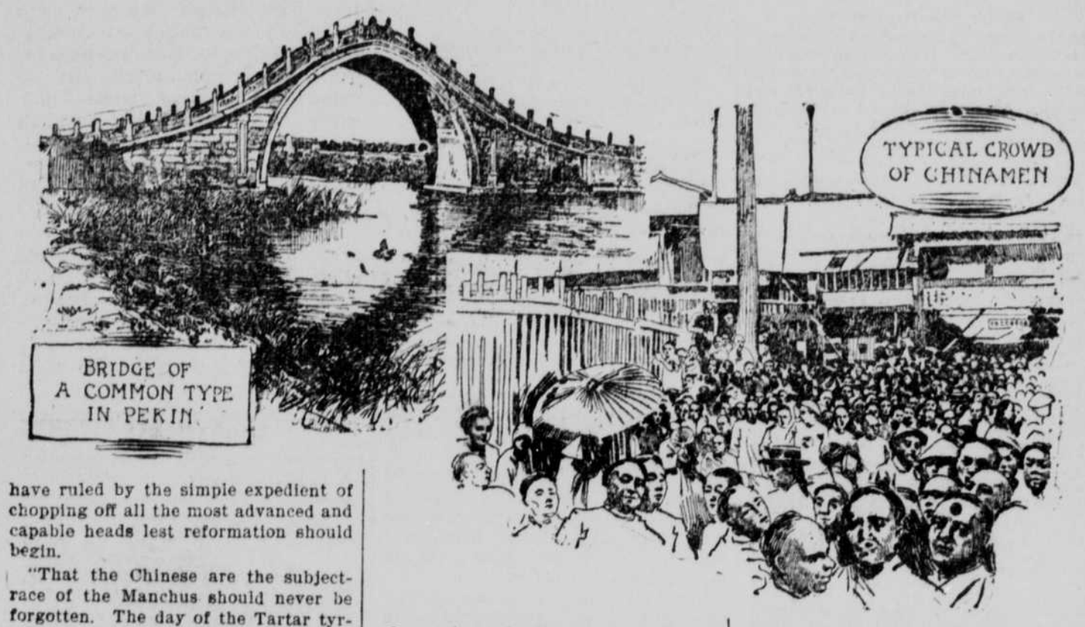
Those to whom the term "The Yellow Peril" has become familiar look upon it as a bugbear arising from the present situation, the idea that the despised Oriental might even in the course of a century become a dominating world power being considered not worth a second thought. Neither the phrase nor the idea, however, is by any means new. The words of Lord Wolseley, which are today taken almost as a text by students of international affairs, and upon which the novelists are busily building fanciful tales, were spoken nearly a dozen years ago, but in view of recent developments are more interesting than ever.

"A Yellow Peril menaces the world," he said. "The coming battle of Armageddon will be fought between the Anglo-Saxons and the Chinese. For 300 years past the Chinese have been under Tartar tyranny. The Manchus have ruled by the simple expedient of chopping off all the most advanced and capable heads lest reformation should begin.

"That the Chinese are the subject-race of the Manchus should never be forgotten. The day of the Tartar tyranny must reach its tether. A Chinese Mohammed or Napoleon, a great lawgiver or general, will arise, rouse the Chinese hundreds of millions from their three centuries' slumber, and lead them forward and onward. They will take to the profession of arms, and then will hurl themselves upon the Russian empire. Before the Chinese armies—as they possess every military virtue, are stolidly indifferent to death, and capable of inexhaustible endurance—the Russians will go down or will join forces with them in the capacity of leaders.

"Then the Chinese armies will march westward. They will overrun India, sweeping the British into the sea. Asia will belong to them, and then, at last, English, Americans, Australians will have to rally for a last desperate conflict. So certain do I regard this that I think one fixed point of English policy should be to strain every nerve and make every sacrifice to keep on good terms with China. China is the coming power."

The German emperor considers this "yellow danger" a real and a great one, and his cartoon of a few years ago representing Europe at bay against the yellow race represents his opinions today as expressed in his recent speech before the Reichstag. "Chinese" Goddon, who perhaps knew the Chinese more intimately than any American or European, held them in high esteem, while admitting their defects. The latent possibilities of the 400,000,000 of Chinese he declared to be illimitable.



In contrast to these views is the opinion of Capt. Herman Hauptman, of Germany, who has made several trips to China and has had excellent opportunities to study the question from every point of view:

"The idea that the Chinese could overrun Europe," he says, "is rank nonsense. It might perhaps be a possibility, but there are several reasons why it could not occur—especially without the help of Russia.

"It is 4,000 miles from Pekin to the Russian frontier, a distance greater than the breadth of the United States. There is only one railroad and that is controlled by Russia and could be destroyed more rapidly than an army could move. The way is across a country of wild mountains and frozen plains that are almost unsettled, and that could not furnish food, shelter or provisions for an army, while the difficulties of transport would make it impossible to carry supplies.

"Russia is protected by the Ural mountains, the Caspian sea, Caucasus mountains and the Black sea. A few thousand men could defend the fords of the Ural river from hosts. To reach Europe through Constantinople would require vessels, which the Chinese would not have, and even if they had, the fleets of the nations assembled at the Bosphorus, and artillery in the forts at Constantinople could sink them as fast as they were loaded with troops. The possibility of the Chinese pouring down into India is to be dismissed. The entire boundary of India is defended by the Himalaya mountains and again by the vast rich table land of Thibet with another range of mountains to the north of that. There would be only a few mountain passes, at most, to defend.

"The only way in which the Chinese could ever overrun Europe is by the slow process of migration, and that could come only by the decay of the white races. In other words, the Chinese must first overtake us in point of civilization and become mentally and practically our superiors, before ever they could crowd us out and rule in our places. But if Russia should become allied with China and Japan? Ah, that is another question. That day will never come."

Head of League of American Mothers.

Mrs. Lida H. Hardy, who is to lead the League of American Mothers as its president for the coming year, is well fitted for the position. Not only has she three sturdy youngsters of her own, but for several years past she has been deeply interested in the women's work connected with the church of Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, at Topeka, Kan.

MRS. HARDY.

To License Gambling.

Kansas City is to license gambling, and this without any state law or local ordinance. The newspapers of that city announce that the mayor and chief of police have decided that it is impossible to prevent the playing of draw and stud poker in rooms adjoining hotels. They have decided therefore to permit the violations of the law to continue, although they will draw the line at faro and crap shooting. The licensing is to be done by a system of fines. Once a month the keepers of all poker rooms will be arrested and brought before the police justices and fined $50 each. No attempt will be made to seize the paraphernalia of the gambling rooms, as is required by the law. The gamblers are naturally well content with the system, inasmuch as it will, as they say, "keep out the small fry and shoestring gamblers," giving a monopoly to those who pay their fines regularly.

The Peril of Electricity.

This has been called the electric age. The praises of the mysterious fluid which now does so much work for man have been sounded by orators and poets. Civilization, it is declared, has been advanced a hundred years by harnessing the forces of the lightning. Now come calmer minded men to point the other side of the picture. For if electricity has done much to relieve man of labor and to make life easier, it is also responsible for much destruction both of life and property. Every new electric invention adds one more danger to the many which now beset the residents in crowded cities, where such inventions are chiefly used. Statistics on the subject, recently gathered, are fairly startling.

Falcon Island Reappears.

Falcon island, in the Pacific ocean, which originally emerged from the sea after the eruption of a submarine volcano near Truga, and remained above the surface for precisely thirteen years before vanishing two years ago, is reported by the British cruiser Porpoise to be reappearing and to be a serious menace to navigation. It was nine feet out of water at the end of May and may be a mountain now, for all anybody knows.

Peck's Son in Trouble.

Ferdinand W. Peck, Jr., son of the United States commissioner general to the Paris Exposition, got into a fistic altercation with an army officer in a cafe chantant the other night, and has ever since been trying to recollect the details of the dispute, says a Paris cablegram. In conjunction with Arthur Brackett, son of Major Brackett, also of Chicago, young Peck has been doing his best to show Parisians how to have a real "hot time." Down the brilliant boulevards the jolly pair has marched as "Lords of Creation," flinging money to the four winds in true western fashion. Tip seekers marked the young men as "easy." In a cafe Ferdinand was exceedingly demonstrative and by all possible gestures sought to attract the glances of the prettiest woman in the crowded place. Her escort, a dapper young soldier, wearied of the pantomime, at last rushed over to the gay young man and ejected a choice vocabulary of French profanity. Then there was a fight. Glasses, plates, knives and forks flew like a hailstorm, and the Americans landed on the sidewalk with a half dozen waiters on top. They were arrested and when their identity was discovered the police politely released them.

F. W. PECK, JR.

The fifth centenary of the death of Chaucer occurs on Oct. 25, and an attempt is being made in London to induce the Court of Common Council to erect a statue to the poet in the Guild Hall. Chaucer was born in London, but no suitable memorial has ever been erected there.

The Prince of Wales has been presented by a British officer with the sword which General Cronje wore during the early part of the Boer war.

SPECIAL RATES TO FAIRS.

Burlington Makes Them for County Shows and Races.

OMAMA, Aug. 13.—Low rates have been made by the Burlington for all of the county fairs along its lines in Nebraska this fall. Tickets will be sold on all fair days and the one preceding at one and one-third fare for the round trip from points within fifty miles of each of these places:

Alliance Racing association, Alliance, September 17-22.

Chase county fair, Imperial, October 1-5.

Custer county fair, Broken Bow, September 11-14.

Fillmore county fair, Geneva, August 21-24.

Franklin county fair, Franklin, September 26-28.

Furnas county fair, Beaver City, September 11-14.

Gage county fair, Beatrice, September 12-14.

Hamilton county fair, Aurora, August 15-17.

Hubbell fair and races, Hubbell, August 15-17.

Johnson county fair, Tecumseh, September 25-28.

Kearney county fair, Minden, September 19-21.

Nebama county fair, Auburn, September 18-21.

Nuckolls county fair, Nelson, September 18-21.

Otoe county fair, Syracuse, September 11-14.

Pawnee county fair, Pawnee, August 28-31.

Phelps county fair, Bertrand, October 2-5.

Red Willow county fair, Indianola, September 11-14.

Richardson county fair, Salem, September 9-13.

Saline county fair, Wilber, September 12-15.

Saunders county fair, Wahoo ,September 18-21.

Seward county fair, Seward, August 28-31.

Gave Bonds.

OMAHA, Aug. 13.—A. H. Bewsher, secretary of the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association, against whom Attorney General Smyth has filed a criminal complaint, charging him with maintaining a trust for control of the Nebraska grain trade, appeared in police court and waived preliminary examination. He was held under $500 bonds to the district court.

Mr. Bewsher denies that the association of which he is secretary is a trust. "Its purposes is too look after terminal matters and bring before its members improved methods of handling their business," said he. "It would be impossible to dictate to the grain dealers of Nebraska now much they shall pay for grain. I think the attorney general is acting under a misapprehension."

Woodmen Celebrate.

GENEVA, Neb., Aug. 13.—The excursion trains came here crowded and between 10,000 and 12,000 people gathered in the park, on the streets and on the ball grounds. After the parade in the morning Bert Herriot and Mrs. Hurd were married on the grandstand by Rev. Colony of the Methodist Episcopal church. During the afternoon there were races, slack wire performance, music by all the bands in the county, water fight, tug-of-war and a ball game by Beaver Crossing and Ohiowa. Score: Beaver Crossing, 0; Ohiowa, 1.

Epidemic of Pink Eye.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Aug. 13.—A disease called the "pink-eye" is causing considerable trouble with the horses in this county. Liverymen are losing business as a result of the epidemic. A few fatalities have been reported, but with proper treatment it only lasts a few days. A veterinary said that if the animal was given rest for a few days upon the appearance of the first symptom there would be a speedy recovery in most of the cases. He also said the disease was occasioned by the blood becoming overheated.

Pronounced Insane.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 13.—Mrs. Minnie Reyman has at various times in years past been troubled mentally and recently was sent to a hospital in Omaha for treatment and was supposed to be doing well. Her people were surprised yesterday at her being brought here by a Mr. Reyman of Talmage. She came to his home but could give no account of herself. She was taken before the commission on insanity and after examination was declared insane and instructions given to have her taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

Orders for the Encampment.

LINCOLN, Aug. 13.—Adjutant General Barry has issued orders announcing the encampment of the National Guard at Hastings on August 20. His directions are for the colonels to report to his office the names of all members of their staffs and for the company commanders to present in like manner a complete list of the names of their commands, in order that adequate transportation may be secured. The place of rendezvous and the time of starting, together with the route to be taken, will be announced later.

Threshing Outfit Burned.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 13.—While the Henry Frederick thrashing outfit were thrashing at the farm of Hickman Bowman, ten miles northeast of this place, a spark set fire to the straw and destroyed the separator, feeder, blower and everything excepting the engine and tank. Six large stacks of wheat were also destroyed. The loss will reach $3,500.

Extend the Line.

EAGLE, Neb., Aug. 13.—The Nebraska Telephone company will extend their lines to Eagle this season, as the village board has granted them a franchise.

Decision Expected in Telephone Case.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 13.—County Judge Ellis will hand down his decision in the county court in the case of the Interstate Telephone company against several residents of Tecumseh in a day or two. The company sold some capital stock to these people and the amount subscribed was never paid. The subscribers hold that the company deferred in a portion of its agreement as to a service to be established in Tecumseh. The company sued the subscribers, the case was tried and the parties concerned now await the decision.

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