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#### THE CONTROL OF THE WORLD.

A writer in a prominent eastern newspaper has recalled the fact that De Toeqville, the eminent French economist, said nearly 70 years ago: "There are two great nations—Russia and America—which are some time in the future to divide the world between them. Of these, the Anglo-American relies upon personal interest to accomplish his ends and gives free scope to unguided exertions and common sense of the citizen; the Russian centers all the authority of society in a single arm. The principal instrument of the former is freedom; of the latter, servitude. Their starting point is different, and their courses are not the same, yet each of them seem so the marked out by the will of Heaven to sway the destinies of half the globe."

These two great powers are still contending, but in a widely different way, to extend their influence, says the Ledger. The method of the one is autocratic and military; the other is purely industrial. The one seeks power for power's sake; the other seeks only to be prosperous, and to make its people prosperous. It seeks power only as the means to an end. In the one the sovereign is everything, the people nothing; in the other the people are the power—their government is only an aid to their progress and prosperity, a guarantee that they will be protected in their peaceful pursuits.

As a very natural result of these peaceful conditions, the progress of one of these countries has been vastly more rapid than the other. In the autocratic country the autocratic influence alone must make such progress as is made. In the industrial country each individual is a factor in the advancement of the whole. He is stimulated by a desire to increase his own advantages so far as he can by his own industry. He therefore works intelligently and works both with head and hands. He becomes inventive as well as industrious, and constantly finds new means to increase the reward of his own efforts. As a consequence a constantly increasing population is increasing its efforts in the economy of the world by a rapidly increasing ratio, and we are acquiring power beyond our own belief, because we are becoming useful to other countries and to other peoples.

A traveler who has recently visited the far east describes the building of Harbin, the new city at the junction of the Port Arthur branch with the main line of the trans-Siberian railroad, as one of the wonders of modern advancement. It has been built within the last three years, and is today a well-built city of 60,000 people. Like St. Petersburg, it is the creation of a czar. Not only its public buildings, but most of its industries have been created by the Russian government, for the industries are owned or controlled by favorites of the czar or members of the Russian nobility. The rest of the population of Harbin, even that part of it which is Russian, is like that of Russia itself—composed of a people who have little or nothing to hope for in this life. They are not progressive, they are scarcely industrious, as they have little to hope for as a result for their industry. Therefore, while Harbin is a wonderful city, it is only wonderful in one respect, and is one of the very few wonderful cities in a vast empire.

That these two great power ever can or will divide the world between them, as Caesar, Anthony and Lepidus did two thousand years ago, is wholly impossible. Their methods and their purposes differ too widely. Even if they could do so, the contest would not end, for the purely autocratic and military power must inevitably be overcome by the arts of industry and peace.

#### TWO THOUSAND WOMEN.

Two thousand women were represented in a recent gathering of delegates from women's clubs in Sacramento, having for their purpose the organization of a women's council. The purpose of assembling was duly accomplished, says the Call. In addition to the clubs there were representatives of foreign missionary societies, Good Templar lodges, ladies' church aid societies, the Ladies' Hebrew Benevolent Society, the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Young Men's Christian Association, the Oak Park Women's Christian Temperance Union, the Courtland Farmers' Club, the Kingsley Art Club, the Ladies' Choral Society, the Catholic Ladies' Relief Society, the Ladies'

Auxiliary of the Synagogue and various other organizations.

The body that was formed by agreement on the part of the delegates will be known as the Women's Council for the improvement of the city and county of Sacramento. The purposes are declared to be to bring the various associations of women into closer relations through an organic union. No affiliating association loses its independence or sacrifices its aims, principles or methods. The general and controlling idea is to get together for the benefit of Sacramento. Two thousand women can do much for Sacramento, or for a city of much greater size if they work harmoniously together. The large number of women interested in this latest movement indicates that there is an awakening of civic spirit in the capital city of the state that portends some earnest attempts at betterment.

How are the women going to better Sacramento? The answer contains some interesting points. Departments of study year to meet once a month, at which problems will be considered and digested. The councils will meet quarterly and the departments for study and work must report every quarter to the council. By inference the names of the different departments that are provided for by the constitution that has been adopted for the council point out generally the immediate purposes of the affiliation.

There will be an improvement league, to include road improvement and all work for the betterment of the city and county not assigned to any other department. There will be a department to aid in the advancement of the public schools, a department of organized charities and another of moral reform. Each department elects its own officers. If any department undertakes a public work concerning which there are well defined differences of opinion, the proposition must obtain the sanction of the executive council.

This is a brief outline of the large movement that is interesting all the women in Sacramento county and has elements of interest for all women in California. Animated by a desire for the public good and working with single aim to that end, the two thousand Sacramento women deserve well of the community in which they live, and serve as shining examples to other women wherever they may dwell.

Encourage the sea wall committee. A favorable response to the letter merely means that you are anxious to see the interests of the city advanced. It does not bind you in any way. In answering, pay close attention to the questions asked, and do not raise new questions. The work of the committee of ten is preliminary, and such other matters as may come up later will be attended to then. Right now the committee desires only to know if you will favor the improvement if it can be demonstrated to your satisfaction that the sea wall will create new value to your property sufficient to defray the cost of the work. Answer this question and bring up your suggestions later on, at an opportune time.

The fortifications at Port Arthur resemble those of Gibraltar in being largely in hillside caves and galleries, though most of them are much nearer the water level. They have two disadvantages. One is that they are widely distributed over miles of country without sheltered roads connecting them. The other is that they contain a bewildering variety of guns, from four-inch to 12-inch calibre, and of many different makes and patterns. It is said that more than 50 different kinds of ammunition are needed for them. Such multiplicity of needs may prove a serious handicap in case of a siege and impossibility of obtaining new supplies.

The duty of conducting The Astorian has been left to several gentlemen, who receive monthly compensation for their services. Other persons, not on the payroll, will doubtless find it more profitable to attend to matters of business in which they are directly interested. The suggestion is offered for the special benefit of one who refers to himself as the "publisher" or "proprietor" of the News.

John E. Lathrop is now associated with Philip S. Bates in the publication of the Pacific Northwest, a Portland Magazine. Mr. Lathrop is one of the most entertaining writers of the state, and his work will add materially to the value of the popular publication.

Postmaster-General Payne's maid, who is now in the police station, has come to the conclusion that it is easier to rob the post office department than the postmaster general.

Now that the digging of the canal is to commence Senator Gorman will have to return to his Jim Crow issue.

Japan's naval heroes are not discouraged by the fact that the Japanese maidens do not kiss.

The Russians should turn their Cossacks into corsairs if they wish to bet at the Japs.

Machen could find neither a technically nor a statute of limitations to save him.

Japan will not be foolish enough to promise to evacuate Corea.

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11:35 a.m.	ton, Flavel, Stevens, Hammond and Seaside	4:00 p.m.
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