

THE LEADERSHIP OF JAPAN

MAY NOT BE IN LINE WITH WESTERN NEEDS AND DESIRES.

The Idea That Japan Will Act as the Agents of Anglo-Saxons Does Her Injustice.

Springfield Republican. The ultimate effect of Japan's success in relieving the Far East of the pressure from Russia is beginning to be considered here and there in its deeper aspect. The question is being asked whether that relief comes from the white and yellow races, and whether Western domination in Asia is in the least at stake in the struggle between Russia and Japan. It is very easy to be misled, however, because of the great Western powers Russia is the most eastern, while of the Oriental states Japan is the most western. Russia's despotic form of government and her somewhat backward industrial organization rather blind us to the essential facts that the Russians are wholly of the white race, are European in habit and in spirit.

An English writer in the North China Daily News writes in a number which has an answer wholly favorable to Japan. Even he, however, feels constrained to say that in case Japan should throw back the Russian advance, either by war or diplomacy, "undoubtedly a new Monroe doctrine in Asia would be formulated in the new condition of affairs." Can there be any doubt of it? A Monroe doctrine for Asia, promulgated and enforced by Japan, would be a natural result of the circumstances contemplated as the original Monroe doctrine for America.

There is a theory abroad that Japan could be controlled by the two English-speaking powers, after her triumph over Russia, and kept from championing the principle of Asia for the Asiatics. Any such assumption underestimates the independence, the ambition, the pride and the patriotic ardor of the Japanese. We must study human nature, in forecasting the future attitude of the Japanese, rather than the professions of their diplomacy in the East. It is not for us to put ourselves in their place. It needs no argument to demonstrate that the American people would strive to emancipate their continent and their civilization from the domination of the white race, and the Hindus or even the Japanese themselves. It is no more than a compliment to the high spirit and intellectual capacity of the Japanese to say that they would not stand still and wait until they were driven into the hands of the Anglo-Americans.

Some light on the question is thrown by the attitude of other Asiatic peoples. As has been said before now and then, the psychological effect of a Japanese triumph over Russia upon Oriental peoples in general, would be incalculable. In the present, the writer is apparently well-informed correspondent of the New York Sun, the effect of Japan's bold diplomatic attitude is already far-reaching. Certain powers, who heretofore were impressive, "There is really nothing more remarkable," he writes, "than the extraordinary and eager interest that every mail from different parts of Asia sends us to read through, and the great content over this dispute between Japan and Russia. Persia, India, Siam, French Indo-China are all stirred to the depths by the spectacle of an Asiatic power standing up to a great European power now. The Republican not long ago stated its belief that if Russia were overcome, or driven back, or seriously checked by an Asiatic state, without doubt the people in the Orient, now subject to the will of the European or American nation, would note the circumstance and gain courage, or at least fresh hope, for the achievement of their own autonomy. How well founded that opinion may be, only time and events could show. The writer just quoted, however, presents so timely and interesting a picture of Oriental hope and faith in Asia that it merits immediate consideration.

France, for instance, has an unsettled dispute with Siam, at the same time that an agitation inciting a considerable number of her military and naval forces in Indo-China is becoming visible among her subject populations. They are attracted to Japan as the leader in Asia politics, and so are the Siamese. The crown prince of Siam paid a state visit to Japan last winter. The Japanese paper contains a list of high Japanese officials who have received decorations from the King of Siam in recognition of services extended to his country during that visit. Recent Siam news also contain long and interesting reports of a combined religious and military ceremony at Bangkok extending over two days, one of the features of which was the presentation to the Emperor of a field marshal's baton by the officers of the army, which he carried at the subsequent religious ceremony. The visit of the crown prince to Japan, and the more remarkable because of the difference in the religion of the two countries. His subsequent journey to St. Petersburg in this year is another illustration of the importance of the visit to Japan last winter. The Japanese paper contains a list of high Japanese officials who have received decorations from the King of Siam in recognition of services extended to his country during that visit. Recent Siam news also contain long and interesting reports of a combined religious and military ceremony at Bangkok extending over two days, one of the features of which was the presentation to the Emperor of a field marshal's baton by the officers of the army, which he carried at the subsequent religious ceremony.

Quit Coffee

Said the Great German Specialist. It disappoints some people to be told that coffee causes the disease. But it is best to look squarely at facts and set the face towards health for that more fun than anything else that has been tried. A man of my acquaintance, who was a general in a field marshal's baton by the officers of the army, which he carried at the subsequent religious ceremony. The visit of the crown prince to Japan, and the more remarkable because of the difference in the religion of the two countries. His subsequent journey to St. Petersburg in this year is another illustration of the importance of the visit to Japan last winter. The Japanese paper contains a list of high Japanese officials who have received decorations from the King of Siam in recognition of services extended to his country during that visit. Recent Siam news also contain long and interesting reports of a combined religious and military ceremony at Bangkok extending over two days, one of the features of which was the presentation to the Emperor of a field marshal's baton by the officers of the army, which he carried at the subsequent religious ceremony.

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with the Japanese on the ground that they deserve to lead the Orient and that the Orient deserves to be led by its most advanced, progressive and powerful representative. There is a sense in which the idea of Asia for the Asiatics commands respect. That is in the sense that it opposes the idea of Asia for the Russians, or the Germans, or the English, or the Americans, bent on selfish exploitation of "inferior peoples" and "subject races."

JOHN MORLEY'S CAREER. Something About the Liberal Statesman Who Wrote Gladstone's Life.

Springfield Republican. No doubt the most important book published in English in 1903 was John Morley's great life of Gladstone, and of great interest to the public as well as by students has attracted renewed attention to the venerable liberal statesman of England, who has with such loyalty and enthusiasm set forth his career as the chief of whom he knew and loved so well. Mr. Morley is a conspicuous example of a type more familiar in England than in this country—the man of letters who devotes his leisure to public affairs. He belongs to the same class with Macaulay and John Stuart Mill, the men who are thinkers rather than men of action, and students of history rather than of the common sense of the term. Such men are apt to be guided by broad principles rather than by motives of expediency, and when they fall it is apt to be from some or from occasion rather than from lack of wisdom. Mr. Morley has by no means failed, but there can be no question that his political career would have been more conspicuous and brilliant had he had the chance to carry out his ideals and go with the crowd. "If John Morley had a vice," said a prominent English politician at one time, "he might become Prime Minister." What was the vice? The vice of Mr. Morley's character was too self-controlled, too passionate in its wisdom to inspire enthusiasm. His ideals are not the ideals of the populace, and he entertains the highest contempt for the public opinion of the masses.

Mr. Morley is indeed a sincere and consistent exponent of the old school of English liberalism, which has fallen into temporary eclipse. He has never entertained the spirit of radicalism that makes open appeal to the masses, nor has he ever appealed to the masses in any degree to the new ideals of conquest and national aggrandizement. In short, he stands now where Gladstone stood, and his life of the great Liberal statesman is in effect a confession of his own position. It is no doubt quite true still as was said of him some years ago: "He is one of the few men in British public life of whom it is certain that he would rather see his principle than his pocket."

He would do nothing violently, but he would do much toward republicanism in the future. He is lifted out of no place in the state into a high one at a time, too, of bitter dissension and complicated animosities. He never showed interest in success nor change in his position. He was content with the Secretary for Ireland marked the beginning of a new era in the relations of the two countries. No man since Lord Fitzwilliam succeeded in making English rule popular in Ireland. It is not impossible that something of the fealty which binds the Irish in the British colonies to the crown, and makes them feel something of the same loyalty to their British rulers, might have been engendered in Ireland. But his official conduct, firm, equitable and nonpartisan as between domestic factions, has served only to render that of his successors more abundant.

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Leonor Fresnel Loeze. Wonderful news of the new president of the Rock Island Railroad, and a wonderful little man, too. Loeze is 25. I remember him as a fat, sawed-off, little red-headed trainman on the Erie. He had a bad cold in 1894. He was managed to steal to the front without opposition. Everyone liked him, and all said: "Let Loeze have the next job offered; he won't keep it long. He'll be in the front line in a few days." When he was made superintendent of the Cleveland & Pittsburgh division (1899) of the Pennsylvania system, his most intimate friends were the ones to back him. A month later they discovered that they had vastly underrated his abilities. Little red-headed Loeze forged straight ahead, became general manager in 1900 and now he is president of the Erie.

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WAFFER CONDITIONS. Light frosts have occurred along the Washington coast, but elsewhere in the Pacific States fair weather prevails, with nearly normal temperatures. The indications are for cloudy to partly cloudy weather in this district Wednesday, with no rain or snow of consequence.

WEATHER FORECASTS. Forecasts made at Portland at 8 P. M. for 24 hours ending midnight, January 27: Portland and vicinity—Cloudy, with nearly stationary temperature; variable winds, mostly westerly. Oregon—Cloudy, with local rain along north coast; southeasterly winds, 7 to 10 m.p.h. Washington—Cloudy, with local rains near the coast; easterly winds. Eastern Oregon and Idaho—Partly cloudy, with no marked change in weather. EDWARD A. REALLS, District Forecaster.

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