

It is delightful to know, Juliet, that you are perfectly happy."

"The tone held a question, Lady Lisle looked up at the speaker."

"Of course I am happy. How could I be otherwise?"

"How could you?" echoed Stephen Joyce, her far-away cousin. "Lisle an excellent fellow; the very best I know. Not a fault."

Lady Lisle meditated over this statement, having the natural feminine inclination to contradict it, but refraining from doing so.

"What I particularly admire about old George is that he is absolutely certain of you," went on Stephen, ostentatiously drawing his attention entirely to his elder.

Lady Lisle flushed. "Do not think that you mean, Stephen," she replied with some annoyance.

"Well, of course, he knows—as all the world knows—there was a time when I—"

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THE NAVAL DEFENSES OF THE PACIFIC

Educational Benefit of Cruise to Pacific Cannot Be Overestimated—Move by White Men in Struggle With Yellow Races—Hobson Draws Conclusions as to Movements of Battleships

By Captain Richmond Pearson Hobson.

The sailing of the fleet for the Pacific has drawn the attention of the people of the nation to the navy and its relation to national defense and to foreign affairs. The educational benefit cannot be overestimated. In other countries the governments and ministries determine the foreign policies and the naval and military programs upon which these policies rest. In America the policies and programs depend upon the people, who are very busy with the work of developing the country's resources, and with grappling great domestic problems. In the position of isolation it is a difficult task to secure the attention of the people for the consideration of questions of foreign policies and of naval and military programs, and without the attention of the people it is practically impossible to secure the attention of Congress. The long voyages of the fleet around the Horn would be justified by educational benefit to the people alone. But it has a deeper significance. It marks the first move of the white man to take the control of the Pacific.

It is the popular idea has been that the yellow man, moving slowly, into the white man's civilization, would be slow in grasping the situation and in developing the means of attack in a serious struggle. On the contrary, the yellow man has quickly grasped the situation and has seized upon the white man's weakness. He has organized vast power on land and on sea, and he has been able to control the time and manner of the clash.

Work should be hastened on the battleships Idaho, New Hampshire, Michigan and South Carolina, and on the armored cruisers Oregon, Maryland and Texas. These ships should all be dispatched to join the Pacific fleet. We could thus assemble in the Pacific a fleet of battleships and armored cruisers, and we are told of a certain dark-complexioned Purveyor of Mischief, their intimacy would become a fruitful topic of conversation.

George Lisle, apparently unconscious of what was going on, meanwhile pursued his way unheedingly, his whole being become possessed with a maddening sense of impotent wrath as all her efforts to rouse her husband into a display of jealousy proved unavailing; and the fact so she became aware of the fact that there were other women young and charming as herself, who found the society of

the handsome, clever baronet decidedly attractive.

"You have quite forgiven my lapse of good manners, I hope, Juliet," asked Stephen, one evening, as the two stood together in the moonlight on the terrace.

Lady Lisle was watching her husband, who stood at a little distance, the white of his eyes gleaming as he looked at her. She was watching his stalwart figure, his easy carriage, his

staring hatred, between the races, prevent the working of mission, stop the spread of the gospel of love and of peace, and bring about the overthrow of the white man's civilization, slowly built up by the white man through so many centuries?

On the other hand, is it not as clear as daylight that the white man, as the will is that America, a nation without an inherited hatred, kinsman of all nations, should make up for the wrongs of the world that has come down the ages in Europe and Asia, the nation that has the right of the sea, and the true basis for permanent peace, America the great peace nation with boundless resources, should reach out her strong arms over the oceans and check the cruel march of war in Asia and elsewhere in the world, secure her own safety, and promptly, and at the same time keep the peace of the world so that commerce might march onward and the nations together, so that Christians might see the light of the world, so that man would not go backward toward the savagery of misanthropic, and the white man, on a rising plane so that the Christian civilization built up in the world might not be destroyed by the hands of the yellow man, and that the white man might accomplish his glorious mission of establishing his glorious earth and good will among men.

OUR EXCESSIVE PRODUCTION

We have reached a point where we produce a world surplus far in excess of our consumption. For enduring prosperity we simply must have a chance and a fair chance to send over-surplus to foreign markets. At present we are fast losing the most promising markets of the world, those of the Orient. Japan has caused discrimination against our goods in Korea, Manchuria and China, until last year we lost \$25,000,000 of our cotton textile trade alone in these markets, and yet our government does not dare protest. We have no insurance against the loss of these markets, and we are giving up one-tenth of our production to the Orient, while the large world market is being lost to us. It should be remembered that as an investment a great navy would save in time war, which is the most expensive thing known to man. We are a peace-loving industrial nation, and never have and never would seek war with us. Without a strong navy to advance our interests and to give us with us. It is a simple question of peace with a strong navy or war without it.

Some have misapprehensions lest our quickening our pace in naval expansion would cause other nations to quicken their pace, which is the only reason for our expansion. Other nations are already running as fast as they can. They can't quicken their pace, which is the only reason for our expansion. Other nations are already running as fast as they can. They can't quicken their pace, which is the only reason for our expansion.

Somewhere, And fair the flowers bright, dear, The valleys' sing delight, dear, Across the hills of snow, Still light from dark we borrow Along the lonesome way, The music of tomorrow, Charms the trouble of today, The Atlanta Constitution.