



IF THE JAP WINS, WOULD HE?—Boston Herald.

that a Japanese Monroe doctrine will shut out all Western trade, and seek to overwhelm Western civilization. This idea is expressed in several cartoons. We deem it a sheer chimera. Certainly Russia is the last country in the world to anticipate a new injury to trade from Japanese as compared with Russian supremacy. The Japanese have shown themselves more receptive of Western ideas, Western civilization, and Western trade than any other country in the East. Japan's policy is that of the open door to commerce, of broadest toleration and protection of foreign religions and people. Great Britain is her sole companion in this regard. Russia, on the contrary, closes the door of every country she controls to all commerce save her own. She is, next to Thibet, the most intolerant country in the world. All religions are under ban save the State Church, and she bitterly persecutes alike the Finns and Jews, Stundists, Doukhobors and Mennonites.

A year or two ago certain nervous persons were panic-stricken by the fear that the sovereignty of the seas was passing from Great Britain to her Western rival. The sale to the Morgan Steamship Trust of so many British-built ships was considered a sign that not Britannia but Columbia

should rule the waves. But Johnny Bull got good prices for his ships, built more and better ones, and now we read that the Morgan Steamship Trust has passed into the hands of British stockholders. Mr. Naughton's cartoon very cleverly sizes up the situation, and we fancy that John Bull's long-threatened decadence on land is no more real than that threatened on the sea.



DROPPING THE PILOT.

—Naughton, in the Minneapolis Tribune.