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THEIR RESPECTIVE CHANCES.

Japan wants to fight, but there will be no war with the United States unless some entirely unexpected development occurs which may lead to a more critical situation than exists at present. The United States has always been very bold in dealing with insignificant republics, is not making any great boast of its power, and a nation of some strength, is on the other side. The fact demands of the Japanese will be granted, and it is altogether probable that a struggle will be averted.

Yet if war should be declared between the United States and Japan it is interesting to study what might happen. There could be very little hope for the ultimate success of the eastern nation, for the Japs would be unable to land a force sufficient to engage in a campaign on American soil. The struggle would be on the sea, and there Japan would surely meet with success. Upon the declaration of war, the Japs' navy, concentrated in home waters, would seize Hawaii and the Philippines, and speeding eastward would seal every harbor on the Pacific coast. There could be no material resistance offered, for the United States navy while including more battleships than that of Japan, is not as strong numerically, and besides, suffers from being distributed on both the Atlantic and Pacific Oceans. The Pacific squadron is insignificant, and could not be expected to oppose the powerful warships of Japan.

Ten per cent. of the United States foreign trade passes through Pacific ports, and only two per cent. of this is carried in United States ships. The closing of Pacific ports would thus not materially affect the general commerce of a country having such efficient connection through other channels. But it is seen that the very insignificance of Pacific trade in United States bottoms, precludes the possibility of any immediate transport of troops. It would be out of the question for the war department to attempt to send a force to Japan, even if such a plan could be regarded as other than quixotic.

Pacific ports are poorly defended, are all easily approachable from the sea, and the property damage which could be done would be enormous. Japan is in an altogether different position. There are no important cities on the sea-coast; all are situated at the heads of bays, and all are defended by most modern and powerful fortresses. No city of any importance could be reached by warships until a battle had been fought, nor could troops be easily landed in Japan.

A comparison of the armament of the two nations reveals interesting facts. The United States is strong in battleships, those now effective for service, old and new, and the ones under construction numbering in all twenty-six. There are in service or building thirty-two cruisers of all classes, while smaller craft including submarines, scouts, torpedo boats, destroyers, etc., bring the total of all kinds to 138. Japan has eighteen battleships, thirty-two cruisers, and ninety-eight other ships, a total of 148. The tonnage is slightly greater than that of the United States navy, and Japan is particularly strong in torpedo boats and destroyers. The personnel of the Japanese navy consists of 24,980 officers and men, while that of the United States is 27,944.

During the two years which have elapsed since the close of the war with Russia, the Japanese army has been greatly strengthened and the number of men in service at the present time cannot be ascertained. But a year ago the strength was 157,629 active men with an available reserve bringing the total to 627,007. The United States a year ago had a fighting force of 60,399 and a militia of 111,288, a total of 171,687. The population of the United States is 76,000,000, and of Japan 47,000,000 but it must be remembered that while all males in the United States between certain ages, are liable to be called on for service, in Japan military training is compulsory, and that therefore the Mikado is able to call upon an immediate fighting force such as the United States could not equal in a year.

It would take only a couple of Japanese warships standing off New York, with decks cleared for action, to settle the present dispute.

PUT IT IN THE CONTAGIOUS CLASS.

The greatest event in the spread of consumption today is the failure of physicians to properly diagnose the disease and to explain it to the families of the patients. All over the world this scourge is decimating the nations, and the only efficient remedy, intelligent methods of treatment, is neglected except in a few of the more advanced communities. Here in St. John we are years behind the time, so far behind that we are doing nothing, and it is gratifying to note that Pioneer Lodge of Oddfellows has actively engaged in a discussion tending towards the prevention of this disease. Had the debates which took place in the lodge been published, much valuable information would undoubtedly have been given to the public, for that organization includes men of no mean ability, and they have evidently spent their best thought on the subject. The endeavor of the lodge is to enlist the sympathy and interest of the public, and the resolutions prepared, while outlining a scheme of reform in the health department, are also intended to develop a discussion along the lines suggested. It should be clearly noted that the resolutions deal wholly with the prevention rather than the cure of consumption, and this is getting at the root of the evil, for while a sanatorium has a great educative value its direct work is of a curative nature and cannot do much towards prevention without powerful assistance.

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He supposes that all men Must have knowledge of his worth; 'Twill be hard, he fancies, when He is gone to run the earth; 'Whoels will cease to turn, he thinks, And the flags will wave no more When within the grave he sinks And his usefulness is o'er.

When he sleeps within his tomb And the world, all darkened, grieves, Not another rose will bloom, So he foolishly believes. Why deprive him of his life, However foolish he may seem? Glory, after all, may be Merely happy dreams we dream.

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"Well, ma'am," she said, hesitating, as if not quite sure of her ground, "I never did put tea leaves in the dough, but I s'pose I could."

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"This is your first marriage?" inquired the Justice, as is duty bound. A high color flamed on Mary Anne's cheek bones, but she gazed unflinchingly at her questioner.

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"Yes, sir; it's my first chance," she said, grimly.

Patience—When you're ill, doctor, do you treat yourself? "No, I call in one of my colleagues." "Then can't I call in one of them—the one that cured you?"

NOW A DERELICT.

The captain and crew of the schooner Alma were picked up in the bay yesterday by the steamer Aurora and taken to Plaisance. Captain Donovan of the Alma lost about \$100 worth of effects which were on the schooner. Soon after the Aurora left with the crew on board the schooner turned over and is now an abandoned derelict. Captain Donovan states that the vessel sprung a leak off Cape Enrage on Monday last. The pumps would not work so the captain tried to make this port. The vessel had been brought to within a few miles off Partridge Island when she became unmanageable. Seeing that to remain on board was useless the captain showed the distress signals.

IRISH OBSTRUCTION LIBERALS' BOGEY

Alliance With Nationalists Played Out and Home Rule Now Further Off Than Ever.

LONDON, June 11.—Happenings of the week in parliament afford proof that the policy of the Irish radical alliance is utterly played out and that Campbell-Bannerman will leave the home rule movement in a far worse position than it has been during the political career of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, and as he is now the oldest member of the house of commons that is a pretty long time.

National members have been ominously silent during the last week. They have contemptuously rejected the government's so-called first instalment of home rule, which makes it now the second instalment, and suddenly they have witnessed the measure dropped by the government.

Everybody is asking what will be their next move. Old parliamentary hands can make shrewd guesses. Mr. Gladstone did not propose home rule until Mr. Parnell and his eighty-five followers in the house of commons happened to be in a position to make another Gladstonian government impossible on any other terms.

In spite of the subtle afterthoughts and ill-considered emotion by which Mr. Gladstone clothed the dignity of abstract philosophy, the only real explanation of Mr. Gladstone's conversion to home rule and the only argument for Gladstonianism that British electors could really understand was that "Ireland blocked the way."

"Why," Ireland being the way again? It is a question which is being cinned into the ears of the premier.

Whoever way he turns, the fractious and unyielding of the present Irish obstruction, and they believe that this is why Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman has been so long in which were promised in the king's speech at the opening of the session.

OBSTRUCTION IN GLADSTONE'S TIME.

In Gladstone's time the introduction of the Home Rule bill was effected by convincing the house of commons with obstruction and by demonstrating to the democracy in a fashion sufficiently objective and unselfish to turn, he is now home rule was granted the government of the British empire would continue to be shamed and paralyzed at its centre.

For eighteen months Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman and his Nationalist members kept them under the dead weight of decorum. It was like the leaden cope in which the Irish Nationalist members were put in another way, they had the power of disgracing the mother of parliaments by their manœuvres, but they decided not to exercise it.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman became Prime Minister they have acted as a sort of liberal snuff-box. The Premier is now in a position to place the Home Rule bill in the hands of the Nationalist members engaged in throwing the machine of parliamentary government hopelessly out of gear.

Now, as ever, the tide of Irish agitation no sooner ebbs to its lowest than it turns for flood, and as steadily as Ireland is under the wretched necessity of recognizing that the "measure of home rule" of 1907 is as dead as Daniel O'Connell, so surely is Parliament under the scarcely more agreeable necessity of facing the sequel in a revival of obstruction.

POSITION OF PARTIES.

"A bladder may be dipped, but not be drowned." In the lobby of the house of commons the Nationalist members are plainly telling the followers of the government that the determining factor of the situation is that the Unionists will sink everything to defeat home rule, while the radicals, the English, Welsh and Scotch prohibitions, the passive resisters and other sections would not sink the least of their fads to carry a measure of home rule as the Irish understand it.

Notwithstanding the falling out of the government's home rule policy and many rocks and breakers ahead, the Prime Minister's stock of Mark Tapscott cheerfulness is not apparently at all exhausted, although he must know that among his large following the belief is strong that the government will throw everything overboard again next session, as they have done this, and decide on a dramatic dissolution.

Rumors are rife at radical headquarters to support the belief that, driven to desperation by the sorry succession

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of failures and the dread of Irish obstruction, they may try to restore their prestige by going to their constituencies early next year with the cry of "Down with the House of Lords!" the only good butterfly they have left is now that the Chinese bogey has ceased to frighten or mislead.

TRAGEDIES.

WATERVILLE, Me., June 11.—Costas P. Larkavithis, a Greek, was stabbed in the right groin in a grocery store on Lockwood street, this evening, and died on the sidewalk in front of the store ten minutes later.

The man who did the stabbing, alleged to be John Tharapies, escaped across the bridge into Winslow, but was later captured by the local police in a house on Charles street in this city. Owing to the inability of the witnesses of the crime to speak English the motive for the deed and the circumstances connected with it cannot be learned definitely, but it is believed that the dead man made a taunting remark to Tharapies, which enraged the latter who picked up a large butcher knife and inflicted the fatal wound.

BANGOR, Me., June 11.—Warrie M. Law, a freight brakeman, was run over and instantly killed Tuesday morning at about four o'clock, a mile north of Bangor station, by train No. 529 leaving Bangor at 2:30 a. m. Law's train stopped at Hudson station and he went back to his train that came along with the freight train. He was found later and went to sleep. He leaves a wife and one child in Bangor.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., June 11.—Alexander Thompson, of New Haven, one of the four occupants of the machine, was almost instantly killed this afternoon when an automobile was in collision with a carriage in North avenue. None of the other occupants of the vehicle were seriously hurt.

BOSTON, Mass., June 11.—Two men were killed and one probably fatally injured as the result of an explosion in a furnace at the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, at Quincy Point, late today. Charles Haag, and an unknown man, whose name is believed to have been killed, and Charles Swensen received a fractured skull and other injuries from which he is not expected to survive.

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DUQUIN, Ill., June 11.—A tornado passed over this section today, doing much damage. It is reported there has been loss of life. A tornado swept this town Friday night blowing down many houses and destroying crops.

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