

PROSPERITY OF AMERICA FALSE, VANDERLIP SAYS

Due for an Explosion Unless Vital Changes Are Made in Industrial Situation, Former Banker Declares.

Chicago, April 3.—"The United States is bucking its way through an era of false prosperity and unless vital changes are made in the industrial situation we are due for an explosion."

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Letters Of Former Omaha Teacher On Life in China Circulate Among Friends

Peculiarities of Slant-Eyed Celestials Graphically Described by Anna M. Lane, Former Instructor at Central High—Writes One Letter, Copies of Which Travel From Friend to Friend—Life Is Varied in China, Which Is Gradually Becoming Modernized

In the olden days when printers were few and printing presses fewer, books changed hands even more than do the most popular novels in the libraries of the largest cities.

Some of the letters that are passed from hand to hand until the paper is so crumpled that it is nearly impossible to read are letters from Miss Anna M. Lane, former teacher at Central High, now of the Union Women's college at Peking, China.

A letter written to Miss Mary A. Parker, teacher of history at Central, is the latest received. Miss Parker was given instructions to send the letter to Della Marxen, 1415 Wirt street.

A recent trip outside the famous wall of Peking in a ricksha was one of the adventures that Miss Lane experienced.

"I got in one of the comfortable rickshas that wait continually at our gate," writes Miss Lane. "I wrapped up well with a steamer rug. And then the man between the shafts took off his outer quilted garment and started off at a run. It takes some time for a newcomer in China to be able to sit really in a peace of mind and see the man before you performing what we have considered the work of a beast and watch his garments become saturated with perspiration. It is especially sad when you have one who cannot keep up with the others and you realize that his running days are about over."

Hold No Fist Fights. "The average life of one of these coolies is from three to four years. It makes one wish for street cars."

Shanghai has street cars. But their introduction would ruin many out of labor and would ruin our Oriental city. Can you imagine street cars and camels on the same thoroughfare? And could you harmonize the squeak of the wheelbarrows that brings our water to our door with the clang of the electric car bell?

The autos that go tearing through our streets have two men on the running boards shouting to the people to clear the way. It is probably all that we shall need, too, for Peking is the most conservative of cities, and, besides, the officials cannot agree upon the proportion of the consideration due each one of them."

Miss Lane explained that coolies do not solve their problems by blows, "but by the most heated of arguments with wild excitement at least two octaves above that of ordinary speech."

China is compared to England before the industrial revolution. All the products of the country are made by hand, except in a few cities, according to Miss Lane.

Modern methods are slowly coming into the country and we are attached to the abuses that were found in western lands. Miss Lane believes that beyond all question the industrial peace of the world lies in the hands of the Chinese, for they have the man power and the resources. But in spite of that, now, as a nation they are in greatest poverty.

Following is her description of a small industrial school which she visited:

General Bedlam All Year. "It is a very small attempt, but is a very interesting one. They were making stockings by machine, spinning, weaving and embroidering. And they were aiming how to do the work rather than to get at the shop. We are very much interested in affairs throughout the world, for the very air we breathe is freighted with the scent of coming things."

"The future is not a question of speculation, but of actual experiment. I am glad that our organization is helping to combat some of the evil that is coming to China from other nations, from the rapidly spreading liquor and tobacco business, for instance."

The political and economical problems of the country interest the Chinese and American students in China more than they do in any other country, according to Miss Lane. The government schools have had strikes of students and strikes of faculty and general bedlam all year. Also some mission schools have not escaped unscathed.

Japan Learns a Lesson. "Last night we had a great treat in listening to the experiences of two men of wide observation," writes Miss Lane. "One was Dr. Goucher of Goucher college, who is now traveling the world investigating and advising all the colleges of all missions on all fields. He seems to belong to all the boards that anyone can name and to be informed on all subjects. Across the table from him sat a Mr. Baker, an adviser to the government of China. Dr. Goucher had just come from Japan and Korea, and told us what he had seen. He thinks that Japan has learned a lesson from the peace conference that in the end may work out her salvation. Since Paris he thinks that Japan is coming to realize that national ethics are of great value and must be observed. We here in China are skeptical of the people that travel through Japan and are banqueted by the lords of that land, for so many have been so grossly deceived by that cordiality at which the Japanese are past masters."

"Mr. Baker told us this incident. He said that last fall when China was wavering between signing and not signing the peace conference, when all the diplomats of the world were trying to influence her, there was a meeting of a small committee of the Y. M. C. A. Their business was not political, but finally drifted to the subject of signing the treaty. They finally decided to have the returned students' petition the government not to sign the treaty. Many signed the petition. This was forwarded to the cabinet, and turned the tide in favor of refusal. Most people here feel that the agitation and publicity that it has caused has gone a very long way to clear the air in the Orient. It has shown Japan that she must recast her policies."

Life Isn't Varied in China. The pupils under Miss Lane are of many nationalities and lands. Recently a girl came unannounced from Tibet, a province in the interior of China. Some students are from Manchuria while some are from Korea. Many of the parents of the girls are unable to read or write in any language.

The Chinese girls are "red cheeked and fat cheeked," according to Miss Lane. "They look abundantly fed," writes Miss Lane, "but I certainly feel that they must have some special provision for digestion and assimilation or they would never survive on the food they actually eat. For breakfast they have rice, bread and tea. Dinner they have rice, vegetables, little meat and a sort of salty pickle. Beans

Not One Quarrel Through 58 Years of Married Life



Not a quarrel in 58 years of married life.

This is the record of Thomas W. Mills, 79 years old, and his wife, Mrs. Harriet Mills, 80 years old, who celebrated their 58th wedding anniversary yesterday at their home at 2508 North Nineteenth street.

Mrs. Mills explained the secret of how a married couple can live together without quarreling.

"Life is varied in China. Across from me at a meeting, sat some foreign educated Chinese in the oriental garb. One had all Chinese costume

of blue cotton cloth outer garment that reached to his heels. He wore the low shoes, both cut just alike. They looked like bedroom slippers. Others were dressed in the American clothes which they bought while in America. The Chinese mix their costumes; that is, they will wear the trousers of the west with the comfortable 'bedroom shoes' of the east."

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Lighting Fixtures, Burgess-Granden.—Adv.

SENATE CLEARS WAY FOR DEBATE ON ARMY POLICY

Passage of Reorganization Bill Expected Within Two Weeks—Provides for Compulsory Military Training.

Washington, April 3.—The senate cleared the way today for consideration of legislation proposing establishment of a definite military policy. Debate on the army reorganization bill framed by the senate military committee is to begin Monday and its passage in about 10 days of two weeks is predicted by senate leaders.

The bill differs radically from the house measure passed March 18 in that it provides for compulsory military training, consolidation of the national guard, regular army and reserves composed of trained men and one citizen army and also for a general staff eligibility system similar to that in the French army.

Pershing Fails to Give In to Angry Farmer He "Trims to Frazzle"

Laclede, Mo., April 3.—W. H. Blakely, who went to school when John J. Pershing taught the country school at Prairie Mount 38 years ago, tells the following incident of the Nebraska's pluck and courage:

John Pershing ate many a meal

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in our house when he was teaching school," Mr. Blakely relates. "I remember one day at the noon hour a big farmer with red sideburns came riding up to the school house on a horse with a revolver in his hand. Pershing had spanked one of the farmer's boys and the father was going to 'get' the school teacher."

Contest Sioux City Election. Sioux City, April 3.—The election of Wallace M. Short, as mayor of Sioux City, will be contested. This action was decided on at a meeting of supporters of J. A. Tiedeman in the recent city election.



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