

TOPEKA SOCIETY.

Miss Fleishman Entertains For Miss Rebecca Rodgers.
Six O'Clock Dinner Served in Five Courses.
NEWS OF THE CLUBS.
Literary Ladies of Topeka Preparing For Next Season.
Notes of a Social and Personal Nature.

Miss Katherine Fleishman entertained the members of the Progressive Grande club and a few of Miss Rodgers' particular friends in her honor Friday evening at her home on Van Buren street. The young ladies were invited for six o'clock dinner and the young men joined them later.
In the center of the table was a high cut glass vase of brilliant masterpieces combined with feathery green foliage. Dinner was served in five courses.
After the young men joined them a short time was spent in playing sixty-three. The ladies' prize was a pretty picture and the man's a book. Several musical numbers added to the pleasure of the evening. The latter part of the evening was spent on the cool veranda which was furnished with ruscushions and easy chairs. Refreshments were served late in the evening.
The guests invited to the affair were: Miss Rebecca Rodgers, Miss Ethel Merwin, Miss Blanche Bear, Miss Marcia Spivey, Miss Agnes Gunther, Miss Louise Kullam, Miss Edith Galtner, Miss Anna Harrison, Miss Lulu Ewart, Miss Hila Hincley, Miss Essie Bates, Miss Calla Currell, Mr. Bert Garrison, Mr. Scott Lord, Mr. Harmon Gibbs, Mr. Roland McMillen, Mr. Phil Dalley, Mr. Harry Gavitt, Mr. Will Tinker, Mr. Paul Roehr, Mr. Morley King, Mr. Frank Bailey, Mr. Geo. Fleishman, Mr. Paul Palmer and Mr. Dave Gossett.

Club Notes.
Mrs. Willis Norton has presented to the art committee of the city federation a beautiful copy of one of Rosa Bonheur's famous pictures.
The Cosmos Club.
One of the few literary clubs which continues its meetings during the summer is the Cosmos. The regular meeting was held Thursday afternoon with Mrs. J. M. Wallace at her home on Topeka avenue, with thirteen members present. The regular lesson was given by Mrs. L. L. Lorsch was much enjoyed. The hostess served refreshments and the club adjourned not to meet again until the first Thursday in September.

Club Party Next Week.
A called meeting of the West Side Reading Circle was held Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Walter Bates. The husbands of the members will be the guests of the evening.

The West Side Year Book.
The West Side Reading Circle has issued its year book for the ensuing year in a dainty little pale pink cover lettered in silver and tied with white ribbons. At the top of the first page is the club motto: "We are the best of our kind." and at the bottom is a list of "Don'ts" for club women, which were suggested by Mrs. Frederick Hauger, president of the Arkansas federation.
The officers of the club are: President, Mrs. W. L. Bates; vice president, Mrs. Clement Smith; secretary, Mrs. C. A. Fellows; treasurer, Mrs. W. W. Cook. The club has sixteen active members and four honorary members.
The first meeting of the club in the fall will be held September 11, at the home of Mrs. W. A. Myers. The programme for the ensuing year is a miscellaneous one, but more space seems to be devoted to art than to any other subject.

The In Tempora Club.
The In Tempora club was pleasantly entertained Tuesday afternoon by Mrs. Norman Keller complimentary to her sister, Miss Myrtle Coyle of Des Moines, Iowa. Papers were read by Mrs. F. P. Lindsay and Mrs. Ed. B. Good. The club members decided they would give a picnic at Garfield park September 7.
A Pleasant Picnic.
The people in the neighborhood of Monroe and Paramore streets enjoyed a picnic at Garfield park Thursday. Those present were: Mrs. William Downie and son, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Summers and daughter, Mrs. Fink and daughters, Mrs. Cameron Downie and children, Mrs. J. J. West and children, Mrs. Johnson and children, Mrs. Grow and son, Mrs. Spangler, Mrs. Ross, Mrs. St. Mary, Mrs. Insurance Co. of New York, Mrs. Lewis Glenn, Mrs. Hendrickson, Miss

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NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Brief Review of Important Local and General Happenings.
TELEGRAPHIC SUMMARY.
Battle of Peitsang fought between the allied armies and the Chinese. Chinese forced to retreat. Loss of the allies, including wounded, 1,200.
Fourteenth United States Infantry arrives at Tien Tsin.
Chili's counsel at Ooruro, Bolivia, murdered.
Anarchists and police fight in the streets of Chicago. Twenty-five persons hurt, and Lucy Parsons arrested.
General Miles applies for service in China.
Masked robbers hold up the Union Pacific train at Hugo, Col., and rob the passengers.
Democrats carry Alabama at the state election by a plurality of 75,000.
British forces capture Harrismith in South Africa.
Blizzard sweeps over Yellowstone National park.
Steel trust decides to close all furnaces September 1st.
Batteries leave Fort Riley for China. Twenty-eight million dollars of British government bonds bought in America.

Another message received from Minister Conger at Peking.
Empress Dowager of China orders her generals to retake Tien Tsin and Taku.
Formal notification of Bryan and Stevenson takes place at Indianapolis.
Chas. F. W. Neely withdraws from the national Populist ticket.
United States government issues an imperative note to China.
Yiddish flood the country in front of the allied armies.
Burial of the late King Humbert of Italy takes place in Rome.
Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon arrives in New York on his return from Europe.
Populist national executive committee meets to take action on the withdrawal of Chas. A. Towne.
British garrison at Elands River captured by the Boers.
Chinese government instructs Li Hung Chang to open negotiations for peace.
Russian and Japanese forces reported to be marching on Peking from the north.
Another message from Minister Conger reaches Washington.
Baron Russell, lord chief justice of England, dies.
Plot to make Lord Roberts a prisoner, discovered in Pretoria.
Eugene V. Debs formally accepts nomination for president.
Extradition of Chas. F. W. Neely is made impossible before October.
Striking street car men in St. Louis arrange to build a car line of their own.
Tennessee Republicans nominate two state and electoral tickets.
Texas Democrats meet in state convention and renominate Sayers for governor.

LOCAL SUMMARY.
J. V. Dykes, Populist nominee for congress in the sixth district, announced that he has given up attempt to effect a fusion on congressional ticket.
Topeka's fashionable family club, known as the E. Wood, is considering the advisability of disbanding because of the small membership.
Ex-Governor Lewelling, who has been affiliating with the Socialists, decides to support the Fusion ticket.
Major J. D. Remington, the Baker candidate, is nominated for the legislature by the Republicans of Miami county after a very exciting contest.
Joseph Rapley, known as "Topeka Joe," notorious safe cracker, was captured in Portland, Oregon, and taken to Virginia to answer for his crime.
John Sutherland resigns as a member of the Shawnee county Republican central committee, because he cannot support Stanley.
The Santa Fe places an order for two hundred ballast cars to be used in the work of rebuilding the line.
Governor Stanley decides to sustain the quarantine against tuberculosis of cattle, made by the Live Stock Sanitary commission.
Canadian millers making large importations of Kansas wheat for seed.
Board of education decides to rebuild the heating plants at Clay school and the High school.
Topeka school census shows a total of 11,827 school children in the city.
W. E. Wheeler announces that his project to build an electric line between Kansas City and Topeka has not been abandoned.
Tax levy for Shawnee county is fixed at 13.1 mills by the county commissioners. The levy last year was 14 mills.
City council republishes ordinance, making State Journal the official paper, and gives the city printing to the Capital.
Farmers' trust is organized in Topeka and \$15,000 is subscribed to complete the organization.
E. L. Shaffer, steward of the Topeka asylum, is summarily dismissed. It is charged that he neglected his duty.
Bank Commissioner Breidenthal takes charge of the Mutual Building & Loan association of Topeka.
Deeds for the Parsons asylum site filed with the secretary of state.
Mutual Life Insurance Co. of New York pays \$22,000 to settle its share of the Hillman claim.
Report that General Manager H. U. Mudge of the Santa Fe is to be made vice president of the Memphis received in Topeka and denied by Mr. Mudge.
Thomas Hayden of the Osa-watomie insane asylum resigns.
Wm. Pigsley, Rock Island brakeman, has both feet crushed off in a collision in North Topeka.
Santa Fe stores great quantities of coal to avert a possible shortage of fuel.
Wholesale liquor house of Frank Raynor and capture a car load of beer and other liquors.
Superintendent Elliott announces that the Topeka auditors will not be completed before September 15.
Sophie Harding, a young woman, takes laudanum with suicidal intent. Her life was saved by a physician.
Dr. Michael N. Regent, and other officers of the Knights and Ladies of America, showing that the wheat crop for this year amounted to 78,081,000 bushels. The acreage was 4,268,704, and the average yield per acre was 18.27 bushels. He announces that corn shows an indication of about half a crop of 56 per cent.
F. P. McClure, a Republican old soldier, who claims to have introduced Gov. Stanley in Kansas politics, announces that he will not support him for reelection.
E. R. Bartlett is appointed right of way agent of the Santa Fe to succeed the late Capt. C. E. Kilmer.

NAVY IN CHINA.

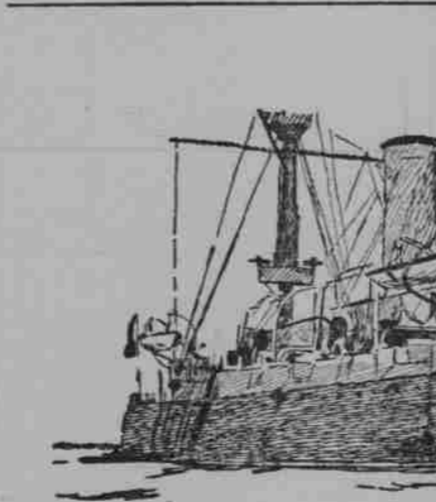
Rear Admiral Highborn Writes of Naval Situation.
Greatest War Ship Force in World in Chinese Waters.
GREAT BRITAIN LEADS
Japanese and Russians Come Next in the List.
The Opposing Force on Water is Insignificant.

There is now assembled in Chinese waters the greatest aggregation of naval force, excepting the naval parade at the Queen's Jubilee, that the world has ever seen, and a comparison of the elements which compose this force will doubtless prove interesting, says Rear Admiral Philip Highborn of the U. S. navy in today's issue of Collier's weekly. The most powerful of these is the British fleet, which includes two first-class battleships, the Centurion and Barfleur, sister ships of 10,500 tons, having a speed of 18 1/2 knots per hour. The Goliath, which sailed from Gibraltar June 12, will soon join them. The latter is of 12,250 tons and has a rated speed of 18 1/2 knots per hour. The armored cruisers Aurora, Undaunted and Orlando, of 5,600 tons and a speed of 18 knots per hour; the first class protected cruiser Terrible, of 4,200 tons displacement and speed of 22-2-5 knots per hour, with a coal capacity of 3,000 tons, giving her a large radius of action; the Argonaut, of 11,000 tons displacement and a speed of 20 1/2 knots per hour, and the Endymion, of 7,350 tons, with a speed of 20 1/2 knots per hour; the second class protected cruisers Bonaventure and Hermione, of 4,300 tons, with a



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speed of 19 1/2 knots; the Dido and Isis, of 5,600 tons, with 20 knots speed, and the Epigonia and Kluge, of 3,600 tons, with 19 1/2 knots speed. All of these larger ships, with the exception of the Goliath and Endymion, are sheathed with wood and coppered and therefore capable of much better service than unshathed ships of their class. For smaller vessels the British have the third class cruiser Bristol, the sloops Daphne, Algerine, Phoenix and Rosario; the gunboats Swift, Rattler, Zanzibar, Pigeon, Redpole, Peacock, Firebrand, Esk and Tweed; the Wyvern, an armored coast defense vessel; the torpedo boat destroyers Handy, Hart, Otter, Fame, Janus



The "Hai-Tien", Most Powerful Cruiser in Chinese Navy.

and Whiting; six torpedo boats; the despatch vessel Albatross, and six special service vessels. This, it will be seen, constitutes a fleet of fifty ships, fifteen of which are above 3,600 tons displacement and eight of them armored.
JAPAN'S NAVAL STRENGTH.
The Russian and Japanese fleets are nearly evenly matched, but proximity to its base gives the latter nation considerable superiority. Its entire navy list may be reckoned, and this includes the Asahi, Shikishima and Fuji, three of the most powerful of modern battleships, of 15,200, 14,550 and 12,250 tons respectively; the armored cruisers Asama and Tokiwa, sister ships of 9,750 tons, and the Chin-Yen and Ping-Yuen-Go, two of the most powerful ships in the late Chinese navy, which were captured by Japan during her late war with China. This does not include three first-class battleships and the same number of first-class armored cruisers which are still unfinished in European shipyards, nor several obsolete armored ships. Besides these the Japanese have a fleet of twenty-nine cruisers and gunboats, not counting unfinished or obsolete ships, ranging in displacement from 4,277 tons to 650 tons, giving them an effective force of seven armored and twenty-nine unarmored ships.
The Russian fleet includes seven

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armored ships and forty-one cruisers, gunboats, torpedo boats and transports. The Petropavlovsk of 10,950 tons, the Navarin of 10,200 tons, the Russia of 12,130 tons, the Kurik of 10,923 tons, the Laisk Valley of 8,880 tons, the Vladimir Monomach of 6,661 tons, and the Dmitri Donskoi of 5,882 tons are the armored ships, the two latter being sheathed and coppered. Besides these they have two armored gunboats, three cruisers, five gunboats, two torpedo boats, ten of the latter being small and for harbor defence only. They have, also, five transports and two ice-breakers.
UNITED STATES WARSHIPS ON THE SCENE.
Our own fleet ranks next, and includes the Oregon, Brooklyn, Monterey, Newark, Yorktown, Nashville, Castine, Princeton, Don Juan de Austria, Monocacy, Solace, Iris and Zafiro. Besides these we have in Philippine waters the Baltimore, Benington, Concord, Helena, Marietta, Wheeling, Monard, Cuba, Isla de Luzon, and sixteen gunboats and supply ships. Of those in Chi-

the battle of Manila, are small cruisers or gunboats ranging in displacement from 1,000 to 1,700 tons. The Monocacy is a side-wheel steamer, suitable only for river service; the Solace is a hospital ship, and the Iris and Zafiro are supply ships.
THE FLEETS OF FRANCE AND GERMANY.
The French have the armored cruiser Amiral Charner, of 4,792 tons, en route, and the cruisers D'Entrecasteaux of 8,114 tons, Jean Bart of 4,109 tons, Descartes of 3,990 tons, Pascal of 4,015 tons, Eclairneur of 1,789 tons, and Vauban of 6,208 tons on the station, with the cruisers Guichen of 3,277 tons and Friant of 3,739 tons en route. They have, also, four gunboats and one transport.
Germany has the cruiser Kaiserin Augusta of 6,331 tons, the Irene of 4,440 tons, the Hertha of 5,650 tons, the Hansa of 5,300 tons, and the Gefion of 4,027 tons, all of these but the Hertha being sheathed and coppered; while the first-class sheathed armored cruiser Fürst Bismarck of 10,650 tons is en

brought together in foreign waters.
CHINA'S OPPOSING NAVY.
The Chinese navy of today does not include any armored vessels, all of their former ships of this class having been destroyed or captured during the Sino-Japanese war. The two most important ships in the list are the Hai-Tien and Hai-Chi, launched in England in 1897 and 1898 respectively. They are sister ships of 4,300 tons, designed for extreme high speed, being rated at 24 knots, with 17,000 horse-power, but having a very limited radius of action. The two 8-inch guns are protected by six inches of armor and they have a 5-inch armored deck. Their remaining battery consists of ten 4-1/2-inch guns, twelve 3-pounders and five above-water torpedo tubes. Next to these come the Hai-Shew, Hai-Yung and Hai-Shen, launched in Germany in 1888 and 1889, cruisers of 2,550 tons displacement, with a rated speed of 20-7-10 knots per hour. They are fitted with a 5-inch armored deck and 2-inch gun shields. The battery consists of three 6-inch, eight 4-inch guns and six machine guns, and three submerged torpedoes. Besides these five ships the only vessel they have built since the war with Japan is the Cai-Ying of 2,200 tons and 2,400 horse-power, carrying two 4-inch and eight 4-1/2-inch guns and the torpedo tube, an enormous battery for her size. She was launched in England in 1895. China's older ships include eight small cruisers and one torpedo gunboat, ranging in size from 1,000 to 2,500 tons, and in date of construction from 1882 to 1894. Two torpedo boats of high speed are under construction at Foochow.

A FEW SNAPS ...IN... FOOT GEAR.

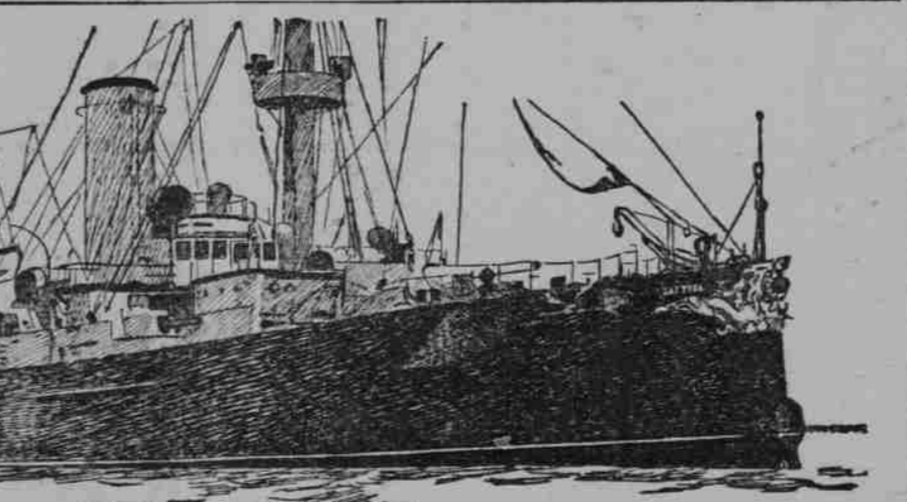
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IN CASE OF ATTEMPTED PARTITION.
It will be seen from the above that for any sea fighting China is insignificant and that its entire fleet is less than the available force of any one of the great powers now in Chinese waters. Three of these powers—the United States, England and Japan—are on record as opposing the dismemberment of China. The combined fleets of these three will include eighteen armored ships and eighty-one cruisers, gunboats, torpedo boats and transports. The united force of all other nations would comprise nine armored ships and sixty-six cruisers, gunboats, torpedo boats and transports. The force that is pledged to the maintenance of the integrity of China is practically double that of all possible opposition, and international peace seems likely to be maintained—a new and powerful illustration of the wisdom of the saying that peace is reserved by readiness for war.

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Nation.	Armored ships.	Cruisers, gunboats, torpedo boats and transports.	Unarmored ships.
Great Britain	42	225	10
Japan	3	10	13
Russia	1	10	13
United States	1	10	13
France	1	10	13
Germany	1	10	13
Austria, Italy, Portugal	4	10	13
China	0	10	13
Other nations	0	10	13
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