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### STRUGGLE FOR MASTERY

#### BRITAIN AND RUSSIA BOTH DE-TERMINED TO WIN.

Swiftly shifting Events in the East All Point to War - Resumes of the Present Situation - Parts the Great Powers are Playing in the Drama.

The drama of threatened European war has quickly shifted from Greece and Turkey to China and Korea. The same jealousy exists among the great powers of Europe concerning these two countries of the Orient, as was prominent when the Turkish troubles demanded the attention of European diplomats.

England was among the first to force China to open her ports to foreign trade, and every move made by her on the

#### CHINESE CHECKER BOARD

Has been watched with envy by Russia. The Great Russian Bear, though great his domain has with longing eyes craved a port in China where warships could come and go at all seasons of the year. It has been equally important to Great Britain to prevent such an acquisition on Russia's part. A port of that kind in the East would be a powerful weapon in the hands of the Czar.

During the late Chinese-Japanese war Russia's good will was on the side of China, while England gave her good offices to Japan. As soon as China signed the terms of peace, Russia began to harass the Japs and finally made their influence in Korea amount to nothing. It was these actions by the astute Russian diplomats that

#### WON THE CONFIDENCE

Of the Chinese Emperor and the final concession of Fort Arthur to Russia.

The first move to parcel out China was made by Germany under the pretext that German missionaries had been insulted and murdered. The German Emperor ordered his warships to capture Kiao-Chow. This port is in the northern part of China, and is almost land locked. The desire of Germany in securing this port is to extend her colonial possession and enlarge her commercial trade. Not only has Germany taken Kiao-Chow, but she has also taken the adjacent inland territory, rich in agriculture and having a population of over 5,000,000. Kiao-Chow is only a short distance from Wei-Hai-Wei, the port now occupied by the Japanese until China pays the war indemnity. There is a vast difference in the location of the ports held by Germany and Japan. The one held by the former can be placed in a great state of defense, while the Japanese would have to depend entirely on their ships of war to protect Wei-Hai-Wei. The revenue to Germany from the customs of their port will

#### AMOUNT TO MILLIONS

Of dollars, annually, as it is in a better condition to get the enormous inland trade.

The diplomatic moves on Russia's part for territory and supremacy in the Orient had been carried on quietly and astutely. No sooner had Germany taken possession of Kiao-Chow than Russia, with the consent of the Chinese Emperor, occupied Port Arthur. The importance of this port to Russia cannot be fully appreciated by the people of this country.

#### LONG EYE ON INDIA.

But British power has been strong in that country that only secret moves are made to bring about the desired end. Thus, with these facts known, will be at once readily appreciated the importance of the Chinese port to the Russian Bear.

At present the Russian navy is cut up into four divisions, two of which are of no absolute value in the event of a great war, viz: The Baltic and Black Sea divisions which have no outlet to the sea. Unless she is permitted to help Port Arthur, Russia has no port in the Orient that is open in winter.

Quickly following the Port Arthur concession came the word that the Korean King had dismissed Hon. McLeay Brown, the British adviser to the Korean Customs at Chemulpo, the chief port of Korea. His office was promptly given to a Russian. That office is of vast importance to England. Mr. Brown acted as Chief of Finances to the Korean Government, had a great influence in furthering British trade with Korea, which Russia

#### DESIRED TO CRIPPLE

And England at once ordered 20 ships-of-war to Chemulpo to demand that Brown be reinstated. In this she was backed by 30 Japanese men-of-war. The rendezvous of this great fleet was at Fort Hamilton, a small island about 50 miles south of Korea. Since these important occurrences have taken place England has ordered out her naval reserves and changed the location of her fleet from Port Hamilton to Ning-Po.

All these preparations on the part of England and Russia may be the beginning of a great war. Certain it is at present that Russia is not using

her influence to urge the extension of her territory and the crushing of England and Japan in the East thus hoping to eventually gain control of the whole of Asia. England on the other hand is as equally determined that this shall not be carried out to her detriment. Any move that strikes at her commerce strikes at the vital spark of England's power, and the last must she resist such a move on the part of any power.

### A Lumberman's Life.

#### CONSTANTLY EXPOSED TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

He Falls an Easy Victim to Rheumatism and Kindred Troubles - A Twenty Year's Sufferer Tells How He Found Relief.

From the Richibucto, N. B., Review.  
Mr. Wm. Murray, of Corniersville, N.B., is an old and respected farmer, and a pioneer settler of the thriving little village he now makes his home. While Mr. Murray was yet a young man, he, together with his father and brother, founded one of the best mill properties to be seen in those early days. The mills consisted of a sawmill and gristmill, and were operated and managed by the two brothers. Labor saving appliances being then comparatively unknown, the young men were exposed to dangers and difficulties almost unknown to the present generation. One of the greatest evils in connection with the business was exposure to wet and cold, which lay more exposed at the time he was crippled his victims with rheumatism. In a late conversation regarding his disease, Mr. Murray told the following story of his long misery and final cure by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills: "For over twenty years I have been a sufferer from rheumatism. I attribute the cause of the disease to the time when as a young man I worked at our mills. In the winter we would haul logs on the pond where the alternate thaws and frosts of early spring would embed them in the ice and slush. When the time came for starting up the mill I would go out on the pond sometimes in water up to my knees and work away from morning till night chopping logs out of the slush and ice. I was generally wet from head to foot, and every second night of the week I would, without changing my clothes, stay up and run the mill till daybreak. So you see I was for two days at a time in a suit of partially wet clothes, and this would last till the ice had melted in the pond. After a few years rheumatism fastened itself upon me as a reward for this indiscretion, and ever increasing in its malignity it at last became so bad that for weeks in succession I could only go about with the aid of crutches. At other times I was able to hobble about the house by the aid of two canes, and again at other times it would ease off a little and I was able to do a little work, but could never stand it for more than a couple of hours at a time. The least bit of walking in damp weather would overcome me and I remember one stormy night when I tried to walk from Cochrane Bridge to my home a distance of five miles that I had to sit down by the roadside six times to ease the terrible pain that had seized my legs. During all those years of agony I think I tried all the patent medicines I could get a hold of, but they did me no good at all. I consulted doctors, but my sufferings remained undiminished. In the fall of 1895 I went to a doctor in Buctouche to see if there were any means by which I might at least be eased of my suffering. The doctor said frankly, "Mr. Murray you cannot be cured, nothing can cure you." I was not satisfied and then I determined to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I procured half a dozen boxes and began taking them at once. I soon felt a change for the better and after my supply had been finished got another half dozen boxes and continued taking them according to directions. That dozen boxes was all I took and you see now. I am alive and smart and can do any kind of work. I did my farming this spring and could follow the plough for days without feeling any rheumatic pains. Yes, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills did me a world of good, and I strongly recommend them for the cure of rheumatism.

#### DOCTOR'S RUSE.

An envious young lady called a physician for a slight ailment, which she magnified into a serious one: Running said doctor to a servant, giving him a prescription, to get the nearest chemist and bring back the medicine as quickly as you can. Is there much danger? replied the young lady in alarm. Yes, said the doctor, if your servant is not quick it will be useless. Oh! doctor, shall I die? gasped the patient. There is no danger of that, said the doctor, but you may get well before Thomas returns.

#### JUST LIKE A MAN.

John is such a goose; he gave dear mamma half a dozen silver nut-picks and a nut-cracker.

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Mr. Hornbeck, I don't know. At the time I spoke of course that a schoolmaster was meant, an' didn't ask any further; but, come to think about it, for all I know, she may have married a corn doctor, a piano tuner, a slight-of-hand performer, a dancin' master, a balloon ascensionist, a horse physician, a mandolin player, a boxer, a glass later, a rope walker, a fiddler, a shabby-gentleman with no visible means of support, or any one of a dozen other kinds of professors.

#### NO RETURNS.

Do you think there is any money in politics, Jimson?  
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### HOW RULERS TRAVEL.

#### Precautions Taken for the Safety of the German Emperor and Russian Czar.

The Kaiser of Germany has patrols along all the roads he uses, both highways and railroads. He is always preceded on ordinary roads by guards, who go ahead of him and beat the bushes and look out for any Anarchist who may lie in wait for him.

When the Czar travels along any railway line the road is patrolled for days before by armed guards. They are stationed regularly throughout the entire distance at intervals of 200 yards. Up to the day the train is scheduled to pass they are allowed to take it easy, carrying their rifles meanwhile slung over their shoulders. Six hours before the passage of the imperial train they shoulder their rifles and march briskly up and down the track. An hour before the imperial train passes the guards are required to stand with their backs toward the train and to allow no one to pass within less than one hundred yards of the track until ten minutes after the royal train has passed. Should any one attempt to approach, the guards are directed to challenge them, and if they continue to approach they have orders to fire with intent to kill.

#### ROOSTERS DO THE HATCHING.

In one respect the Spanish peasants are ahead of the rest of the world. They have learned to make cocks hatch eggs and look after the chickens, while the hen, being at liberty, can and does lay more eggs than she would if hampered by her maternal duties. The trick is performed in this way: They carefully pluck the feathers off the roosters' under side, and the bare skin is then irritated with nettles until that the rain caused by this cruel process is mitigated by warmth and softness, and this makes him willing and eager, although for purely selfish reasons, to hatch a brood and let the little chicks sit under him.

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