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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1898

### RUSSIA AND BRITAIN IN THE EAST.

Russia is the one European power whose astute diplomacy is most unreluctant, and who refuses to be bound by her treaty obligations any longer or farther than suits her convenience. France, Spain or Italy may practise deception upon a diplomatic opponent, but a Russian diplomat never fails to resort to straight-away lying to carry his point. Thus in the matter of the occupation of Port Arthur, Count Muraviev informed the British Ambassador that Russia had no intention of holding the place save as a free commercial port. But once in occupation of Port Arthur he went squarely back upon his word. The fact is that Russia has been moving down upon China from the north for decades past like a relentless winter, always extending her domain southward and encroaching upon her helpless neighbor. Now her presumption soars so high that she openly seeks to shut British trade out of Northern China. The strain upon the diplomatic relations between Britain and the northern Colossus has now very nearly reached the breaking point, and Britain is vigorously preparing for the almost inevitable rupture.

It seems fortunate that during the period of Russia's far eastern encroachments Japan has come to the front as a naval, military and commercial power, sympathetic with Britain because of a community of interests. Recent events in the Philippines have also given the United States new interests in the East and so Britain can hardly be wholly isolated in her efforts to check Russian aggrandizement. Japan and the American Republic have a strong interest in maintaining the "open door" for which Britain is contending and which Russia would close.

British supplementary estimates to the tune of forty million dollars show the extent to which Russian aggression has impressed the parliament and people. It may be that Russia will momentarily heed the warning which this large appropriation gives and so an armed conflict may be avoided for the time. But the general feeling is that the struggle will be only postponed and must become inevitable in the not distant future.

### EDITOR'S MAIL.

#### The Stanhope Trouble.

Sir.—Will you permit a few words relative to "Complaint from Stanhope." At the close of the public service in the Stanhope Methodist Church, on the evening of the 3rd of August, an excellent, active and efficient member of the normal class, asked the Superintendent of the circuit: What about the use of the church for the normal class? The answer was: The class can have the church any time it wants it. (Providing it does not interfere with the regular services of the church.) But the opening of the church for the class by the sexton is not in his agreement. Therefore the Superintendent of the circuit told said member, that, on any Sunday evening the class wished to meet, the sexton would give him the key at the close of the regular service in the afternoon. Said member to open the church and be responsible for the key until returned to the sexton, or brought to the church in time for the service next after the time of meeting of normal class. Thus, legally and practically, the use of the Methodist Church at Stanhope, is in the hands of the normal class for its own meetings.

I believe, Mr Editor, that the press is invaluable for the ventilation, illumination and elucidation of public questions. But for the settlement of matters contained in said complaint, I believe there is a more excellent and efficient way. With this conviction, there will be no further reference to this matter by the undersigned in the press.

I remain yours, very truly,  
R. OPIE.

Little York, August 9, 1898.

### St. Peter's Harbor.

Sir.—The breakwater at St Peter's Harbor is fast going to pieces. This fall's storms will finish it. We have petitioned, passed resolutions and exhausted all means at our disposal to have some work done to save this work which must have cost \$10,000, but of no avail. It is too bad that the only harbor between here and East Point should become useless owing to the incompetency of those in power. Less than \$1,000 spent now will save this work and the Harbor, but it left till the fall it will all be gone. Millions are spent in other parts of Canada properly or otherwise, but it seems that we are of little worth down here. It may seem a small matter to the government, but it is of very great importance to people in this part of the Island and we think the "powers that be" are not doing us the justice we deserve.

We are disgusted with the way the government is treating us. The late government did a good work here which the present party do not think worth while looking after. We have had lots of fair promises and the Provincial Engineer appeared previous to every election but here the matter rests. Come gentlemen, we expect fair treatment. We'll give you another chance and trust that this matter will receive attention at once, as it will soon be too late.

Yours,  
V. C. POPPILL.

Morell, Aug. 8, '98.

### The West And The War.

CHICAGO, Aug 2.—In New York every one is thinking and talking about the war. Out here in "the West" no one is talking about it or apparently giving it much thought. To a New Yorker the contrast is startling and at first irritating.

I was talking about this apparent apathy with another New Yorker with whom I fell into conversation on a train. Like me he had been in a half a dozen of these Eastern cities and towns and his observation confirmed mine.

"I have never been West before," said he. "I had an idea that the West" was a hot-bed of patriotism. I had always heard that to see the flag waved properly and to hear the eagle's upper register at its shrillest you must get away from foreign New York and cross the Alleghenies. I am more than disgusted. In New York whenever a band plays a national air the people within hearing rise up and cheer themselves hoarse. Out here the national airs hardly "get a hand." In New York we talk about Dewey and Hobson and Schley and wrangle over the conduct of the war and McKinley's policy in every street car almost on every street corner. Out here when anybody begins on the war the people change the subject as soon as possible.

"How do you account for it?" I asked. "Why, I can't account for it. The newspapers out here have all the news and if you insist on it you find out from the people that they are up on all that is going on, just as we are. But somehow they give you the impression that the war does not amount to much. All I can say is that for patriotism give me New York City every time. The West isn't in it with us."

Being a Westerner by birth and breeding I was not satisfied with this explanation. So I brought the subject up in the course of a talk with the Governor of one of these Western States.

"It is very simple," said he. "when once you get the key to what seems to you a great mystery. You New Yorkers are entirely too provincial, too narrow. You never seem to realize what a vast country this is, how enormous are its resources, how many its people, its cities, its towns how diversified its interests."

"If you had been out here during the period between the blowing up of the Maine by the Spaniards and the declaration of war you would have seen such a nervous tension of patriotism as New

York, with its big moneyed interests all concentrated in one small place, has never dreamed of. The people of the West were for war to a man, and were determined to have war.

"But just as soon as the matter was settled right, just as soon as war was declared, they put the question in its proper perspective. They see no occasion for being tremendously excited and constantly in a state of upheaval over such a small matter as it was with poor old feeble Spain."

After this talk with the Western Governor I began to understand the Western point of view. I think the average Western man, with his large ideas of the strength and the greatness of his country, would deem it beneath his dignity as a citizen of a nation so great and strong to permit himself to be much agitated over the war, except when the news of some signal victory came. I realize now that our excitement in New York is due to our nearness to the sea, to our nearness to Europe and European affairs and to our nearness to the seat of war—that is our telegraphic and news nearness.

The West knows and has known from the outset that the result of the war is a foregone conclusion; that victory is a matter of course; that to push Spain calls for no more exertion on our part than would the punishment of a refractory infant by its parents. So the West remains calm and cool and attends to its affairs, which are large.

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