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#### GUARDING HER OWN INTERESTS

England built a great navy to protect a vast merchant marine. Russia is increasing her navy that she may build up a merchant marine. England, acting with the other maritime powers of Europe in the treaty of Paris, bound Russia to the land, barred her even from the Mediterranean, and limited her field of activity on the Baltic. But in the last generation Russia has put strong fleets in the Black and Caspian seas; has established a station in the Mediterranean, another in the Red sea; has made her Baltic fleet one of the finest in Europe, and has put an effective squadron in Siberian or Asiatic waters.

A few years ago Russia had only three war vessels on the Pacific. She has now two sea-going, coast-defense ironclads; four first class armored cruisers, one first-class protected cruiser, four light cruisers, and a gun-boat flotilla. She has made Vladivostok on the Pacific impregnable as a naval station, with shipyards and dry dock, and has established herself at Port Arthur, in China, and as far south as Constantinople. She is building eight large battle-ships, six first-class cruisers, ten second-class cruisers, twenty torpedo-boat destroyers, and thirty torpedo-boats. She has projected a strategic ship canal from the Baltic to the Black sea, which will be to Russia what the Nicaragua canal will be to the United States. When this is completed her fleet on the Caspian will be a part of the Russian fleet on the Black sea, with power to force its way into the Mediterranean.

In spite of British intrigue and opposition Russia is becoming a great naval power, and is building merchant and war vessels with the trade of the Pacific in mind. Barred from the Mediterranean, she has projected canals from the Black and Caspian seas to the Baltic, and has constructed a railway from St. Petersburg across Siberia to Vladivostok and Port Arthur on the Pacific. Her railway building and her ship building are with the Pacific in mind, just as within the last quarter of a century all railway building in the United States and Canada has been toward the Pacific.

Russia is working along lines marked out by her greatest statesmen. She is guarding her own interests at every point and pressing forward with resistless energy. She has made thorough preparation to claim and hold her own, and is looking forward to a great trade with the United States. She has come to the Pacific with a sharply defined policy, and is not surrendering any advantages gained through energy, enterprise, diplomacy, or war, to her rivals. The United States should enter the Pacific like Russia, in her own interest, not in the interest of her commercial competitors.

General Miles has ordered that officers and men alike in the regular and volunteer army shall attend winter lyceums. The lyceums have been a feature in the regular army for the last twenty years, and still the question, "Is there more pleasure in anticipation than in participation?" remains unsettled.

It is pointed out that the only civilized country on earth today that is not troubled more or less with an expansion movement is Spain. Nobody is talking expansion over there, and Madrid would be a splendid place in which to hold the next rain-makers' convention and megwamp love feast.

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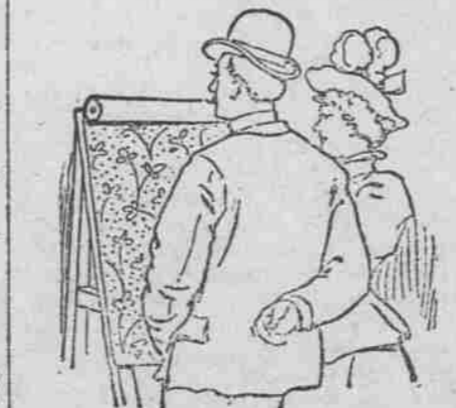
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