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## GEN. YAMAGATA'S CAREER.

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The Japanese are leading the Japanese armies against Russia who have proved their skill and courage. They have been actual service and have fought over the sea, where they now meet the Russian fleet. The first on the list in order of service is Field Marshal Yamagata, who is not only first in rank, but first in the esteem of the Japanese public and in the judgment of the Government. It is a record of many wars, having begun the struggle that restored the Emperor to power in 1868. In the autumn year he visited Russia studying military subjects. In 1872 he became Assistant Secretary of War—a position which was always held by a general in the army. In the following year he was made Lieutenant-General, and two years later Secretary of War.

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