

Militant Vladivostok

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physique, but his stupidity is most pronounced and strongly verifies the fact of governmental neglect of the lower classes in the matter of education. But stupidity, however, has its moments of relaxation, even in a Russian soldier, brutish and ignorant as he is. The following incident, which happened in Vladivostok during the writer's sojourn there, will tend to illustrate the feelings of animosity against the Japanese, which at present prevail throughout Siberia and Manchuria.

Entering any of the many harbors of China, one becomes immediately aware of being in the land of John Chinaman by the numerous pagodas, fishing villages and harbor craft that confront the eye at every alteration of the ship's course, says Ernest William Hewson in the Boston Transcript. The very atmosphere is redolent of that peculiar aroma so characteristic of China.

Vladivostok differentiates itself in many ways from other Oriental cities. Japanese, Chinese, Koreans and Russians are the predominating classes, and they have built a city architecturally rude in character, but impregnable to assault. The harbor entrance from Peter the Great Bay resembles that of San Francisco; not only are the entrances almost identical in formation, but also are the names; you pass through the Golden Gate at San Francisco, and enter the Golden Horn of Vladivostok.

Russian Stronghold. The first Russian stronghold constructed in the far East, Vladivostok stands today as the pioneer outpost of Russian advance into that region. Situated on a gentle slope of hills on a curve of the Golden Horn, the city is so screened as to be entirely concealed from without the harbor. Owing to the strategic position of the many small islands lying in and about the harbor, heavy pieces of ordnance have been mounted on commanding and advantageous points to insure safety from a sea attack.

Watching Japanese. Since the advent of the present Russo-Japanese imbroglio the Russian officials in Vladivostok and elsewhere in the Orient have spared no pains and trouble in keeping a close watch on the Japanese in the country. It is well known to the officials that there are many Japanese within their city and thereabouts acting in the capacity of merchants, but who are in reality government spies.

Why Japan Began War.

New and Observer.

Japan exercises a virtual protectorate over Korea. It developed the country and it is a natural field for commercial enterprise and in dispensable source of food supply. Japan virtually controls all Korean shipping trade, its merchants control the traffic in imports and exports, and Japan capital and labor are bulwark railroads in Korea. Japan's control is due to propinquity and to natural conditions, chief among which, next to nearness, is that the Koreans and Japanese speak the same language.

Japan has had another grievance against Russia. Manchuria is regarded by Japan as an integral part of the Chinese Empire, and other countries, also, so regard it. And yet for three years Russia has continued to occupy it, and Japan believes that Russia intends to annex Manchuria or to become so powerful there that it cannot be dislodged. At this time Russia maintains in Manchuria 375,000 soldiers. The presence of so large an army by the Russians in a Chinese province is regarded as a declaration that Manchuria belongs in everything except name to Russia and not to China.

With such convictions as to Russia's intentions, Japan demanded a written pledge of Russia to withdraw its troops from Manchuria province and live up to its treaty that binds Russia to respect the "integrity of the Chinese Empire" and to make no attempt to establish fortified trading posts in Korea. Russia agreed or rather in diplomatic language intimated that it would be willing to bind itself not to establish fortified trading posts in Korea if Japan would recognize Russia as the paramount power in Manchuria.

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ter propositions of Russia convinced Japan that Russia would bind itself to nothing that lessened its hold in Manchuria and its strong position to strike Korea and China. Japan believes that Russia intends to exert supremacy in all Northern Asia, and that no trace it will make will cause it to give up its determination to be master of Manchuria now, and ultimately of Korea, and to make China pay it obedience. And it is firmly convinced that if it would not itself be later confined to its island territory and then, perhaps, forced to fight for that after Russia has obtained in Korea what it greatly needs—a port that does not become ice-bound—that it must fight now.

Greensboro Female College Burned. The large building of the Greensboro Female College, belonging to the two Methodist Conferences of the State, was burned at 3 o'clock last Thursday morning. There were ninety girls asleep in the building and the fire was burning rapidly when accidentally discovered by one of the girls. All the young ladies got out, but many of them lost all of their possessions. The scene was a repetition of the one when the Normal building, situated in site of the G. F. College, was burned a few weeks ago. The origin of the fire is unknown. The building caught fire a few weeks ago in the very place where this fire originated. This is the fourth fire that has destroyed large buildings of the female colleges of the State in the past year, three of them almost within 30 days past. These are the Oxford Female Seminary, the State Normal, The G. F. College and St. Mary's at Raleigh, the fire there occurring about a year ago.

Left Hospital and Walked Home. Mr. Ransom James of Gullidge township, who was taken to a hospital in Charlotte some time ago, to be treated for a very bad case of St. Vitus' dance, concluded that he did not like the treatment he was receiving and would come home, so, without saying a word to the hospital authorities, he left his room one day last week and walked all the way home through the snow. His condition is greatly improved so far as his complaint is concerned.

Tommy—Talking of riddles, uncle, do you know the difference between an apple and an elephant? Uncle (benignly)—No, my lad, I don't. Tommy—You'd be a smart chap to send out to buy apples, wouldn't you?

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Preparations to Hang Boggan.

Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligencer.

The scaffold from which Will Boggan will be hanged next Thursday has been erected. It stands within an enclosure between the Messenger-Intelligencer office and the jail. The enclosure is made of rough boards and is 29 feet high and 29 feet square. The scaffold is a gruesome looking object. The trap door and the dangling rope are enough to give a tender hearted man the shivers. The scaffold is 29 feet high from the ground to the cross beam. It stands only a few feet from Boggan's cell and the condemned man could plainly hear the noise made in driving the nails and sawing the lumber for its erection.

News from Anson. Mr. J. F. Fice, a well known citizen of Gullidge township, died Sunday morning, aged about 65 years. Mr. Fice, who suffered from some heart trouble, had been in a valid for some time.

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