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TOGO'S VICTORY.

Every telegram that arrives confirms more and more the completeness of the Japaness victory. The capture of Admirals Rodjestvensky Niebogatoff and Foe kersam, with thousands of Niebogatoff and Foe kersam, with thousands of prisoners, and the extraordinary way in which the Japanese fleet has escaped scatteless from the mighty combat, serve to show the thorough ness of Japan's naval secoses. It would be premature to hazard a conjecture as to the immediate on sequences of Admiral Tego's proligious victory. Fere now the Tear may hesitate to decide for peace, while it is improbable that the revolutionary movement will become immediately stronger than breetofero. But that the main issues movement will besome immediately stronger than heretofera. But that the main issues of Saturday's fight for the world at large will be enormous it is easy to forestell, and to find a historical parallel we must go further back than 1805, for such a world-historical sea-fight deserves to be compared not with an international combat such as was Tradagar, but with an intercontinental event such as Salamis Even yet perhaps Europe sacracy precognises how prodigious an influence this rise of a new Power on the edge of dais, in the cocan which must yet penhaps Europe scarcely recognises how prodigious an influence this rise of a new Power on the edge of Asia, in the coean which must decade by deaced increases in importance till its freedom will preoccupy all maritime nations as the freedom of the Atlantic does now, will exercise on her policy, her ambitions, and her commerce Throw saide all apprehasions about the "yellow paril," leave Unins out of the calculation as ank in irredeemable detage, assume Japan to stand alone, and still Europe has to reckon with a Power which ten years hence will have twice Tugo's fleet, and which has proved that wherever she can land, an army double its strength must be called out to render defeat of the defenders improbable. Of the ideas, aspirations, and ultimate plans of that Power nothing; it may be said, is known; but of her capacities and her strength we now at least know something. We know that she can koop a scoret for years, that her people will fight to the death at the word of command, that she has the European belief in science, and that she counts among her statemen and soldiers man of the intellectual capacity to control and guide huge masses of trained men to any end she has deaded on No King thinks that he can conquer Japan; no stateman imagines that he can see a set as the root or the root in tengence the root in the can be conquer Japan; no stateman

were on the eve of a development which was believed to be unparalle'ed in modern history She appeared to have gained her deire, warm-water port, and the commerce of the Far East was about to fall into her hands. He diplomacy was dreaded by all, and seemed it have been crowned with a singular success. The bendings measured to the proper state of diplomacy was adorted on all the deep canada. He diplomacy was dressled by all, and seemed it have been cowned with a singular success. It the ordinary spectator she appeared to have been pursuing for generations one policy biding her time in patience, and striking releatedly when the moment arrived. Russis we were toold, was the desu ideal of an Imperial Power. She had no captions democracy, no critical and independent Press, to tie he hands or compromise the continuity of he work. Her great bureacracy were inspired by a single sim, and peased it on unweakened their ancessors. Her methods, to be sure were somewhat Machiavellian, for heroonscience was not bound by promises, and the policy of encreachment had been raised by her to the rank of a fine art. But it seemed justified by its results, for other nations grambled by submitted, since there was believed to was behind her Ministers the glacier-like power or a resolute and undivided nation. It was left L Japan to put this hypothesis to the test. One upon a time, as the story goes, a certain King rode out unclothed among his people, and the obsequious crowds applauded the beauty or his Majesty's garments. But a child who was watching studiedly cried out: "Why, he has nothing on!" and at the word every one; syre were opened, and the nation proceeded to revise its constitution. Russian diplomacy had some resemblance to that Monach. It succeed ed because no one dared to question it, but when the question early which, according to terceed, could have no intrinsie strength. The first lesson for the spectator is that the day in past when souches can be now meredly by the past when souches can be now meredly by the past when a souches can be won meredly by: first lesson for the spectator is that the day past when success can be won merely by militant diplomacy. It needs only to be que

sirat lesson for the spectator is that the day in past when success can be won menely by: militant diplomacy. It needs only to be questioned to collapse, and the issue is transferred to that other field on which the strength of a people is more radically texted.

So also, with Russia's military and naval poper. A few months ago also was strought it have not only a splendid navy but the second or third finest Army in the world, an Army trained on the most scientific lines, officered oy experts, and armed with the latest respons. Being a military autoracy, it was believed that she could make war with her whole soil, regardless of any difficulties which a democratic regime might interpose in its conduct. No. merically she wastly excelled her rival; she had more and better guan; she had greate available wealth; and though she had to fight in thousand miles from her capital, yes she had an impregnable forcess, fortified with a strength and ingenity intherto unknown in war. She had a larger navy than Japan, and an indefinite capacity for increasing it which was denied to the other. Moreover, she was a military Power of old experiences; she had generals trained under Stobeleff; while Japan was in war a parcreast, with no record behind her save a trivial contest with China. What has been the result of the past sixteen months! The Russian soldiers have fought with all their tradictional courage and obstimacy, and more than one of their leaders have shown high qualities of generalship. Russia is still a great military Power, but the prestige is gone. Japan has succeeded by science, intelligence, a purer patriotism, and therefore a more indomitable spirit. The materialism which had been creeping over Western Europe, the creed which believed only in great armaments and big battations, has, we believe, received a shattering blow.

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