

concession or right of way for a railway from the Trans-Siberian line to Port Arthur. Nominally China is still sovereign in Manchuria, for it is under treaty with China that its ports have just been thrown open to the United States. Nevertheless, Russia will always claim the right to occupy Manchuria with her troops in sufficient numbers to protect the railway and its traffic. For this reason, if for no other, Russia is sure sooner or later to be the real ruler of Manchuria. Russia naturally does not want to give Japan unqualified control of the port of Corea, because that would make it possible to interfere with the naval communication between Vladivostock and Port Arthur. These facts explain why Japan and Russia have drifted into war; they are both anxious for unrestricted expansion. Japan must colonize her overflow in Corea or suffocate in time, and Japan must hold the coast line of Corea to protect her own shores from ultimate naval aggression. Russia in her vast scheme of Siberian development must have Port Arthur to obtain supplies by sea for some years to come until her Trans-Siberian Railway is enlarged and improved

into a railway line of supply of ample capacity.

Russia desires to control Corea so that her line of naval communication between Siberia and Port Arthur cannot be broken, and because she does not wish a possible hostile Japanese invasion of Manchuria from Corea. When two boys want the same thing and cannot agree on terms of purchase or peaceful barter, they are quite apt to acquire a title with fists and heels. Japan, even if victorious in the first rush could not apparently carry the war into Manchuria, and oust Russia from that province. Russia would only pull herself together and renew the onset. Napoleon at St. Helena said that "Russia is the power that marches the most surely and with the greatest strides toward universal domination." Russia's weakness is her navy and Great Britain, if she saw fit, could force Russia to a settlement with Japan by threatening her with her Pacific squadron. Russia's fleet is comparatively small, and it cannot be quickly increased. Left to their own devices, Russia would soon wear out Japan, but with Great Britain for a naval ally Japan would rule the sea and win the day.—Oregonian.

IN PAINT AND FEATHERS.

The only Indian on the Umatilla reservation who does not imitate in some way the civilized customs of the whites is Ki-lo, an old man, who has been demented for years, says the Pendleton East Oregonian.

Ki-lo may be seen in Pendleton any Saturday, arrayed in his feathers, paint, buckskin leggings and green blanket, just as he was arrayed before the Bannock War, and before the Umatillas became civilized.

Ki-lo lives on the Upper McCay, 12 miles from Pendleton, and does not associate with the other Indians. He owns a small herd of cayuses, which he guards very closely and prizes very

highly. He never misses coming to Pendleton on Saturday, no matter what the weather, but he comes in alone, attends to his own business while in the city and while the other Indians are riding home in the evening in groups of two to 20, Ki-lo rides apart, and does not heed the merry crowds that line the road to the reservation.

The old man wears no hat, but covers his head in the ancient feather head dress of his forefathers, no white man's shirt ornaments his back, and no cast off pants from the second-hand store adorn his legs. He wraps his blanket closely about his shoulders,