

Why be content with merely driving Russia from Manchuria? That will prove but a temporary expedient. A permanent settlement can only be secured through the expulsion of Russia from the entire Far East. So long as she retains Vladivostock and Eastern Siberia, she will lie along the northern boundary of China, and with Japan's return of Manchuria to China, and the withdrawal of her troops, Russia will promptly return to her methods of diplomatic duplicity. Will she fail to find Chinese officials ready for suitable reward, to do her bidding? Within ten or twenty years, will not Russia regain in Manchuria by diplomacy, what she has lost by war? And after that, unless again driven out by force, what question but that she will reintrench herself more firmly than before?

In the meantime, can Japan so recuperate from the present struggle, and so reinforce herself as to make it wise for her to wage a second war with Russia?

Furthermore, will Russia let Korea severely alone? Will not her emissaries be there stirring up disaffection and opposing Japan's reform program, promising glowing things if Korea will but break from Japanese leadership and accept Russian help and sovereignty? Whether, in