WAYSIDE INN IN MONGOLIA

Caravansaries Have Undergone Little Change During the Progress of the Centuries.

The inn (in Mongolia) was a typical northern inn, such as soon became familiar to us. On three sides of the courtyard animals were feeding in open mud stalls, as they fed in Bethlehem nineteen hundred years ago. On the fourth side men's quarters were scarcely different from those of the animals, except in being closed. Our camp beds had been put up in the inn yard, and we ate our evening meal under thatched eaves. Wool caravans had driven in and stood bulkily blotting the dusk, pointing toward the gateway for a start in the first white dawn.

Chinese interiors are the finest Rembrandts in the world, and this inn was a particularly mellow, ingratiating study, Olive Gilbreath writes in Asia. From the open door of the Chinese stove streamed a ruddy light, which threw into deep shadow the broad k'ang where men sat or squatted over pipes and bowls of tea. Our carriers had joined the group about the flickering candles and in the yellow light their faces shone out like old portraits—strong, simple, oriental. A saisen player began his plaintive note, and from the inn door poured a steady babble of voices. On every side the plain swept menacingly in from the horizon threatening to blot out the one infinitesimal point of life daring to violate its solitude. But still the note of the saisen player sounded and above the walls of the compound shone the deep oriental stars. It was a vagabond's night.

Our cots had been made up in the courtyard; consequently we opened our eyes with the dawn. The wool caravans had already disappeared; we saw them, soft blurs in the half-light, descending the road toward China which we had climbed the evening before. We paid our inn bill—14 tungtzes (about ten cents gold) for five travelers, two servants, three carters, two horses, two mules and the donkey—and we were off again into Mongolia!

NOT AN ORDINARY OFFICIAL

According to Little Daughter, Papa Must Have His Time Pretty Well Taken Up.

This true story was told us of the small daughter of a certain nationally known personage. The gentleman to whom we refer is president of more institutions, boards of managers, committees, learned societies and other organized activities than we have space to print in this column.

One day when an important meeting was about to begin, this prominent person's little daughter wandered into the room. She was quickly espied by the solemn people assembled, and hurriedly captured by a functionary who demanded the reason for her presence.

"I'm looking for my papa," she said.

"And who is your father?"

"He's the president."

"The president of what?"

"Why—of everything!"

The Born Orator.

It is narrated that Colonel Breckenridge, meeting Major Buffo'd on the streets of Lexington, asked:

"What is the meaning, suh, of the conco'se befo' the co'thouse?"

To which the majah replied:

"General Buckneh, suh, is making a speech. General Buckneh, suh, is a bo'n oratah."

"What do you mean by a bo'n oratah?"

"If you, or I, suh, were asked how much two and two make, we would reply: 'Foh.' When this is asked a bo'n oratah he replies: 'When in the co'se of human events it becomes necessa'y to take an integeh of the second denomination and add it, suh, to an integeh of the same denomination, the result, suh, and I have the science of mathematics to back me in my judgment, the result, suh, and I say it without feah of successful contradiction, suh, the result is foh.' That's a bo'n oratah."—Rehobath Sunday Herald.

Your Finger Prints.

A good many people can change and disguise their handwriting so that no one could possibly recognize it. But there is one autograph that none of us can change—namely, that made by the prints of the fingers. Every member of the human race has certain delicate markings on his fingers by which his identity can always be established. These marks never change. The lines are the same at seventy as at babyhood, only grow larger as we grow older. The highly intelligent person has more of detail in his finger marks than one of less mental power. Women have finer markings on their finger tips than men, and those of negroes are coarser than those of whites.

Happy Outlook.

"Giving in" to grouchy, disagreeable moods will, instead of helping our cause in any way, seriously hamper the same. We must, externally, be at our best always if we hope to make any kind of progress along life's way.

Try to overlook the disappointments that somehow come to us all. Indeed, it is better still to forget them. Get into the habit of smiling and looking pleasant.

This attitude will help you in many ways, and life will take on an altogether different aspect. The grouchy girl or woman hourly stands in her own light. Added to that she casts a gloom over the bright spirits of those whom she meets from day to day.

Sly Fox Hard to Catch.

In every country the fox is the synonym for cunning, and he well merits the appellation. From centuries of chasing he has developed an acuteness little short of human, and if it were not for the trained fox hounds man might hunt him in vain until he died of old age. As it is, there is many a sly old fox who has baffled the hunters for years.

NEWS ITEMS

After figuring up and finding out they only ran $250 behind in 1917 as against $500 the year before, some people decide that they can afford a new automobile.

The farmers who are too busy to stop a day and test their seed corn, will be the ones who will have to stop a week and replant a lot of ground later.

After issuing a claim that their party will carry the next Congress by 150 majority, some politicians ask their friends anxiously if they think they can get 15.

Strict qualifications are required of all officials in Russia now, and no one is allowed to hold office unless he can prove absolutely that he is a natura born fool.

Having promptly appointed a committee on shortage of supplies to report within a year from date, the red tapers rejoice in the abiliay they have shown for immediate action.

Some of these kids who used to be such an awful nuisance with their airguns out in the back yard are now picking off German snipers very successfully in the trenches.

Also the people who growl about heatless office buildings are a shade better off than the boys up to their knees in trench mud.

The fuel famine is acute, but that is not a sufficient reason why the landlady should burn the steak every morning.

No commodities may now be exported from the United States nor imported, without license. According to a statement by the War Trade Board the military and tonnage situations have made increasingly apparent the necessity of instituting a complete and thoroughgoing control of all exports and imports. Licenses for the export or import of coin, bullion, currency, evidences, of debt or of ownership of property and tranfers of credit will be issued by the Treasury Department; licenses for all other exports and imports, including merchandise, bunkers, ships' supplies, etc., will be issued by the War Trade Board.

It is estimated that within he next six months 75,000 to 100,000 men will be given intensive military training in schools and colleges. They will be drawn from the armed forces of the Nation, men now in training camps or about to be called, and registrants under the selective service law. With a view to mobilizing the educational institutions of the country for this special training there has been created in the War Department a "committee on education and special training." It will encourage and arrange for the technical education of men needed by the several branches of the Army.

A statement prepared by the War Credits Board includes the following explanation of its functions and activities:

"When a concern that has a contract with the War Department for supplies has shown the board that it needs to comply with the act by giving adequate security, the board has approved an advance payment and the money has been received; in many instances where the case was urgent the money has been paid over to the contractor the same day the application has been filed. However, the board does not act in any sense as a bank. It is only when the manufacturer has reached a point where financial assistance is needed, in addition to his banking lines, that application for advance payment for his goods is considered favorably by the board." Between the time of its creation in November and January 24 the board approved advances to contractors totaling $145,551,000.

INTERESTING ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

Next Thursday evening at 7.30 o'clock in the M. P. Church, Rev. C. E. Wilbur, D. D., of Pittsburgh, will give an interesting lecture presenting t heowreSerpiBdmor nnnmy,bcra ing the work of M. P. Missions in Japan. He will show more than 60 beautiful slides, made from photos taken by one of our missionaries.

The public is cordially invited. A silver offering will be received at the door.

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Saves Cigar Coupons.

There is a man employed in a Wall street office, at a fairly large salary, who is saving up cigar store coupons to get something—an automobile or a piano—and he is as jealous of the little green and brown slips as he would be of a $20 bill. He's that kind of a man. Yesterday an office boy stooped in the center of the room. The coupon saver saw him. He also saw the boy was about to capture a tobacco coupon. "Don't pick that up," he shouted. "I dropped that just a minute ago. It's mine, I had it here in this pocket with all my others. Git away from that." and he started toward the boy, who was moving swiftly away, leaving the coupon where it laid. "Gwan and git it," said the boy over his shoulder, "'cause it ain't nothin' but a street car transfer that run out an hour ago. You must be gettin' a bad eye in your old age." Before the office man could reach him the boy had cleared the door and was safely on the street.—New York Sun.

A bill has been introduced at Annapolis generally amending the charof this city.

The limit of time for filing income tax returns has been extended to April 1.

It is hoped that T. R. doesn't attempt to cut more than three cords of wood the first day he gets out of the hospital.

The bill to authorize Mt. Airy to issue bonds for local improvements was advanved to third reading in the House of Delegates Wednesday.

A marriage license was issued yesterday in Baltimore to Elmer A. Franklin and Lillian E. Cook, both near this city.

Some of our women friends are preparing for the gardening campaign by getting up stylish new garden dresses.

And their husbands are laying in a stock of cigars to smoke in the shade while bossing the job.

The reports of great labor unrest in Austria, and of the reduction in the production of beer seemed to come along about the same time.

The Germans are now blowing about the blow they are going to strike on the West front.

And it is denied that the shipbuilders don't believe in patriotism, as they are getting double wages out of it.

And the people who are upset by wheatless days might like their bread all spattered up with trench dirt from flying shells.

The ladies of the W. C. T. U. of Sykesville, will hold a St. Patrick's Apron and Tie social on Thursday evening, March 14th. There will be a fine program by the young folks, and cake and ice cream will be on sale.

Mrs. Margaret A. Cox, widow of the late Daniel Cox, of Hampstead, and mother of Edward Cox, the well known railway mail clerk of that place, died in Washington on February 16, aged 94 years. Burial was made from the home of her son in Hanhpstead.

Herbert Anders has accepted a position with the Union Bridge Banking and Trust Co., and will begin his duties next week. William Anders, the efficient cashier, has applied as accountant in the military service and may be called at any time.

Aubrey Hood, of Sykesville, who is serving Uncle Sam on the big transport Leviathan, the giant among the German ships seized by this Government, spent several days this week with friends in Sykesville. This ship was formerly the "Vaterland," and is larger than the Lusitania.

From present indications it will be safe for the ground hog to come out and begin spring operations about July Fourth.

In the House of Delegates, Mr. Ely, of this county, introduced a bill which corrects the errors in the bill which passed the two houses two years ago, but which was vetoed by Governor Harrington because of its defects. The bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution extending the terms of sheriffs in the counties from two to four years. The law is now in effect in Baltimore.

Arrangements are being made by the masons to honor the memory of General Thomas J. Shryock, Grand Master of the Masons in Maryland, who died on February 3. General Shryock had been Grand Master of the Maryland Masons more than 33 years and a Lodge of Sorrow will be held March 12 by the Grand Lodge of Maryland. This will be one of the most important event that has happened in Masonic circles in many years.

A typical daily schedule of the course of training at the recently established school for army chaplains at Fortress Monroe includes military drill, military law, international law, army regulations, military hygiene, organized recreational work and sectional conferences. Including the large number recently appointed there are now nearly 600 chaplains in service, and this number will gradually be increased with the passage of expected legislation permitting the appointment of one chaplain for every 1,200 officers and men.

News of schemes to swindle farmers by men advertising to be authorized farmloan association organizers is met by the statement by the Federal Farm Loan Board that organizers are not employed. In order to borrow money under the farm-loan act, farmers must organize co-operative national farm-loan associations in their local communities. It is a violation of a ruling of the Farm Loan Board for a national farm-loan association or a joint-stock land bank to spend money for promotion purposes.

Treasury receipts from the sale of warsavings stamps are running at the rate of $11,000,000 a week. Savings bank deposits in the last few years have been increasing at the rate of $700,000 a business day. Treasury receipts show the American people are putting their small savings at the service of the Nation through warsavings stamps at a rate far in excess of prewar-savings bank accumulations. Two billion dollars of warsavings securities will be issued. If these are all sold this year the Treasury will receive about $1,680,000,000, and at the end of five years the government will repay the loan together with $320,000,000 in interest.

The director of athletics at one Army camp has arranged a program as a means of determining the relative athletic caliber of the companies in the division. Each man is required to pass in eight of the following tests to obtain a position mark for his unit: Jump 8 feet from a standing position; chin 10 times; clear a bar at 4 feet 2 inches; throw a 12-pound shot 33 feet; climb a 20-foot rope in 15 seconds; dash 50 yards in 7 seconds; run a mile in 6 minutes; lift a 60-pound weight over the head with one hand; sit up from a supine position with a 50-pound weight suspended from the back of the head.

Closing of many of the colleges is threatened owing to fuel shortage. This will be a terrible blow to the work of producing baseball players.

Now if Congress had only passed war measures last summer with the same enthusiasm that it is now investigating the men who obstruct the war measures!

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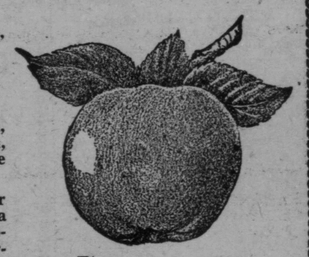
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