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HE CENEUS AND OTHER THINGS The final figures have not been given out, but none of those who are sup- to them. Large quantities of Remingposed to have inside information seem tons, of Mausers and the German arm, to think they will show rorty thousand of Lincoln showed a population of about fifty-five thousand. The State Journal unbosoms likelf to the public turning out rifles, and one of these has at large and admits that census to a capacity of 8,000 Mansers a year.

have been stuffed. W'thout stopping to question the truth of the statement, which is intended to make the population shrinkmatter after all, it is apparent to the tion. The Chinese invented gunpowmost careless observer that the shrink- der, but all the new forms of destrucage of fifteen thousand is not all due tive ammunition have been surprises to to stuffing of the last previous enum. them eration of inhabitants.

The great bulk of the population in Lincoln, like that of other cities, is made up of laboring men and women. is not a trade in Lincoln but shows of "fighting braves," as they are callsample. Ten years ago there were over three hundred printers employed in this city. Today not more than onehalf that number find employment. There are not half as many brickmak- the case, the result of the fighting along ers. There are not as many railroad the Pei-Ho will be a test as to the camen who make their homes here, in pacity of the Chinese for war. spite of an enormous increase in rail- If the Chinese lack courage, they way business. Almost the only busi- have a singular way of showing it, for ness which shows an increase is the in the war with Japan they stood up

portunities in what may properly be that they could make no headway. termed trades has been two-fold- When aroused, they seem to have an many working men have gone away almost fanatical determination to win and many more have fallen into the or die. They died in great numbers. ranks of common labor and are ac- There were 6,676 Chinese killed in battively competing for a place to earn the with the Japanese, who lost but the very lowest scale of wages.

During the past year there has been a constant demand for men to leave physical bravery, charging again and Lincoln to work on the railway exten- again, and apparently unappalled by sions in the west, and hundreds of la- the awful slaughter suffered from the borers have gone. During two months modern weapons of the allies. last spring the shipments of laborers | Li Hung Chang offers a hint that in to railroad work and the beet fields all the give away game of the last few exceeded eight hundred men, and sev- years China has held a trump card up eral hundred women and children went. throat she has yielded territory to A large percentage of these people "barbarians," but with the reservation are permanently lost to the population that she would some day take it all of the city because there will be no in- back. The powers for their own selfish ducement for them to return to a place purposes have played into the hands of from which they were forced in the the Celestials by teaching them how struggle to secure work.

has been no scarcity of help in any pare the local governments of China The daily papers have not contained been epidemic in China whenever there a bundred or more extra men have been wanted on the traction lines, or people think their gods are angry bebeen no trouble in finding them.

in population.

coin who has goods to sell, but also mercial club desires to see the city of ing.

ly prosperous where a majority of the tional in the sense of western people, working men feel that they have no but in the sense that a despised forinterest beyond a temporary job which is likely to go glimmering in twentyfour hours without notice.

daily consignments of basket peaches no one in China except the foreigners from their large orchard at Wymore, Nebraska. The crop this year is large sized basket.

MILITARY STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS OF THE MIDDLE KINGDOM.

Preparations Since the War With Japan - Materials Imported and Manufactured-No Great Armies. but Plenty of "Food For Powder."



es she intend to do with the military power when acquired? She has constructed arsenals, she has kept pace There has been considerable grum- with the world in the manufacture of the one that proved so fatal in the hands of the Boers in South Africa. senals have been at work for years

China manufactures smokeless powbe required by land forces except the ammunition for rapid fire guns. It is

While getting ready with their arms and ammunition the Chinese have been reforming their armies, but the idea seems to have been to have a few crack corps rather than an immense and mental characteristics. It is said that the army around Tien-tsin, numbering about 35,000 or 40,000 men, is the most efficient in China. If this is

to be slaughtered in great numbers and again and again returned to the charge The result of this falling off in op- when the first attempt showed plainly 430 killed. Already in the war with the allies on the banks of the Pei-Ho the Chinese have shown the same

her sleeve. With the knife at the to make implements of war, to train So far as Lincoln is concerned there soldiers and to handle modern guns. The purpose of this has been to prebranch of business at any time this to maintain order in the districts where year, and no marked advance of wages the foreigners have interests at stake. in the trades or with common laborers. Local uprisings and riots have always advertisements for local help wanted was provocation. The presence of the half a dozen times this year. When foreigner is a constant provocation, If there is a famine or any other affliction seeming the act of Heaven, the on the street improvements, there has cause the "barbarians" are allowed to desecrate sacred soil and to ignore So much for one reason of a decrease customs which are ordained for the faithful. Concessions by the imperial This decrease of population affects government mean nothing to the peonot only every business man in Lin- ple. They know that they are wrung from the throne by threats, and as the land belongs to the people, being only affects every farmer in Lancaster coun- held in trust by the emperor as the ty who raises crops for the market. viceroy of Heaven, the powers may en-The entire producing population is af- ter into the possession of their prizes fected directly, and if the Union-Com- in just so far as the populace is will-

Lincoln grow and prosper it must turn | The disastrous war with Japan and its attention to the development of the part taken by the European govold and the establishment of new busi- ernments in that crisis and afterward ness ventures which will employ labor opened the eyes of John Chinaman at remunerative prices, and with a spite of the stagnation and conservfixed tenure which will encourage atism of the Chinese it may be that working men to establish homes here with him, as with other nations, "civiand become directly interested in the lization doth git forrid, sometimes on to a powder cart." Defeat by Japan was No city can ever become permanent- taken as a national disgrace-not naeign invader had brought the ancient kingdom to its knees. Hatred of the foreigner is Chinese patriotism. They have no flag to revere, no constitution to upheld, but they have customs hand-J. M. Russell & Co. are receiving ed down for thousands of years which

scoff at. The Chinese are very imitative, and and the fruit of fine flavor, and can be when they saw that Japan held a place had at 1121 O street, at 40c for a good among the powers merely because of her military spirit naturally they wished to show what China can do in the For the Nebraska state fair the F.,E. same line. The powers fostered this & M. V. R.R. will sell round trip tickets pride and sent officers into the provto Lincoln and return at one fare plus inces to train the local armics, sent en-60 cents for the round trip on Septem- gineers to teach their art and skilled br 3 to 7. All trains stop at Fair men to direct the manufacture of rifles

and cannon. These preparations for the protection of foreigners may easily be turned against them in spite of the Chinese authorities, because no mandarin, however powerful, dare go

against the will of the people. China in its local government is the most democratic country in the world. There is no intricate machinery to defeat the will of the people. The rulers needn't wait to count election returns to find out what the people want. The arms and munitions of war have been paid for by the people, they are in the hands of the people and will be turned against any foe the people wish to de-

Since the Japanese war, which closed in 1895, England has supplied China with 71 fortification and siege guns, with 2,000 rounds of ammunition; 123 field guns, with 50,000 rounds of ammunition, and 297 machine guns, with 4,222,400 rounds of ammunition, and Germany supplied 460,000 Mausers, with 3,000,000 rounds of ammunition. Besides this vast outfit for war China has had vessels under construction in different yards and in a dozen arsenals has been manufacturing rifles with up to date attachments. German, French. English and Russian officers have been training the troops, and all agree that the Chinese make admirable soldiers.

The military value of the Chinamen has been studied by the ablest westerners in the far east. In 1892 one of England's representatives gave expression to the following opinson as to the

is a growing characteristic of our recent civilization. The Chinese can live on rations which would starve European troops and face fatigue and hardship with wenderful patience and endurance. These are invaluable military qualities.

would be all right and the ranks filled with volunteers who would not expect



to be released at the end of a short term. One of the peculiar institutions of China is the profession of soldier. The best of the active troops are born in the camp and never know any other life. To supplement this element the government has planted vast military colonies, where all the males expect to be called into the ranks in time of war. Custom rules in China, and the men go to military service without question. Taught to hate war, they have no jingo spirit, but when the emergency arises the man to stand behind the gun is

Contrary to common notion the Chinese fight well. It has been demonstrated already on the line of the Pei-Ho that the Chinese have some of the imported modern guns in the field, that they know how to use them and that they stand up to the work like the best of the fighting races. Cowards do not get near enough to the danger point to be hurt. In the war with Japan there were seven Chinamen killed to one Jap. On the naval vessels which fought the Chinese sailors were the pride of their leaders. Over 50 years ago the American general Ward drilled some Chinese troops and said that he could take them where no whites would go. to suppress the great Taiping rebellion. Lord Beresford, who went to China to investigate her military resources, pays tribute to the prowess of the rank and and led, they make splendid soldiers. In the Japanese war General Tso was found dead with the bodies of hundreds of his braves where they fell fighting powers again and again, and the French have won no laurels in their many contests with the Celes-

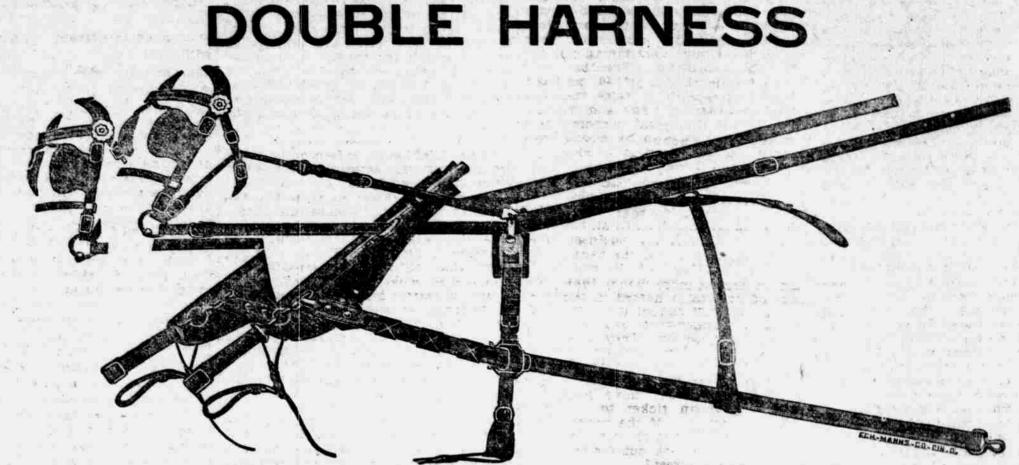
China has no national army trained for battles in open field. The dependence of the imperial government is a body of troops chiefly of Mantchoo blood, which garrisons the great towns. With war practice these men would be efficient soldiers, as they are of good physique and very intelligent. They are hereditary soldiers and have military traditions to uphold. Leadership is the necessary thing for these troops, and China does not produce national leaders.

The armies of the provinces outnumber the imperial battalions, and in them is centered China's military strength. Each province maintains and controls its own army. In the north, especially in Shangtung and Chi-li, the training and equipment are the best and the men of the first quality. In a war the provincial troops stand by their provincial leaders, except in cases of fanatical uprising, when they fol-

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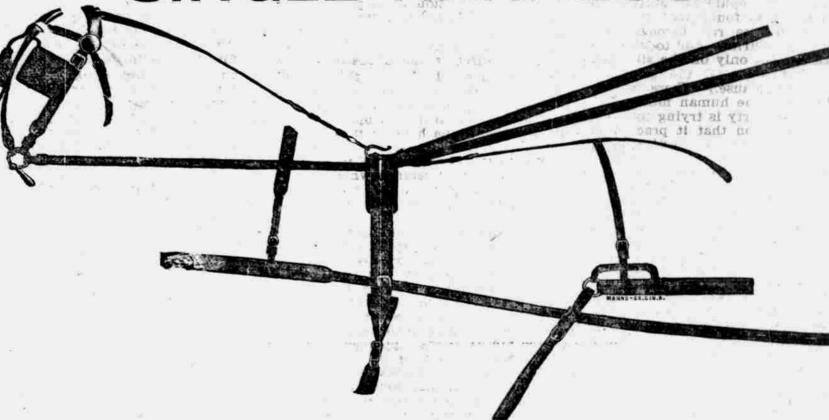
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