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JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

The conditions which threatened war between Japan and Russia are evidently passing away, but men who have made a study of the situation declare that an outbreak in the near future would cause little surprise. Mr. Sale, an American business man who has lived at Yokohama for the past twenty-three years, says the people in Japan expect war and want it, but that the Government so far has pursued a very conservative policy and has succeeded in keeping in check the more radical ones. He says that Japan does not care anything about Manchuria except to protect its trade, but Russia must keep its hands off Korea or get war. The newspapers of Japan have entered an agreement to print nothing about the movements of either the navy or the army, and all strangers are closely shadowed to prevent Russia becoming aware of Japan's preparations. Mr. Sale left Yokohama October 16, and he says the feeling at that time was that war must come, and that Japan was ready in every sense of the word.

Japan is a large country, a quarter larger than England, Scotland and Wales combined, and has a population of 42,000,000. It is fortunate, says a magazine writer, in being an island realm, so that it cannot be attacked except from the sea. This in view of its powerful navy, probably superior to that of Russia, gives it a tremendous advantage in war with the northern empire. Again it is so close to the Asiatic continent that it could land its troops in Korea or Siberia much more rapidly than Russia could march them overland or transport them on the Siberian railway. Again the 42,000,000 Japanese are more closely knit by national ties, by loyalty and patriotism and zeal than any equal number of people on the face of the globe. In this respect they resemble ancient Sparta, the Dutch in Europe, and the magnificently heroic Boers.

As to their military qualities, it is well known that the Japanese army is not only of considerable size, but that its discipline and equipment are fully equal to that of the French or German forces. The present standing army of Japan is something like 650,000 troops, or equal in size to the army of either France or Germany, and in military efficiency it is undoubtedly the superior of either.

It has been said that the Japanese have never fought a serious war with a white nation, and are an unknown quantity. But there is abundant material for estimating the strength on sea and land of these two people. The Japanese in their conflict with China in 1894, proved themselves superior to the Chinese, in a greater degree than the Russians or any European soldiery have ever proved themselves superior to the Chinese. Again in the international extravaganza, known as the marching on Peking, the Japanese soldiers marched and fought side by side with the picked soldiery of Europe and America. In that experience they showed themselves superior to the American and European troops in every respect and almost every Western commander engaged in the expeditions against the Chinese "Boxers" admitted that they were at least the equal, if not the superior, of all other soldiers engaged in the expedition.

INTERVIEWED THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

You never hear blue ruin talk from the genial and talented Attorney General of New Brunswick. In passing through Montreal, Monday, he was sought by representatives of two of the leading dailies of that city, and induced to talk of

conditions in New Brunswick. Dr. Pugsley presented a pleasing picture of the times in this province, but it was not overdrawn. He talked of the lumbering, coal and other important interests, incidentally mentioned that the local government is in good shape, and that there is great unanimity in the desire of New Brunswickers that Hon. Mr. Emmerson shall be minister of railways.

It is not so long ago that the Sun represented the attorney general as scheming to succeed Mr. Blair in the federal cabinet, in the face of Dr. Pugsley's repeated denials that he had no ambition to enter the federal arena.

MAY NOMINATE MARTIN.

When Hon. Joseph Martin was defeated in Vancouver for the legislature a few weeks ago, he declared that he was through with politics. However if recent advices from Vancouver are reliable "Fighting Joe" may be induced to reconsider his decision. A local bye election is on in that city, Hon. Dr. Wilson, one of the Tory members for the constituency having accepted a portfolio in the McBride government, necessitating an appeal for re-election. The government is in such a shaky condition that the loss of one seat, especially one held by a minister, would precipitate a crisis. The Liberals have therefore decided to oppose Dr. Wilson, and it is said are looking to Mr. Martin to carry their banner. A convention is to be held, and the chances are strongly in favor of Mr. Martin's nomination.

FRENCH CANADIAN LOYALTY.

In a recent address at Toronto, Mr. Bourassa, Liberal M. P. for Latélie, speaking of the French Canadians, said they were loyal to Canada. They were the first Canadians, Canada is their home, and they have no sympathy whatever with the French of France. They are exponents of the purest Canadianism, and as such desire to avoid all the foreign entanglements, which might follow and closer union with Great Britain. He instanced the several occasions on which French Canadians had resisted the effort of Franklin and other Americans to induce the French Canadians to join the United States.

Mr. Bourassa's audience was entirely English and he made an excellent impression.

Mr. Tarte has crossed the Rubicon, and is now a full fledged Tory again. At Montreal last night he spoke at a Tory meeting in company with Mr. Borden and Mr. Monk, and his reception was of a mixed character—some cheers and some hisses and groans. Mr. Tarte declared for higher protection and Mr. Borden for adequate protection. The two gentlemen should get together and arrange a common tariff platform.

The people of Moncton deserve great credit for the erection of the \$25,000 hospital, formally opened by Premier Tweedie this afternoon. Provincial towns in both Nova Scotia and New Brunswick are rapidly falling into line in the establishment of these humane institutions.

Canada has already commenced to dump her surplus politicians on the mother country, although Mr. Chamberlain's preferential treatment of this country is still a long way off.

The federal government has decided to superannuate Judge Walkem, of British Columbia, Judge Richardson, of the Northwest Territories, and Judge Caron, of Quebec.

Probably with the idea of fostering the Imperial idea, the British naval authorities at Halifax, sent H. M. S. Pallas to St. John and H. M. S. Indefatigable to

Sydney to assist the local authorities in celebrating the King's birthday.

The St. John Globe joins the Sun and Telegraph in commending the decision of the Scotchmen to erect a statue to Robert Burns in this city, and expresses the opinion that Scotchmen throughout New Brunswick will no doubt gladly assist in the enterprise.

CALLED THEM DOWN.

Patriotic Outburst in a Montreal Theatre.

Montreal, Nov. 11.—The production of the stars and stripes, during the performance of the Prince of Pilsen Co. at the Academy of Music last night, caused a terrific uproar. Cat call and groans filled the air, and it was not till the statue of Britannia was produced that order was restored. Then the whole audience arose and sang God Save the King.

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