

CURTAIN RAISED ON PROLOGUE OF GREAT WAR DRAMA IN THE EAST.

A Study of the Conditions Likely to Lead to War Between Russia and Japan Over Korea—An American Girl in the Harem of Korea's Emperor, and It's Said She's the Real Empress of the Island.

From Japan's point of view the crux of the whole situation in Korea, Russia knows that we will fight to the death rather than let any foreign power occupy Korea. Russia's timber concessions there, and the other recent initiative she has exhibited in Korea, render the present negotiations extremely difficult.

This official statement from the Japanese embassy at London, throws a broad light on the strategic military moves that are now being made by the East and the Mikado in the territory that lies between Vladivostok on the north and Port Arthur on the south. It is no secret at St. Petersburg that Russian aggression in Korean territory will mean war. Japan has made this plain to the government at St. Petersburg recently as well as for years past. She regards the reversion of the empire of Korea as her natural inheritance.

But in spite of this Russia has determinedly thrown her troops across the Yalu River into Korean territory on the pretense of putting timber under concessions bought from the feeble Emperor Yi Heui through astute Russian merchants under the tutelage of the officers of the general staff. Several thousand soldiers are "cutting wood" on Korean territory. To meet this move on the part of their rivals Japan has begun to move a large force from her own territory across the Korean straits to Fusan, and the territory north of that.

For centuries the diplomatic, political and commercial relations between Japan and Korea have been of the closest description. In former times Japan was a large part of her goods at an outlet of exportation. Moreover, Japanese merchants and miners have established themselves in Korea, and the Japanese government is fully aware of the immense natural resources that the land possesses. There are copper and other metals, precious stones and splendid furs, hard woods of various descriptions, and various kinds of clay suitable for the fine pottery of the Japanese art.

Japan and Korea.

Let it be remembered that Russia when asked by Secretary Hay when the evacuation of Manchuria would occur, replied that her troops would be withdrawn from Manchuria on October 1st. This has gone by, just as Russia had previously intended it should go by, without a single soldier of the Czar's army leaving his post. On the contrary, travelers arriving from the Russian, or Manchurian frontier towns declare that the railroad is so congested with troops and munitions that it is impossible to travel. At Port Arthur there is a fleet of forty warships flying the Russian flag. At Vladivostok there is a second Russian fleet of forty sail. Along the Liao Tung peninsula is a strongly fortified army of Russians. Strong posts have been erected at points in a semicircle that binds to the northeast. Between the Yalu River, which forms the northern border of the rich, supine and cowardly Korean Empire, and the Amur, which forms the

northern border of Manchuria, which Russia has just avouched at a gulp, there are a quarter of a million well-trained, well-provisioned soldiers. Manchuria has practically ceased to be a Chinese possession. It is Russian. "Possession is nine tenths of the law," runs an old saw, and having avouched it, the Bear will not disgorge it except at the price of a devastating war.

Russia's Hold on Manchuria.

Japan's Quiet Preparations for a Fight. Nor does Japan intend that Russia shall disgorge her prey. Months ago, seeing that the Czar intended to maintain his foothold in Manchuria, Marquis Ito and other Japanese statesmen held out the olive branch to the anchu dynasty at Peking, and tried to make common cause with it, in an attempt to dislodge the common enemy. But China refused to act. Japan has, therefore, acquiesced in the situation, as she finds it, and is determined that her share of the spoils shall not go to the Slav.



Map of Korea and its Environs Which, Recent Events Indicate, May Soon Be the Scene of War Between Russia and Japan.

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For months the Japanese government has been pressing her preparations for the perfect arming of her fleet and her army. Vast stores of ammunition and provisions for her troops have been collected at Nagasaki and Yokohama. Gradually she has organized her forces and concentrated them at points where she can most easily throw them across the straits into Korea at the proper time.

Russia having maintained an army of a quarter of a million in Manchurian territory under the pretense that it is needed for guarding the railroad, Japan has sent twenty thousand troops into Korea to perfect and guard her telegraph interests there. It is the mere playing of pawns in a military game, the prize of which is an empire. All that she has asked with determined repetition is that Russia shall recall the troops that are now "cutting wood" on the southern bank of the Yalu River. If Russia will do this, and at the same time she will avow the action of the officers who sent them there, Japan will regard their temporary presence in Korean territory as an accident, and not an intentional move of the Russian government.

Japan's Eye on Seoul.

Negotiations looking to this end are already pending at Kyoto, Japan, but just how much they may mean, no one save the Russian foreign office would dare to say. The Japanese embassy at London, before quoted, declares that Japan looks hopefully toward the end of these negotiations, and that "we (Japan) have no reason to believe that Russia's activity in securing dockyards for her Far Eastern fleet, is actuated by any intention to prepare for hostilities, any more than our own necessary provisions for the best equipment in convenience of our army and navy."

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Is Now the Emperor's Wife.

Miss Brown was born in Appleton (Wis.), shortly before 1875, and her father was the Rev. Herbert Brown, who was the first Protestant missionary to Korea. She was educated in the United States, and became a native of the country, and became a native of the country, and became a native of the country.

NEW YORK HORROR COSTS TEN LIVES.

Men Were Returning to Work After Three Blasts Had Been Set Off When, Without Warning, an Avalanche of Rock Fell on Them—One of the Victims Had His Leg Amputated to Release Him from a Ten Ton Stone.

New York, Oct. 25.—Ten lives were lost by the cave-in of the roof and walls of the subway tunnel at 106th street last night, and four persons were badly injured. All of the dead and injured were workmen and most of them Italians. Following is the list of their names: Timothy Sullivan, foreman; Giuseppe Barone; Stanzone Bruni; Louis Toppo; Five unidentified Italian laborers. Injured—Juno Pasquale; Batzato Valantio; Alphonse Armatello; Juno Baschi.

The accident was the most disastrous that has occurred in the construction of the subway. At the point where the cave-in occurred, a gang of twenty men were at work in the tunnel, which is about 300 feet below the surface.

Four feet beyond the place where Baschi lay, the crushed form of Alphonse Armatello was discovered under a quantity of small rock and shale. He was quickly extricated and sent to a hospital. Then were found the bodies of several unidentified Italians, some of them crushed beyond recognition.

THE SECOND WILL MUST BE PROVED.

Nothing But Complete Proof Will Satisfy Counsel for Richards' Executors.

NO SETTLEMENT YET. The Proposed Agreement Among the Heirs Not Consummated—Mr. Tweedie Asked for an Adjournment and the Case Will be Taken Up November 24th.

Newcastle, N. B., Oct. 23.—(Special)—The Richard will case was again before Judge of Probate Samuel Thompson, K. C., this afternoon. Messrs. McKewen and McLellan appeared in support of the will and Messrs. Tweedie and Gregory opposing.

ROUGH ON THE HATS FOR SELLING LIQUOR.

Heavy Sentences Imposed by Maine Judge.

Ellsworth, Me., Oct. 24.—The heaviest sentence ever imposed in Hancock county for illegal liquor selling was given, by Judge Emery today in the case of John Hatt, of Bar Harbor. Hatt was convicted on seven counts. He was fined \$850 and sentenced to eighty days in jail. Benj. Hatt, of Bar Harbor was fined \$800 and sentenced to serve sixty days in jail.

CANADIANS OPEN BOSTONIANS' EYES.

Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, at Beacon Society Banquet, Favors Reciprocity in Some Things—President of Boston & Maine R. R. Says There is No Annexation Feeling in Canada—Senator Casgrain Makes a Hit.

W. H. Thorne, of St. John, Present. Boston, Oct. 25.—(Special)—Among the guests of the Beacon Society at its Canadian night banquet in the New Allegiant Club Saturday night were W. H. Thorne, of St. John, and Sir Thomas G. Shaughnessy, president of the Canadian Pacific Railroad.

Mr. Thorne did not address the gathering, but Mr. Shaughnessy made a very interesting address in which he carefully avoided the Alaskan boundary question.

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Another Case of Man Killed for a Deer.

Bartlett, N. H., Oct. 25.—Mistaken by his companion for a deer, Herbert Cook, died at his home in this town as the result of being shot with a rifle which was held, it is said, by Martin Walker, 13 years old, also of Bartlett. The accidental shooting occurred while the boys were hunting in the woods at Lower Bartlett yesterday afternoon. An investigation will probably be held although no arrest is expected.

Amputated a Leg to Free a Man. A policeman and two ambulance sur-

Lord Dundonald. Lord Dundonald has other ties with Canada than those of his present military occupation. He was at Louisbourg in Nova Scotia the other day and spent a good deal of time among the ruins of that historic place, where the seventh Earl of Dundonald, who was aide-camp to General Cornwallis, fell mortally wounded during the second siege of Louisbourg by the British in 1758. The spot was pointed out to him where his ancestor fell and was buried.—Canadian Gazette (London).

George Washington, Napoleon I., United O'Connell, Tom Moore and the poets, etc."

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