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RUSSIAN-JAPANESE WAR.

The grim power of Russian despotism has finally succeeded in carrying out the first act of a great drama, or rather tragedy. By its usual methods of deception it forced Japan to appeal to arms to demand and maintain her existence.

Japan, however, represents a most remarkable contrast. Not only is every soldier and sailor ready and anxious to respond to the call of his government, but every available man in that island empire would take up arms of his own free will and accord, should his government need him.

The commissary and hospital departments of the two powers represent items of fully as much importance as their actual fighting forces, both on land and on sea.

suffer for the simple reason that it would not do to punish any officer, as that would shake the confidence of the people in the governing crew. It is a remarkable thing that the very name of one of the most important supply headquarters in eastern Siberia is Knabarovka, which translated means "bribery headquarters."

There is another item which, if it does not now, will in time prove of the highest possible importance to Japan—it is the universal sympathy for Japan in this struggle. The world at large understands only too well that, though Japan was forced by Russia to take the initiative, the real aggressor is not at Tokio, but at St. Petersburg.

The world further knows that Russia is the only power today whose sole policy is that of conquest, and should that monstrous absolutism in man-brute gulag succeed in this war, it would mean the dismemberment of China, and in due course of events it would only become a question of time as to who should be its next victim.

EXHIBITING COLUMBUS

Advices come that the government of Santo Domingo, or the push there which seems to be it, has offered to exhibit the remains of Christopher Columbus at the St. Louis fair for a consideration of \$100,000.

Now, before the Santo Domingo offer is accepted, we suggest, in the interest of fair play and as a matter of

business, that bids be requested from different owners or custodians of the remains of the immortal discoverer. Very likely there are more than two of him and, to avoid showing any prejudice, bias or partiality, the St. Louis exposition managers should give each possessor of a "remains" an opportunity to be heard.

This is the only fair and business-like way to proceed in the premises.

WHY GIRLS DISLIKE HOUSEWORK

The ever-pressing problem of how to get good domestics seems to be pressing with unusual weight upon the housewives just now, says the San Francisco Examiner. At the bottom the problem is a social one. Most girls who have to be self-supporting prefer the store and the factory to housework, not because the money rewards and material comforts offered by the latter are less, but for the reason that domestic service entails a surrender of personal liberty and social descent.

It is absurd, of course, that in a republic all honest work should not be deemed equally honorable, but the spirit of caste has been brought over from the old world, and American girls have an invincible repugnance against confessing themselves inferior to anybody.

The girl who works in a store or shop has fixed hours. Her day's toll done, she is her own mistress, precisely as a workman is his own master. It is not so with the domestic. In the great majority of cases the employer insists on regarding her relations to her servant as feudal. She feels, somehow, that she is the girl's guardian, and has the right to supervise her incomings and outgoings, to question her about what she does in her leisure, and to be her "mistress" as well as employer.

All this meddling is usually kindly meant, but none the less it reduces the girl from the status of a free employee to that of a vassal. The line will come when housework will be done on the same terms as other work. That is, the employer will pay so much for so many hours' service in the household, just as the employer now pays for the services of the carpenter, or plumber, and will no more think of having anything to say about the private concerns of the houseworker than she now does of inquiring into the personal affairs of the carpenter or plumber.

And when that time comes—when the houseworker ceases to be the protégée of the mistress, subject to patronage, cross-questioning and reproof as to matters beyond the work paid for, the "servant girl problem" will solve itself. Then caste prejudice will no longer have food to feed on, for the houseworker will be independent as any other worker. The custom of girls living at home and going to the employer's house to do their tasks, as girls go to the store and factory, is a growing one, and should be encouraged. It has its inconveniences, but it makes for personal freedom, for emancipation from the condition of the "servant," liable to call at all hours, and to a superintendence of action which while in many instances doubtless salutary nevertheless causes that dislike for housework which is so deeply felt among girls who have a natural American desire to belong to themselves.

Woman Appointed Receiver.

New York, March 15.—For the first time in the history of bankruptcy proceedings here a woman has been appointed to a receivership. She is a lawyer recently admitted to the bar

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LOOKING TO CANADA.

State Department Issues Orders Not To Arm Jimenez.

New York, March 16.—Instructions are understood to have been received by officials of the Clyde steamship line from the state department at Washington to accept no more arms and ammunition for the Jimenez revolutionists in Santo Domingo. General Jimenez is said to be arranging for munitions of war from Canada.

Horse Out of Race.

New York, March 16.—McChesney, the great race horse, owned by E. E. Smathers, of this city, has been declared out of the Metropolitan handicap, the opening stake of the Westchester Racing Association, and it is not thought likely that the horse will race until later at the Morris park spring meeting.

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