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THE OPEN DOOR IN CHINA

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While the eyes of the world are directed towards the horrid spectacle of the European war, in the far East a drama is enacted, which may be more important for the future of the human race, than any change of boundary lines in Europe: Japan is writing the Monroe Doctrine of Asia: "Asia for the Asiatic". The "open door" is being closed, and China ceases to be ^{the} field of exploitation for the nations of Europe. It can not be denied, that right and justice are on the side of Japan, and the history of China is the greatest blot on European civilization: the most peaceful of all the nations, which keeps no army, dreams of no conquest, has never attacked and always scrupulously fulfilled its obligations, China has continuously been outraged, plundered and exploited by the European nations, a glaring example of America's future, if our peace advocates succeed.

Hardly two generations ago, Japan was opened to Western civilization by America, In that time, it has proven, that civilization, art and sciences are not limited to the christian nations, has shown a Mongolian race defeat the caucasian by military prowess, against superior numbers. But back of this short time of modern Japan stood an old

civilization: for the ancestors of the present Emperor already ruled a Japanese nation, when Caesar fought Cassivellaunus in the primeval forests of England.

Of all the races of man, the yellow race, the Mongolian, is the only one, which challenged the superiority of the white race: all other races, the negro and indian and brown people have as their highest ambition, to be "just as good as the white man". But the lowest Chinaman would not dream of claiming to be just as good as the white man, but looks down upon the white as an inferior race, just as the average white man looks down upon the "nigger". Throughout the ages, the rivalry for supremacy has continued between the caucasian and the mongolian. At the end of pre-historic time, the Mongolian race apparently was leading, and the earliest civilization of the Euphrat valley were its work; but then the caucasian assumed the supremacy, until with the collapse of the Roman Empire, Europe was plunged into the dark ages. A thousand years later, the white race resumed the leadership, and caucasian became synonymous with civilization and christianity. But now the old challenge is thrown out again.

Twenty years ago Japan defeated China, and took Korea, Manchuria with Port Arthur etc. but at the end of the war, Russia, Germany, England, France "advised" Japan to return the fruit of its victory - and Japan had to submit: and immediately the nations divided the spoils which they

took away from Japan. Japan waited, and ten years later, backed by England's jealousy, it struck Russia and took back its spoils, and more. Again ten years passed, until the chance came to even scores with Germany and take back Germany's share of the plunder. But more than that, Japan took the German islands, "for strategic reasons". Against whom? Not against Germany, and certainly not against us, but look at the map and you see the strategic position of these islands against England's nearest colony, Australia: and England still has its share of the Japanese plunder of twenty years ago.

There never can be a war between America and Japan. Whatever questions there are between the nations, could lead to trouble only by some terrible blunder, which is incredible, as both nations interests are the same: we do not want the Japanese immigrants, as they do not assimilate, and Japan does not want its people to come to the States and be lost to Japan, but needs them in Korea, Manchuria, Formosa. The closing of China may be disagreeable to those American business men, who dreamt of riches from exploiting China, but intelligent American sentiment can not possibly find fault with Japan following our example and our teachings, and working out the destiny of their race, as we have done it in America, and just as we have told Europe "hands off America",

so we must appreciate Japan's imitation of our Monroe Doctrine as the sincerest flattery, and are morally bound to support their doctrine "Asia for the Asiatic".

And finally, in those future days, which race will take the leadership in progress and civilization, the Mongolian or the Caucasian? What matters it? If our race is inferior, it is for the best of humanity that the better race leads - ~~just~~ but I do not think we fear much the loss of leadership of the white race.

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