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### THE JAPANESE SOLDIER

The Japanese soldier has earned his right to be counted among the best in the world. He knows no fear. He faces certain death with perfect calmness and does the best he knows how for the glory of the arms of his country. His work at Kin Chou was superb. It was magnificent, and it was which she is now carrying out, for the occupation of Port Arthur and the capture or destruction of the Russian fleet there, that she may be free to meet and defeat the Russian Baltic fleet on its arrival.

The fortifications of Kin Chou were as powerful and perfect as the best modern skill and unlimited expenditure could make them. They were considered by the Russians to be absolutely impregnable. Nanshan Hill, the key to the situation, was particularly strong. Many guns and many men occupied the top, protected by massive earthworks. The sides of the hill were dotted with rifle-pits, and at the bottom of the hill perplexing wire entanglements made a charge apparently impossible.

Nine times the Japanese charged up that terrible hill, and seven times some of them returned. Those engaged in the first attack perished to man; but there was no holding back. The second forlorn hope was ready. The ninth attack was successful, and the Russians fled precipitately, leaving many guns in the hands of their victorious enemies.

Men who do that sort of fighting, and do it willingly—even cheerfully—are entitled to be numbered among the first-class soldiers of the world, and the country for which such men fight cannot be in much danger of being absorbed by any other nation.—Hamilton Spectator.

### THE YELLOW PERIL?

Prof. Goldwin Smith has the courage of his convictions and his writings bear the stamp of sincerity, yet he signally fails to carry conviction to the great mass of his readers. He appears to have the faculty of getting on, we will not say the unpopular side of a question, but on the unsound side. In the latest great world-problem being solved in the far east the sage of the Grange thinks he sees a danger, even a menace to western nations. "A great yellow power," writes Prof. Smith, "military and naval, will have sprung into existence in the farther east, and will confront the Pacific and coasts of the United States and Canada. What is more momentous still, there are strong indications of the growing prevalence of Japanese influence over China. This means the awakening to action of four hundred million of yellow people, unwarlike at present, but in the judgment of the best authorities, very capable of being trained to war, especially since the bodily force of the soldier has been supplanted by the long-range rifle and cannon. It will be strange if thereafter western powers are long allowed to retain their lordship in the east. Australia, too, has always been casting fearful glances toward the seat of the vast Yellow swarms. Hence the rigor of her exclusion laws. She will now have increased reason for disquietude.

Such a view we could understand counsel for Russia pleading at the bar of public opinion, and it has been urged on behalf of the Slav in the courts of Europe and America and signally failed to convince those who are not interested financially or otherwise in promoting the Russian interests. British diplomats have canvassed the situation and have not hesitated to make alliance with Japan, while the people of all continents speaking the Anglo-Saxon tongue unreservedly sympathize with the orientals in the present struggle. Then, too, Japan has in the most positive and formal terms disclaimed any such ulterior motive as Prof. Smith suggests, in a letter just received by Henry Clews, banker, New York, Marquis Ito, minister imperial of Japan, the highest official of that nation, writes, under date of Tokyo, April 14, avowing the identity of interest of the western powers and Japan in the present conflict as follows:

In answer to your letter of February 17, let me first of all thank you most sincerely for the constant sympathy you have shown to our country's cause. Your friendly effort on the occasion of the Sino-Japanese war is still fresh in my memory and in the memory of all those who have heard of it. And in general the sympathetic attitude of public opinion of your country is a great encouragement to us—to our faith that in fighting for our own future security and unde-

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turbed enjoyment of the fruits of civilization we are to a certain extent fighting also for the common cause of all.

The supremacy of Russia in Corea would mean not only a constant menace to the very existence of our island empire, but would also mean the wholesale destruction of our commercial and industrial interests, already legitimately vested there in the past—not to mention the loss of natural outlet for our expanding people. The constant policy of Russia in this part of the globe has steadily inclined toward monopolization of natural resources of the country she conquers and annexes. Her Manchurian policy is the irrefutable evidence of the above statement. So that in fighting for our own interests, we are at the same time fighting for the principle of "fair competition all round" in these new markets of the world. I am indeed very sorry that the negotiations carried on, on our side, with sincere "bona fide," were not crowned with success so earnestly desired. If the Russian government were a little more inspired by the spirit of moderation and of toleration for the legitimate interests of others, things would not have come to this pass.

As it was, there remained for us no other way but to try to enforce by arms what we could not do by reason. And we had to do so ere it would have become too late, for Russia was steadily and rapidly augmenting her fighting forces available in this part of her empire, so that before long the sheer mass of her fighting power would have made it a folly for us to attempt to resist the unscrupulous march onward. It has been nothing but a coolly thought-out step in the cause of state necessity. And I am much gratified to see that you, as well as the general public opinion of your country, have understood our motives in the true light.

### HOW THE GRITS AVERTED DISASTER

Hamilton Spectator.  
The Grits promised to wipe out every vestige of protection, and the Tories predicted disaster. The Grits did not wipe out any vestige of protection, and the disaster was avoided.

### PARTICULARLY SEVERE ATTACK

Hamilton Spectator.  
Upon several occasions during the past two or three years the deceased, with his wonderful vitality, fought off the same trouble again and again, but succumbed at last to a particularly severe attack.

### OBJECTION SUSTAINED.

Hamilton Herald.  
Referring to the G. T. P. contract, the Toronto Star says: "The business question before parliament is whether the bargain, as it stands is a good one for the country." We object. The business question is whether the arrangement is the best one possible for the country.

### THE AVERAGE MOTHER-IN-LAW.

Chicago Inter-Ocean.  
The average mother-in-law is not a trespasser in the house or castle of her son-in-law, its lord and master. The chances are that she does not visit his domicile as often as he would like. The chances are also that she has to be pressed and coaxed to come over to spend the day. Of course, there are exceptions, as regards mother-in-law generally, but there is no exceptions among real mother-in-law.

### WHAT G. T. P. IS DOING FOR CANADA.

Toronto News.  
We are sure the people of Ontario are willing to pay for all they get, and desire to see others prosper. But when they are called upon to pay 13 cents a bushel for carrying grain 400 miles, and they see American grain going a distance of 640 miles for 5 cents a bushel, they conclude that either the Grand Trunk is operated as a philanthropic enterprise in Michigan and Illinois, or that the people of Ontario are paying exorbitant rates.

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### RUSSIA'S RETIRING DISPOSITION.

Belleville Intelligencer.  
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### HIS SERENE MUMNESS.

Ottawa Citizen.  
The silver-tongued oratory of the House of Commons fails to inspire a fraction of the interest which centers on the golden silence of the hon. the Minister of Railways.

### THE GRAND TRUNK MADE SAFE.

Toronto Mail.  
It is gratifying to note that Mr. Borden, while offering his alternative, guarantees the Grand Trunk admission to the west over the government rails. That company ought to reach the prairies, as it desires to do, and every facility to that end should be accorded it. There can be no doubt that Mr. Borden's bold proposition will be warmly received by the country. It means a truly national transcontinental line under national control, serving national interest, preserving the national railway, and building up the national ports. It is a National Policy in the matter of railway development, and is bound to meet with enthusiastic support.

### MEDALS FOR CHARGERS.

Pall Mall Gazette.  
It is little known that more than one troop horse that went through the South African war has been decorated with a war medal. A correspondent who was passing the Horse Guards the other day expressed his wonderment at seeing a medal depending from the martingale of one of the sentries' mounts. It was a South African medal, with no fewer than six bars and the ribbon. "I asked," our correspondent says, "the young giant sitting on the horse's back whether the medal with the six bars belonged to him or the horse. 'To the horse,' he said. Then in answer to further queries he told me the horse was one of 200 originally sent out to South Africa with their troop, and the only one that after 15 months' service had come back, and there he was, still fit for work and for warfare. The medal, the soldier said, had been specially awarded to his mount by the Queen." It is the fact that several horses belonging to cavalry regiments have been similarly decorated.

### WON ON FLUKE HANDS

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a pair of duces, making an ace full, and after a sharp bid he raked down the pot, although another player with a full five gave him a good play. I'm sure he never for a moment imagined that the three cards he picked up were not dealt to him. "He probably regarded it as a very lucky draw," New York Sun.

### THE SITUATION IN THE FAR EAST

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traders whose tendencies will be towards a popular government? All the other nations have worked out their present freedom, which is in the final analysis the true test of greatness, by means of three revolutions, a political, a religious and a social. It seems improbable that Russia should escape all three of these in shaking herself free from the clutches of medieval darkness, and primitive superstitions. The dreams of the Pan-Slavists, that Russia is entirely different from anything that has gone before, and will show the world an aristocracy whose ideals and ideas will pervade the whole universe, need scarce cause us any alarm, even if Russia should win. The stress of internal affairs will keep them well occupied for a few centuries to come, or all known precedent will count for but little.

### WHEN AUTUMN PASSETH BY.


When purple elderberries vie  
With sumac's crimson stain,  
A flood of mellow minstrelsy  
O'erflows the winding lane.  
A myriad insect voices flute  
And rattle throats reply,  
No tree, no tuft of grass is mute  
When autumn passeth by.  
A perfume rare of ripening leaves  
On zephyr pinions floats,  
And oft the scent of browning  
shadows  
Blends with the cricket's notes:  
Each hanging bow a censor swings  
Beneath the dreamful sky,  
And at her feet rich fragrance flings,  
When autumn passeth by.

The spiders thread their gossamer  
With jewels for her head;  
The thistles strew their down for  
her,  
That softly she may tread;  
The brooklet stills its summer glee  
When'er her feet draw nigh,  
And gentle drowns the yellow bee  
When autumn passeth by.

Strange sorceries the spirit bind  
And work a haunting spell;  
Weird voices echo on the wind,  
And whisper beauty's knell.  
At eventide a lonely star  
Comes forth to mourn on high,  
And sheds its quivering light afar  
When autumn passeth by.

The sweetest song that ever flows  
Hath sorrow in its strain;  
The keenest joy that mortal knows  
Is always half a pain.  
So life and death combine their art  
To charm the ear and eye,  
And lovely pathos wins the heart  
When autumn passeth by.

—S. M. Peck.  
He laughs loudest who laughs at his own jokes.



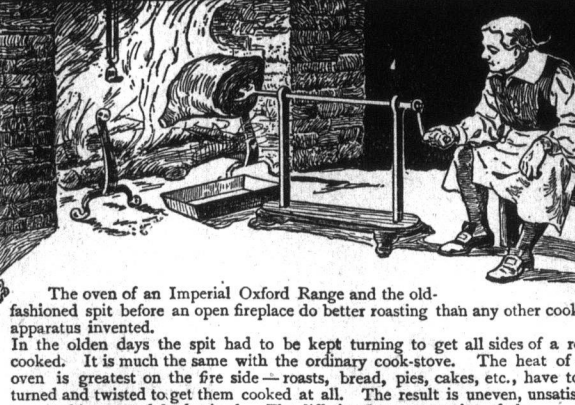
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