

"SAILING OF THE ATLANTIC FLEET"

DR. SHEGETARO MORIKUBO
GIVES TRIBUNE HIS IDEAS

HE HAS FAITH IN US

But Younger Generation in Japan Is
Distrustful and Confidence
Should Be Restored

(By Dr. Shegetaro Morikubo.)

The formidable battleship squadron is ploughing over the billows of the Pacific waters. Although little has been said about it, the impressions this mobilization has produced upon world's powers, are very great. Some British papers alone have made casual remarks. Uncle Sam is simply smiling and watching in delight the progress of the squadron. Japan, however, from far-off shores, is straining its eyes and is silent, although thinking very deeply. That the significance of the mobilization of the war vessels cannot be belittled by "nothing-matter smile," is generally admitted. What is the real motive which has prompted the United States to mobilize this fleet, and what is its ultimate mission?

Two View Points.

It presents two opposite points of view. From one standpoint of view it is to guarantee peace; from other, it insinuates a war. That expression that the sailing of the battleships is merely intended to be a test cruise, is a falsehood, its real motive is to guarantee peace by force of arms. Uncle Sam is well aware that Japan is fast becoming a great naval power on the Pacific. That is the field where Japan aims to realize its future ambition. If its sea power is not curtailed by a presentation of another power equal to it, a temptation might beset the Mikado's empire, and it might become a disturbing factor of world's peace. This is the thought which has prompted Americans to dispatch their strongest battleship squadron to the Pacific. The mobilization of the fleet is a practical application of the "Yankee philosophy"—preparedness for war in time of peace.

Japan Is Worried.

On the other hand, Japan is bewildered at this strange and outrageous movement of the American fleet. Does Uncle Sam throw a gauntlet at us? Is he seeking a war with us? Is he a hypocrite? He has sent to us a peace envoy in the person of Mr. Taft, and ere our acclamation of his welcome to our shores has died away, hark, war-cry is coming from the other side of the Pacific! What offense have we committed? We never have had a better friend than he. We have erected monuments to the memory of General Grant and Commodore Perry, and we have a national holiday once a year—the day when the commodore touched our shores. Uncle Sam has been our adviser, benefactor and guardian. But how suddenly he has changed since we defeated Russia! Americans whom we have always looked up to as a model throw bricks at us and boycott our business, simply because we happened to be yellow. Are they relapsing into barbarism? And now they want to drive us out unceremoniously from their homes, to which they have invited us? We protest, and now they are coming upon us with a formidable fleet. Fight, if we have to. This is the position the young generation in Japan takes today.

Are Supersensitive.

There is some reasoning in their complaints. They think they are abused, and their supersensitiveness has increased their grievance. The

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mission of the American squadron in the Pacific, however, looking from a neutral position, is one of peace. Uncle Sam is no bluffer. His desire for peace is at his heart. Japan will soon learn the truth in the matter, and will join the hand with the peace maker to guarantee a permanent peace in the world.

Peace, peace, wonderful peace, is a good song

Uncle Sam likes to sing;

We on the Pacific flowers of peace bloom.

Cry his sailors strong.

THOMPSON UNDERGOES OPERATION

George W. Thompson, a former telegraph operator for the "A. P." was operated upon at the La Crosse hospital.

He resides at Seventeenth and Cameron avenue, where he has been ill for some time. The operation was a difficult one as the case had progressed quite far.

He is resting easily today. Dr. Callahan performed the operation.

REBUILDING BURNED BLOCK ON FRONT ST.

Contractor John Arenz is building a large four-story building on South Front street where the W. R. Roosevelt company recently was burned out with the La Crosse Cracker and Candy company.

The building is owned by Frank Strupp who awarded the contract for the building which will amount to about \$15,000 to Mr. Arenz.

Mr. Arenz is also busy with the \$5,000 home of Dr. Harold J. Hanson, the dentist, at Eleventh, between King and Cass streets.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says: "Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by O. T. Erhart, druggist, 50c.

JOSEPH FISCHER IS DECLARED BANKRUPT

Joseph Fischer, the La Crosse butcher who Wednesday filed petition of voluntary bankruptcy with clerk of the United States Court Alfred Harrison, was adjudged a bankrupt by Judge A. L. Sanborn.

Mr. Fischer gave his liabilities at \$2,000 and said that he had no assets as all his property was exempt.

He was represented by Higbee and Higbee.

The judge declared him a bankrupt on order of the referee as issued by C. L. Baldwin.

ORDER OF REFERENCE IN BANKRUPTCY CASE

George E. Olson of La Crosse who filed a petition of bankruptcy some