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#### THE CAUSE OF THE FLOOD IN 1897.

A correspondent makes the inquiry as to the cause of the flood of 1897; that is, whether it was due to rain or deep snow. Thinking that the matter of the comparison of this winter with that of 1896-97 might be of interest to others as well as our correspondent, we have gone to our files and herewith reproduce some of the locals and correspondence which we printed from week to week during the latter part of that winter. From these reproductions our correspondent and our readers may make such comparisons as they please, but it would seem certain that the present winter, while unpleasant and cold, has not been nearly so inclement as that of the former year. As to the cause of the flood, it is also certain that it was also caused by the deep snow. The fall of the present season at this writing totals 30 inches.  
Jan. 29th, 1897.—It is a cold day when we don't have a blizzard, and the day that we don't have a blizzard is also cold. And the oldest inhabitant has his ears so covered with wraps and furs that he hears no questions as to precedent; at least, he gives no answer. In the meantime [and it is a mean time] the inhabitants are prophesying a wide-spread river when the snow melts.  
Hamilton Cor.—Another blizzard on Sunday. One benefit is, the people on one side of the street cannot see over the banks what their neighbors are doing.  
Feb. 6th.—The correspondent of the Minnesota Journal has interviewed "High Water Bill" [the late W. H. Moorhead] and William says we will have the highest water ever known this spring.  
Hensel Cor.—Successive blizzards have filled up the grove about Geo. Willis' shanty until five feet of snow was on the roof, springing down the building so that the doors would not open.  
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#### THE PROGRESS OF THE WAR.

War has now been in progress for about three weeks. So far, there has been hardly anything but reverses for the Russians. At the beginning, the fleets of the respective antagonists were about equal in strength. To-day, if we should believe all the telegraphic reports, Russia must have lost from six to eight more battleships than she ever had at the beginning. At least, Russia has so few left, that she has lost all power on the sea in the far east, and is trying hard to get her Black Sea fleet out through the Dardanelles to the scene of action. This she will not be able to do under the treaties in existence, except by a flagrant breach, which other powers may resent.

Meantime the Japanese vessels are patrolling the sea around Korea and every once in a while go in and hammer at Port Arthur. The affairs on land are apparently coming to a head in the near future. Japan, having cleared the sea of the Russian battleships, is able without hindrance to rush her armies across to Korea and has a large number of men there now. Both armies will probably meet at or near the Yalu river, which is the boundary between Korea and Manchuria. It looks as if the Japanese intended going across Korea in both directions, and cutting the railway from Siberia and thus isolate the eastern terminus, Kladivostock and Port Arthur, and then besiege both these places by land and sea. Meantime the Russian general-in-chief has removed his headquarters from Port Arthur back several hundred miles to Harbin, which is the junction point of the Siberian railway in Manchuria.

Present dispatches say that both the Russians and Japs are giving out reports that they will not try to do anything more for the present, but will wait for warm weather. This, we think, is just intended to deceive the other; doubtless the cold weather that is prevalent there at this time of year may make some difference in the rapidity of the movement of troops, but that we will hear of battles in a short time is almost certain.

Much curiosity is expressed as to the outcome of the land fighting. Not altogether unexpectedly, the Japs have proven themselves superior to the Russians on the sea, but it is yet an open question if they are as good on the land.  
Anyway, as it now stands, Japan has in her possession all the territory that she is fighting for, though the Russians occupy Manchuria, which the Japanese have declared Russia must vacate.

Another war cloud is in the sky and may break out at any time. Albania is in a state of armed insurrection with Turkey, while Bulgaria is just watching the moves of other nations before beginning hostilities with Turkey.  
Some very delicate questions of neutrality are being brought to the attention of the powers. A Russian ship in a Chinese port refuses to come out to sea and become the prize of a Japanese warship that is waiting her appearance outside the port. International law only gives twenty-four hours for belligerent ships to remain in neutral harbors, but the Russian ship refuses to leave. China has no means of enforcing the Russian to go to sea, and the Jap may take this as a reason for invading the port and capturing the Russian. French men-of-war in the harbor may refuse to allow this, English and possibly American men-of-war may side with the Jap, and thus international complications arise that might not end until all of them were fighting.

As a mercantile measure of the probabilities, the price of wheat touched \$1.08 in Chicago on Tuesday and the prices of provisions have been going upwards all the week.  
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A. H. ANDERSON.

#### POPULAR WAR SYMPATHY.

It is quite apparent that the sympathy of most people is with the Japs, but so far as the right and wrong of the matters they are fighting about, there is little to choose between the Russians and Japs. Probably our sympathy is mostly engendered by the fact that the Japs are the weaker, that in recent years they have been progressing very rapidly, and that our relations commercially and otherwise have been increasing in like proportion. On the other hand, Russia has always been friendly with this country, and often at times when her powerful friendship meant much to us. In all our recent wars, from the civil war times to the present, she has been on our side, when many, if not all, of the other European governments were against us, or at best neutral. The Russian argues that only recently this country has absorbed the Philippines and Porto Rico without protest from them, but rather with their moral support, therefore we should not object to Russia absorbing Manchuria peacefully, as she was doing before the Japs put in the present forcible protest.

Perhaps if this were the only instance of Russia's expansion, the United States and the rest of the world might look at the issue with less interest, but the facts of history show, that since the time of Peter the Great, Russia has never ceased aggressing on the countries on her borders. True, she has at all times tried to acquire the coveted territory without fighting, but has not hesitated to take by force when not able to take them otherwise. The assimilation of Manchuria means nothing else than the final assimilation of the whole or a large part of the Chinese empire if Russia is allowed her own way. On the other hand, what Japan might do with the rest of China if allowed a foothold in Korea, is a question of much import to other nations and particularly to the United States.

One peculiarity of the situation is that nobody seems to have any sympathy with China. China is in the case where it is "tails I lose and heads you win." It is not because China is to lose that other nations are interested, but because one of the others is to gain. If neither is permitted by other nations to take the fruits of victory, as often happens in these later days, and did happen to Japan in its war with China, it will not be because anybody has any special regard for the rights of China, but merely to curb the power of the others.

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