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AMERICA IN THE FAR EAST.

With the eastern question, so long paramount in the international affairs of Europe, the United States did not concern itself. It stood aloof in neutral isolation. It did not matter to us whether Russia got down into the Mediterranean or not. Turkey, the sick man, was no patient of ours. But the far eastern question was and is an entirely different proposition. It concerns us. The west coast of America and the east coast of Asia are washed by the same ocean.

It is a great good fortune for this country that events have taken such a turn that the United States is today a conspicuous national personality in the Orient. The world at large is now as much interested to know what the United States will do in the Orient as to know what Germany, Great Britain, or even Russia, is doing, or proposes to do. From the standpoint of the supreme international question of the period, there has been a literal fulfillment of the old Hebrew prophecy, "A nation shall be born in a day." That day was May 1, 1898.

It is now four years since Lord Rosebery referred to the far eastern question as something too portentous for our imagination, and infinitely graver than the eastern question. He did not pretend to forecast its shape or outlines. He saw it only in what he well termed "the dim vistas of futurity." It is still vague and shadowy, but one thing can be clearly discerned—the American navy with coaling stations wherever they are needed.

Someone has said that military power is now estimated in terms of navies rather than of armies. This will certainly be the case henceforth, if it never was before. The same writer remarked: "Coal and coaling stations now mark the bounds of empire, as the Roman military roads did of old." No doubt this has been understood plainly enough for a long time in higher military circles, but the world at large—the general public of the civilized nations—had very little conception of the epoch-making change. This war is the first practical demonstration of the accomplished fact.

Fortunately for mankind no less than for America, the United States has the money and the skill required to build and man the battleships needed to make this a first-class power under the new conditions. Still more fortunately the opportunity has presented itself for us to possess ourselves of the necessary coaling stations. Amateur diplomacy may toy with the great theme but events will move on without a variation from the course of destiny. A majestic tide in the affairs of our nation is at the flood, and no weak pings of timidity or pessimism can stay its onward sweep.—Inter Ocean.

In many directions fortune is lavishing her favors on the United States. Not only are we fighting successfully a war which will result in a great triumph for civilization, but the crop reports are among the most favorable ever received at this time of the year. The wheat yield will be the largest in the country's history. That of 1892 was 611,000,000 bushels, which was 100,000,000 more than the crop of any other year in this country before or since. In 1898 the wheat yield of the United States is placed at figures ranging from 625,000,000 bushels to 660,000,000. The indications are that the corn crop will equal or exceed last year's unexampled yield, which was 2,284,000,000 bushels. In only three years before 1897—in 1890, 1892 and 1896—did the corn crop of this country pass the 2,000,000,000 mark. This means good times for the farmer, and usually when the farmer prospers the country prospers.

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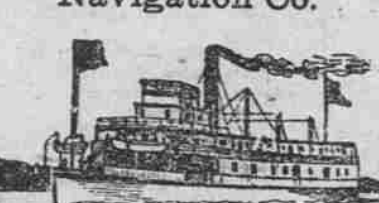
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