



THE TEAMSTERS' STRIKE IN CHICAGO  
AS SEEN FROM AFAR.

—Rehse, in St. Paul Pioneer Press.

spirit before a fall." The great empire of Russia, like the mighty image of Nebuchadnezzar's vision, with head of gold, and thighs of brass, and legs of iron, had yet feet of clay, and when smitten by the stone, cut without hands, was broken in pieces. So the despised "pigmy Japs" smote the great colossus of the north, and shattered his feet of clay. Russia is no longer the nightmare of Europe. Too long has it crushed the many conquered races that make up its conglomerate empire, and trampled under foot the liberties of its people. It is well for Russia, and well for Europe, that the power of its despotic oligarchy is broken for ever. A new era of progress will dawn upon mujiks and nobles alike. But it is gall and wormwood to her Grand Dukes to know that the people welcome the Japanese victories as their only hope of lasting freedom.

#### HOW IT CAME ABOUT.

Russia was honeycombed with fraud and graft and guile. Nothing was sacred from the arts of the speculator and the peculator. Even the Red Cross stores for the wounded and dying soldiers in the field, that were respected by the conquering Japs, were pillaged and plundered by the minions of the Grand Dukes who shared the spoil.

Another cause of the overthrow of Russia was the superior morale of the Japanese. The Russian character was sapped and destroyed by strong drink.

Unlimited vodka for the privates, and champagne and debauchery for the officers, made them an easy prey to the cool-brained, water-drinking Japs. The war photos showed mountains of cases of liquor piled up at the railway sidings, taxing the transportation facilities which should have been used for food, clothing and ammunition. Never was a squadron so loaded with liquor as that which left Libau. The shattered junk at the bottom of the straits of Korea, with the thousands of drowned mariners, are the natural result.

#### UNSTABLE AS WATER.

Infirm of purpose and of will, it is the bane of the Czar that his concessions are always too late. His Easter ukase, if made before, and made in good faith, might have saved his dynasty, but coming belated as it did, it could not long delay the ravaging wolves.

Another of our cartoons shows the unstable and tottering dynasty of the Romanoffs. If buttressed by wisdom and a people's love and loyalty, it might have defied the assaults of united Europe. Now it has fallen into ruin before the yellow pigmies, which the Czars would have disdained to set with the dogs of their flock.

Japan had good reason to complain of the benevolent neutrality of France to her Muscovite ally. The long delay of Rojstvensky at Saigon, at Kamranh, and other hospitable harbors, were set down in Japan's book of remembrance,



THE INSURANCE DIVIDEND.

"Why not change ends?"

—Evans, in the Cleveland Leader.