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EDITORIAL.

The Peace Treaty between Russia and Japan was signed last Tuesday. Kurapatkin was no more a success at prophesying than at fighting Japs. He predicted that Russia would dictate the terms of peace at Tokyo, by July 4, 1904, but the terms were agreed to some 10,000 miles from that place, without dictation, and all the Russians who visited Tokyo during the last eighteen months, did so as prisoners of war.

In concessions made by Japan in the Peace Conference she is said to have startled the world, but this is not the first time the world has been surprised by Japan. When war began between Japan and Russia, and the army and navy of the latter began to go down before the victorious Japanese, it was a continuous string of surprises until the Russian fleet was demolished in the Yellow Sea.

The Oregon Legislature at its last session undertook to legislate forest fires out of existence, but it seems the Oregon soons are up against fire after the same manner in which the Peace Congress of a few years ago have been beset by the war spirit. Since the Peace Congress, continual warfare has been waged, the heavier calamity falling upon Russia whose ruler was first to conceive of the proposition, and now comes a series of forest fires in Oregon that threaten, perhaps, the greatest damage in many years.

There has been great surprise at the magnanimity of the Japanese in forgoing indemnity in the treaty with Russia, but when we take a square look at the situation, there is not much cause for surprise. While Japan has the situation well in hand, yet Russia is a long distance from the scene of war, and it would be difficult to force and collect an indemnity, and besides this, were hostilities resumed now, the cause of dispute would change and Japan would be found engaged in a mercenary warfare, the bone of contention being spoil. No country could afford to continue the carnage likely to result under such circumstances.

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There is Peace.

What was the issue between Japan and Russia? For what did these beligerents contend? For nothing less than sovereign sway and mastery on the northern Pacific coast of Asia. Japan has won. Russia has been forced to abandon her pretensions. She is reduced to the position she held in the time long before the war began, and to a lower position. And she acknowledges it.

Japan takes Port Arthur from her. Japan takes from Russia the position she had usurped in the Liaotung peninsula. Japan takes from Russia the railroad from Harbin to Port Arthur. Japan takes from her the control she had assumed or usurped over Manchuria. Japan takes from her the power and opportunities she had usurped over Korea. Japan, moreover, has met Russia's naval power, and has destroyed it. Japan has met Russia's military power and has defeated and rolled it back. Upon every point Japan has won everything she contended for. She has not succeeded in compelling Russia to indemnify her for her expenses in the war, because she was in no position to force it. The indemnity was the one thing which she had no power to compel. On all other points she has won.

Japan will now see to it that Russia's position on the Pacific shall no longer be a menace to her. For Japan, as against Russia, has absolute control of the sea. Control of the sea is the key to such conflicts as that between Russia and Japan. It was rational, in the highest degree, when Japan abandoned her claim to indemnity—a claim she had no power to enforce. Japan never could have expected to obtain indemnity in money. She put the claim forward, so she might have opportunity to make concession by abandonment of it.

WOMAN IN THE HOME.

In the home woman occupies a position of unlimited power and influence, if she but knew it. Nowhere else can she exert such an influence upon the life of the nation and the world at large. The moment she leaves the home in search of power, she leaves the sphere where her greater power resides. One of the saddest and most menacing signs of the times, to our mind, is the neglect of the home life, the ease with which divorce is granted, the way in which children are allowed to grow up on the streets, to be out at all hours of the night to seek pleasure away from the home.

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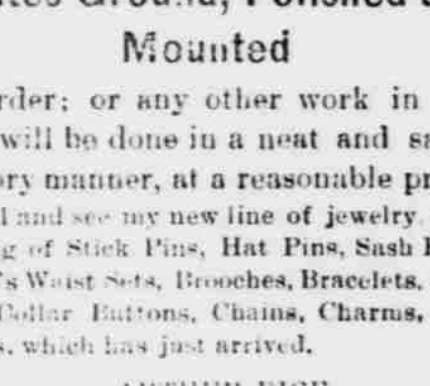


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