her smooth bore and flint lock. The breech-loader and the percussion cap came after Waterloo. Marksmanship can win the day now; with the old weapon a bullet could never be directed with any accuracy, and it took as much lead to kill a man as he weighed.—London St. James Gazette.

Polar Bear's Sad Fate.

The Baltimore American says that the body of a polar bear floating in midocean, sighted by the steamship Templemore, now in port, is probably the sequel to the tragic story told recently by Capt. Jacobs of the North German Lloyd steamship Hanover, who reported having seen at sea a huge iceberg on which six large polar bears were walking about. When the dead bear was first seen it was thought to have been a large piece of ice, but on closer inspection the nature of the object became apparent. That the dead bear was one of the six which Capt. Jacobs saw there is little doubt. It is probable that the berg on which the animals were slowly drifting to their doom eventually melted by coming in contact with a warm current of water, and the passengers on the floating berg were compelled to swim for it; or, perhaps, the bear found by the Templemore, suffering from hunger, left his companions on the remnants of the berg, in an endeavor to find a more hospitable haven of refuge.

Good Point Made by Delarey.

H. W. Massingham, in The Speaker, tells a story from the veldt: "When Mr. Chamberlain traveled to Delarey's country he found that the only hall available was very small for the audience he wished to address. 'Let me offer you my parlor,' said Delarey. Mr. Chamberlain consented, but when he reached the ruins of Delarey's house he found a platform built out on to the open veldt. 'But where is the parlor?' asked the statesman. 'That is the only parlor you have left me,' replied the soldier."

De Wet, by the way, according to Mr. Massingham, refuses to rebuild his dwelling. He desires it to remain a perpetual memorial.

Romance and Reality.

Chrissie (reading letter)—"To please you I would penetrate the pathless forest; I would traverse broad oceans and explore the unknown regions of the earth; I would ascend the loftiest peaks of the mightiest mountains and brave the raging torrents which pour down their precipitous sides; I would assail the Arctic ice-pack and, overcoming every obstacle, carve my way to the undiscovered pole. For you, dear, I would dare anything and everything."
"Oh, the brave boy!"
Continuing: "P. S.—I will come and see you to-morrow, weather permitting."

Has Right to Pray for Japan.

At least one man in Missouri prays that victory may perch on the banner of the Jap in the war now being waged. This is Colonel John Sobieski of Richmond, lineal heir of King John Sobieski of Poland.

Same Thing.

"Say!" exclaimed the tough citizen as he lined up in front of the bar "gimme a loaded aerob." "Wot's dat?" queried the barkeep. "Tumbler full uv whisky. See?" rejoined the thirsty party.

Natural Flowers for Hats.

At a recent fashionable wedding in London the hats of the bridesmaids were trimmed with natural flowers; and it is predicted that the style will be popular.

BEEF TEA NEW TO HIM.

Irishman Spoiled the Preparation by His Addition.

Orville and Wilbur Wright, the inventors of the most successful flying machine that has appeared thus far, live in Dayton, Ohio, where they conduct a bicycle factory.

An aged Irishman, a faithful employe of theirs for a number of years, was kept at home last month by illness. Orville Wright, a basket on his arm, visited the sick man one afternoon.

"Here John," he said, "are some dainties I have brought you. Here is a tonic, fine for the aged, here is some superb beef tea."

"Beef tay, is it, sor?" said the old man. "Shure, an' it shud be good, that beef tay. 'Tis a drink Oi niver thrived before. Oi thank ye, sor, for all ye've brought, but specially Oi thank ye for the foine beef tay."

In a week or two the Irishman was back at work. The day of his return, seeing him at his post, Mr. Wright asked him with a smile how he liked his beef tea.

"Shure, not a bit," said the old man, bluntly.

"Why," said Mr. Wright, "beef tea is delicious if you heat it and add a little salt and pepper."

"Well, sor, it may be good that way," said John. "But I put milk and sugar to it."—Los Angeles Times.

Real Heroism.

Capt. Micajah Woods of Charlottesville, Va., who is the state attorney of his district, is one of the best storytellers of all the confederate veterans. His most popular tale is of the heroism displayed by a Kentucky colonel, a real colonel, who was soldiering with the narrator. During the absence of the regimental surgeon, one day, the Kentuckian was seized with a diligent discomfort in the region of the sword-belt and was advised by Capt. Woods to drink a scoundrelly potion consisting of turpentine and water. He took it without a gasp or even a wink.

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