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**May Right Conquer.**

LATE news indicates that war between Russia and Japan is practically on.

While the "Bear" may have its causes for fighting Japan, it is generally conceded that the true cause for hostilities is purely a case of "grab" coupled with the cowardliness to take advantage of what seems to be a much weaker power. In other words, Russia has summoned courage enough to try to increase her possessions in the orient by attempting to thrash a foe she thinks has not a shadow of chance.

Continued aggression and an utter disregard for the keeping of promises and treaties, on the part of Russia, has aroused the patriotism of Japan and forced her to resent such treatment, even though it would bring her to war with one of the strongest nations in the world. And, in spite of the fact that, perhaps, her attempt to thus rebuke a stronger opponent may end in her ultimate defeat.

Naturally, under these conditions, the world is with the plucky little "Jap." Her efforts will be cheered and her struggle against a vastly stronger foe, be watched with interest wherever there lives a desire to see right conquer.

Here's hoping that gallant little Japan, may prove to be "the better man."

**The Baltimore Fire.**

From accounts so far received it appears that the big fire in Baltimore business interests of a city that has visited this country in many a day. A great many of the largest business houses and newspaper offices have been destroyed, including the post-office building and the \$4,000,000 court house.

Fortunately, however, unlike the recent theatre fire in Chicago, the flames in Baltimore consumed the works of man and not human lives, which is a great blessing.

Some idea of the fury of the fire may be realized from the following account of the awful scene, told by a newspaper man who saw the fire:

"You cannot imagine it; you cannot imagine it. I have seen big fires in New York and Chicago, when block after block would fall before the sweep of the flames, but nothing that approached in terrible fury the catastrophe that fell upon Baltimore today.

"The flames swept down the streets with the onward rush and fury of a tidal wave.

"Great billows of fire 200 feet in height would fill the space between the buildings, and sweeping from side to side, would blot out of existence a skyscraper as though it were a box of matches.

"The Union Trust building and the Atlantic Trust building shared this fate. One moment they stood in the stately beauty of stone and marble; a moment later and they were not. The flames would dash against their sides; beat in massive walls, leap from windows and roofs—and then would come the collapse. The Union Trust buildings, one of the handsomest in the country, seemed to my mind to vanish as I looked.

"The city was a mass of whirling, burning, blinding embers. In the Sun office where we sat at work over our desks, the copy paper would burn as we wrote. In the streets the embers fell in sheets and rose and fell again, as the swift wind carried them along. Everywhere were drawn and anguished faces, and the marks of desolation."

War, with all its horrors is now in full blast. Statesmen have parleyed week after week, but to no purpose. One day it was war, the next day peace, but as a matter of fact it has been war—war to the knife from the very start.—The Asheville Citizen.

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