

English ports, and had, under the guise or from the midst of a fleet of fishermen, made a first attack on the Russian fleet. More than national prestige, national honour is involved in the issue thus joined.

"This is the issue which these two Great Powers have agreed to debate in court under the Hague Convention. The greatest praise is due to the statesmen of both nations who have sought and found a peaceful way out of what might easily have involved all Europe in war. That they should have done so ought not perhaps to be surprising; but it is. Ten years ago

Even amid the blood-red poppies of war spring the lillied blooms of tenderness and ruth. Beneath the rain of shot and shell the brigade of the Red Cross carries pity and succour to both Russ and Jap, and often friendships are formed that will outlast the cruel strifes of war.

The Japanese are reading a much-needed lesson to all the nations of the world in their exhaustive efforts to prevent the greatest bane of war. Eighty per cent. of the losses of an army are caused, not by the deadly bullet, but by the deadlier microbe. Eighty per cent. of the deaths are



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no statesman would have thought of such a solution. The judgment of the Hague Tribunal will be accepted, not only by both the nations involved, but by the civilized world. War would only have settled which fleet is the stronger; the Hague Tribunal will settle what is the truth.

"He that ruleth his spirit is better than he that taketh a city;" judged by this standard Great Britain and Russia have in all their military history furnished no finer exhibition of true national greatness than in this pacific settlement of what might easily have led to a great and terrible war."

from preventible disease, and twenty only from wounds in battle. The Japs take no risks. The chief medical officer ranks with a brigadier-general. His subalterns accompany every forward movement, test every water supply, examine the sanitation of every camp, guard against every infection, and examine minutely and often the stores and rations. Of a thousand wounded men in hospital at Tokio not one died. Of thousands at the American and British camps in the Spanish and Boer wars hundreds died of typhus and enteric. The "embalmed beef" and contaminated food