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NEW FACTOR IN THE RELIGIOUS WORLD.

The religion of Japan, if it can be called a religion, partakes largely of the nature of the worship of ancestors. Superhuman influence is attributed to the Emperor, and in the Emperor are embodied the virtues of the race.

After all, no one can say that there is any real manifestation of Deity except through man. So far as we can see or judge, all operations of the universe, except in or through the human spirit, are merely mechanical.

From this point of view we gain some comprehension of the idea, singular and strange to our minds, but rendered perfectly intelligible through study of religion in its historical and comparative aspects.

In Germany, at the time of the latest victory over France, thanks were returned to the Fatherland, to whom it was attributed. The tutelary Deity of France was for the moment under eclipse.

Nothing is more certain than that the ascendancy of Japan and her influence in the Eastern world will in time produce great effect on the course of religious as of other ideas everywhere among men.

Of one Dr. Edgar P. Hill, a certain quack doctor of divinity. He is employed by the political banking syndicate of Portland to preach their plutocratic gospel.

Having dwelt for a considerable period in the Orient in a high official capacity, it is evident that Count Cassini became possessed of the feeling of superiority of the Russian people, and especially of the Russian government.

The business of the management was kept solvent, for neither Mr. Gould nor Mr. Harrison, nor Mr. Schiff, nor Mr. Frick, nor any of the great operators, can have any possible interest in contributing to its insolvency.

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In the prominence given to the amusement features of the Exposition there is danger that its real value as a national education will be overlooked.

The Japanese attribute their great victories "wholly to the surpassing virtues of the Mikado." Wonderful virtues, indeed! The Mikado must be nearly as virtuous as our own holier-than-thou pulpit politicians, and our nonpareil municipal-association fellows, think themselves.

are not as other men are. Brother Hill, follower of Calvin, in Calvin's place, would have been executed as Calvin did. He is of those who suppose they have all the morality and all the virtue. The rest of us, the common people, who do not subscribe to the Westminster catechism in its entirety, who do not think much of the doctrine of the fall of man and of his redemption through costly doctors of divinity, Brother Hill undoubtedly thinks a bad lot. Hence his diatribes.

THIS ALSO MAY INTEREST YOU.

The Oregonian has recently unmasked a band of political and monopolistic jobbers, who during three years have been endeavoring to control the affairs of state, county and city; who have sent some of their own chief men to the Legislature for the purpose; who have tried to frame legislation with a view of promoting their own interests further, through seizure of additional streets and extension of franchises which they hold at millions but for which they never paid the public a dollar; who are and for three years have been, "running" a newspaper for these and their other various purposes—all the time striving for plutocratic monopoly, yet pretending to be the great and exclusive champions of popular rights.

Nearly every one of these plutocratic magnates is or has professed to be a Republican. Ladd, Bates, Millz, Almsworth, Lewis—this is not the whole list—are in this undertaking. Though professing to be Republicans and claiming the support of the Republican party, one or another of themselves or associates, when they can get placed on the party ticket, they have placed their paper in the hands of a couple of Bryan Democrats, who run it under instructions as a Democratic organ. The expectation is not to make money by the newspaper or to do a regular newspaper business.

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CASSINI AND RUSSIA'S DOWNFALL.

Count Cassini, Russian Ambassador to the United States, will be succeeded in that position on July 1 by Baron de Rosen, who was Russian Minister at Tokio at the outbreak of the present war in the Far East. Both men are familiar with conditions existing in the Orient, the former having come to his present position from Peking, where he gained a reputation by promotion of his country's interests. He is accredited with having at least suggested the ultimatum addressed to the Mikado in 1895 by Russia, Germany and France, which wrested from Japan the fruits of her brilliant victory over China.

This ultimatum, so galling to Japan and so utterly unjust, as gauged by precedent, was based upon her inability at the time to cope, on the basis of military and naval strength, with the dictators. The prodigious recuperative power of Japan was not reckoned with. Neither the intense devotion and patriotism of her people considered. She was merely, in the eyes of these great powers, an upstart nation whose pretensions they felt called upon to rebuke, and whose growing importance it was incumbent upon them to check.

The effect was to make Japan the deadly enemy of Russia and to set her determinedly to the task of regaining her own.

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THE NEW FINANCE.

It appears that the Equitable Assurance Society belongs neither to Mr. Hyde nor to Mr. Alexander, but to the astute financiers who have for some years sat on its board of directors and who have permitted the figureheads to believe that they were in actual control. If we have learned anything from the Frick report and subsequent developments, it is that Hyde is a fool, which we already knew, and Alexander a high-salaried nobody—which many suspected—who has been used as a pawn in the great financial game played by able and seasoned gamblers like Schiff, Harriman and Gould.

After the events of the last week the probable course of Japan has become a matter of immediate concern to all nations interested in the Orient. It is a delicate matter to make forecasts at this time. It is much more so when the Russian stage of battle, namely, recognition as a world power of equal standing with the greatest. So she need not raise again the question of the national standing of her yellow race.

Russia is ready to yell "enough," but evidently wants to arrange matters so that nobody but President Roosevelt will hear it. The President has no use for a quitter, but he easily recognizes with an expert's eye which of two combatants has been licked.

It is seemingly a simple question. But in reality it is not so simple as it looks. While the Mikado is, in some ways, a type of absolute monarchy, it must not be forgotten that the constitution accorded to the Japanese, and under which their progress has been so marvelous, is a real and living force.

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OREGON OZONE.

Lives of thousands all remind us. (When they charge us double time) It is difficult to find us. Punishment to fit their crime.

A Missouri man has confessed that he purposely lost one of his legs by thrusting it under a railroad train in order that he might collect damages. That he got damages goes without saying.

Some of the papers have commented sarcastically upon the fact that Admiral R— was found "cowering in the hold of the vessel, covered with wounds," when captured by the Japanese. Do these papers expect a man covered with wounds, with his skull fractured, to remain in the fighting-boat waving an ikon and yelling "Hurrah for our side"?

It is stated that the man suspected of having thrown a bomb with the intention of extirpating King Alfonso is a Paris newspaper writer. Possibly he has become inoculated with saffronitis.

When they speak of a ship limping into port, does that imply that it walks on the water?

One of the chief differences between President Francis, of the Louisiana Purchase Exposition, and President Goode, of the Lewis and Clark Exposition, was that Mr. Francis got into the limelight and had his picture taken in the center of 98 groups during the St. Louis Fair period. President Goode is handsomer than Francis, but he is too busy to pose.

Man is the only animal that wears clothes, and he would have more money in his pockets if he did not wear them. The clothes make the man; also, they break him, along about Easter.

Some of the stockings a woman buys are dreams, but the bills her husband gets are nightmares.

Once I knew a woman who declared that she had nothing to wear, but I observed that when she went out on the street she was not arrested.

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DELCASSE THE PEACE-MAKER.

Chief Correspondence New York World. The man whose name has long been held for good or ill the destinies of France is strangely unknown to his countrymen.

This queer-looking little man, badly dressed, awkward, moody, cold, has achieved France, yielding her, winning there, making and breaking treaties, watching every sign of the political weather, trimming his sails to every change of wind and sea, disposing according to his judgment of the fortunes of France in every new contingency, checked only by the knowledge that after the thing was done there would be in press and in chamber a severe account.

He lives in a perpetual incognito, and it is said that he has never been known to enter into any relations other than those of pure business, with any single one of his party associates. Ministers, colleagues, foreign affairs duly and methodically disposed of, he retires into his shell, and is inaccessible to any one but the very few whom he may consider the simplest and the least politically important, whom he has gathered round him.

He is a fairly well-to-do man. He owns house property in Paris, in the Clichy quarter, where, before politics claimed him, he was a simple bookman, working all day at his office, and in the evening under the domestic lamp making up his accounts with care. Delcasse and planning the details of future buying and selling. The furniture he affects is of the simple, solid, and comfortable, but not art or to fashion. Elegance is nothing to him; all he cares for is utility, and, as far as possible, inconspicuousness.

Delcasse almost never is seen at any place of amusement or of intellectual refreshment, theater, concert or art exposition. He is conspicuous among Ministers for his indolence to entertain, and Mrs. Delcasse appears little in society except on official occasions. Delcasse's home life is to all appearances a model of happiness. Only one cloud came over it. This was when his stepdaughter, then a quiet, unassuming girl, was betrothed to a man with some calculating scoundrel. He is older for the grief—older and colder. At the same time it should be remarked that this Delcasse, this politician, this proverbial in France, is largely mythical. Almost every one who comes into direct touch with him confesses to an agreeable surprise. The man looks cold—has the reputation of a cold, clammy, selfish, and of an unfeeling personality.

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