

THE VIEWS OF A DIPLOMAT.

The Political Effect of the Russo-Japanese War.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—The recent capture of Port Arthur by the Japanese practically marks the end of the first year of the Russo-Japanese war. For the last 11 months military and naval events have been following each other in quick succession. The Japanese have accomplished all their military movements with great rapidity and finally they have culminated all previous efforts by capturing the strongest port in the world in the shortest space of one year. Indeed, one of the most prominent characteristics of the Japanese military system is the rapidity of its movements. This principle of military strategy alone gives a partial explanation of their unexpected success. However, this is not the only soldierly quality which a Japanese army possesses. It is also brave beyond question; well drilled; well-equipped; and lastly it has excellent officers. Moreover, its soldiers have the satisfaction of knowing that they are fighting for the preservation of their country and their homes and that they are not merely engaged in a campaign of aggressive land-grabbing.

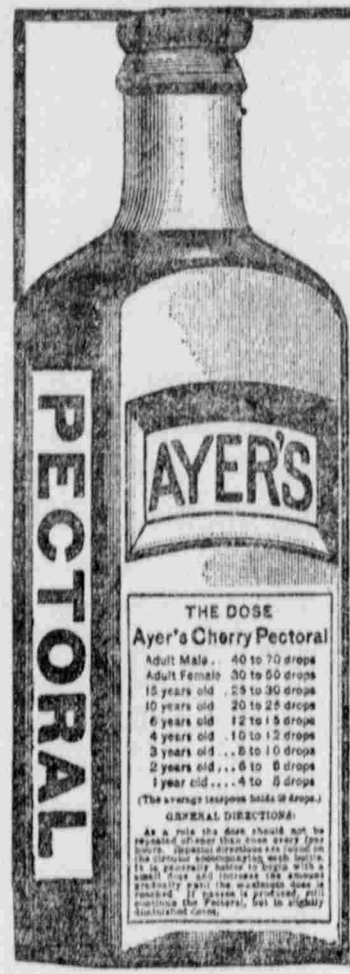
As a whole, the campaign of the first year has been decidedly in Japan's favor. Her navy was the first to demonstrate its superiority over the Russian squadron, and in less than a year the whole Russian fleet in eastern waters was annihilated. The Japanese have undoubtedly control of the sea and, though their victories have cost several ships, their navy is still strong enough to maintain its present supremacy. This phase of the war is especially gratifying to the Japanese government, because the control of the sea will have a strong influence on the final outcome of the war.

The military successes of the Japanese will give their country an immense increase in political prestige. Even

though the final result of the war is undetermined, Japan's present political position is much more advantageous than it was at the outbreak of hostilities. Then she was allowed to enter the family of nations on account of her excellent showing in her war against China in 1894-5, but now she has demonstrated her ability to remain a member of the congress of nations. Indeed, Japan is much better situated politically than some of the alleged world-powers of the present day with glorious pasts and uncertain futures. In all future difficulties in the east, Japan will not occupy the position of a silent partner, but she will probably be the most powerful influence in oriental affairs. Of course, a great deal of this political influence will be due to her geographical position, but its origin does not make the slightest difference.

It is a well known principle of diplomacy that a foreign war will solidly unite all classes of the people in any country in support of the government. Realizing this fact in 1895 when the government was seriously threatened by a disastrous financial crisis, the Japanese emperor was glad to engage in war with China so as to divert the attention of the people from a dangerous internal condition to a more popular project. The war succeeded excellently, and, at the same time, probably saved the Japanese government from a civil war. The present conflict has also had a similar influence on internal conditions in Japan where the war is an intensely popular undertaking. This was officially shown by the last meeting of the Japanese imperial diet in November, when the first business of the session was to pass a resolution commending the army and the navy on their creditable achievements. In addition to appropriating an immense sum of money for the conduct of the war, the diet recently passed a resolution to give the emperor the thanks of the empire for his successful leadership of the war.

In striking contrast to this is the picture of social conditions in Russia,



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where discontent is general. Disorder often occurs in the large cities, where the oppressive heel of the czar is most painful. The miserable management of the campaign in the east has made the czar more unpopular than he was before the conflict began, and the prevalent discontent has largely helped the growth of nihilism. A little while ago a chief of police in one of the Ural provinces was shot dead and attempts have even been made on the life of the czar. Of course, news of this sort is carefully suppressed, and if it does find its way into European or American

newspapers, it is promptly and officially denied. However, the fact remains that internal Russia at the present time is closely analogous to a dormant volcano, but with the exception that Russia is more uncertain and quite as dangerous.

The political effect of the war on the eastern question is problematic. However, it will undoubtedly strengthen the positions of some powers at the expense of others and there is a possibility that the balance of power will be materially shifted. But it is far more probable that the present political situation will

only be slightly modified. One of the most important effects of the war will be its hastening of the disintegration of China. She has not observed a strict neutrality during the war and both of the contending powers are intending to retaliate. Moreover, the integrity of China has during the last several years been preserved not by her own national vigor but by the combined diplomatic efforts of England and America. Whether these two powers will be able to prevent the dismemberment of China at the end of the war is hardly probable. The land-grabbing nations are too eager for colonies to allow such a rich prize as China to escape their grasp. Since the scramble for a part of China began in 1895, they have been held in check by England and America. Unfortunately for China and the general peace of the whole world, she must eventually succumb to the colonial ambitions of the powers and present events indicate a speedy dissolution of the colonial empire.

In all eastern affairs, France and Russia are close allies. Their interests are common and their political aims are also practically the same. Consequently, whatever reverse Russia suffers, they will also have a reflex influence on the eastern possessions of France. Therefore, if Russia is eventually defeated, the influence of France will be seriously crippled and, on the other hand, the ultimate success of Russia will also lift France to the heights of political eminence. At present, the colonial holdings of France in China are small and consequently not highly valuable from a commercial point of view, but they are sufficient to form the nucleus of a larger empire at some future time. They are located in southern China in the neighborhood of Tonking, which is a rapidly growing business center.

No matter what the outcome of the war may be, it will have no effect on the German possessions in China. Germany has strictly observed all the requirements of neutrality and has taken great care to maintain its friendship with both contestants. In 1897 Emperor William seized the port of Kiaochow and a part of the Shantung peninsula, where all the German interest now centers. Only recently German officials were appointed to supervise the Chinese arsenals.

Moreover, the German port in China is growing rapidly and, when the partition occurs, she will be found to control one of the richest districts of China.

The position of England in Chinese territory depends largely on the victor in the present war. If Russia comes out of the conflict successful, the English sphere of influence will be practically destroyed, and, on the other hand, if the Japanese are victorious, her political position will be substantially improved. The English sphere is in the central part of China along the valley of the Yang-tze river, and it is hemmed in by the French holdings in the south and by the Russian sphere in the north. This precarious position has made England an ardent champion of the integrity of China and, with the assistance of America, she has for the last 10 years insisted on the maintenance of China as a nation.

Central Asia seems to be rapidly becoming a center of political interest. Last summer, when Russia was busy with her war in Manchuria, the English sent a mission under Col. Younghusband to Tibet to re-establish the former friendly relations between that country and India and incidentally to counteract the Russian influence in Tibet. But the Russians are too firmly entrenched in central Asia to be driven out by one small military mission. Already the czar has acquired a practical sovereignty over Afghanistan and Persia, but Tibet is still debatable land. Mongolia, the large western province of China, is under the nominal control of the Peking government, but it will become Russian property as soon as the czar sees fit to take possession.

This political activity in central Asia means that Russia is preparing for the conquest of India. This has been the dream of Russian diplomats for years, and it finally seems that it will soon be an accomplished fact. Already Russia has reached the mountain passes at the north and the northeast. Consequently the English are closely watching the Russian advance and will naturally do everything in their power to retain their Indian empire. This is the present tendency of political events but the course of politics does not run smooth. Many other situations are likely to arise which may delay, and possibly prevent, the Russian conquest of India.

A DIPLOMAT.

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Monday From 2 to 5 o'clock.

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