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GREAT EASTERN WAR.

The Cause of the War of Japan and China.

The following letter written by a friend of the Post Editor, for the Public Press, will no doubt interest our readers: You have no doubt published some articles on the recent war, but having a correspondent on the battle field you are entitled to an article direct and fresh.

THE CAUSE OF THE WAR.

For many years China has held a suzerainty over Korea. In name Korea was independent; in fact, she was not. Korea, lying between China and Japan, it is of the greatest importance to Japan that Korea be kept a free country. If China should take her it would bring China uncomfortably close to Japan. In the year 1884 there was some difficulty between these two countries over Korea, which resulted in a new treaty being made. This treaty of 1885 stated that neither power was to send troops to Korea without first informing the other of their intentions.

There has been dissatisfaction among the people of Korea for some years. The government itself has been very bad. The people are kept in great poverty, there being no incentive to produce wealth, as it would be taken at once through taxation. Last Spring things became unbearable and a rebellion was the result. China was called to put down the people, as the Korean government was not able to do so. China responded at once without notifying Japan, thus breaking her treaty of 1885. This is the cause or pretext, for Japan has been wanting to fight China for some time. She has two reasons, yes three: First, her own people are greatly dissatisfied and a rebellion has been feared for some time. A foreign war is the surest way of unifying her own people. Second, China is an old enemy and Japan wishes to show China her strength and if possible bring them to dust before her. Third, Japan has just taken her place among civilized nations and is now on dress parade before the world. She is anxious that all the world may know of the kingdom of "Great Japan."

As soon as the news reached Japan that China had sent troops to Korea, she answered by sending some 4,000 troops at once, to protect her people in Korea and her interests there. China asked Japan to withdraw her

army; this she refused to do. Japan, in return, said she had come to Korea to reform, regenerate and reorganize her, and asked China to cooperate in this work. This was ignored by China and really considered an insult. Japan proceeded with her work of reformation. Upon this China began sending troops to Korea.

THE CONFLICT BEGINS.

The first great movement of the conflict was the sinking of the Kowshing, an English transport in the service of the Chinese, carrying troops to Korea. As she was approaching the Korean port, with some 1100 troops on board, three Japanese men-of-war suddenly came before her and signaled her to stop. This she did. A boat was sent out by one of the Japanese men-of-war to get the particulars of the transport. Having learned that the transport was full of Chinese soldiers, she immediately ordered her to surrender, follow the Japanese men-of-war or take the consequences. The Chinese declared that they would all die before they would surrender.

The Japanese then told the foreigners. But the Chinese said they would shoot the first man who attempted to leave the ship. A Japanese man-of-war immediately discharged a torpedo and opened a broadside on the transport. In a few minutes she began to sink with all on board. The captain, who is English, and two other foreigners escaped by swimming, and then being picked up. It is said that the Japanese fired on the men in the water. If they did, it will add much to the crime, and was contrary to the rules of civilized (?) warfare.

This was done before war was declared. Upon the sinking of the Kowshing, China declared war, and the Japanese did likewise.

THE JAPANESE VICTORIOUS.

The Japanese have been victorious thus far. They have captured Asan which was held by the Chinese, also Seoul, the capital, and are in possession of many other points in Korea. A great battle is expected daily. The Japanese men-of-war are in possession of Korean waters and seem to be master of the situation.

THE CONDITION OF THE TWO ARMIES.

Japan is prepared for war. She has an excellent army and navy. Everything about her war equipment is strictly modern. Her kill-are all up to date, and her arms are manned.

THE FAMOUS KILMER'S WAMP.

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China is not so well prepared for war. In the first place she is not so homogeneous as Japan. They are very slow in their movements. The provinces are almost like separate kingdoms. The army is poorly drilled and just as poorly armed. Then Chinese will not obey orders. Yet they have the German stubbornness and would always rather die than surrender. Having no railroads, it takes a long time to collect the army together or move them when collected. The Chinese navy is better than her army and compares very favorably with that of the Japanese.

INTERNATIONAL COMPLICATIONS.

No one can predict anything positively in regard to the outcome of this war. Some movements which have been made make us apprehensive. England has eight men-of-war on the Korean waters. Russia has answered with the same number. France and Germany are represented. Russia and England are not friends. France and Germany are enemies. It is stated on good authority that Russia intends to take one of the ports of Korea, for at present they have no Eastern port which is open the year around. It is very necessary for her to have such a port, as well as a good outlet for her Siberian railroad. Whether the other nations will interfere is to be seen. The spirit of war is abroad in the land. It would not take much fire from the East to start the war flame in Europe. All students of

the times will watch the events of the present war with much interest. Students of prophecy will watch with special interest and insight.

The nineteenth century may go out drenched in blood and amidst the destruction of her own civilization. May God send us a new and better age when nations will learn war no more. Do not forget that in Korea there are some 10,000,000 souls waiting for the Gospel. Has God spoken to you about it?

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