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PREFACE

One of the most remarkable changes to be wrought in Christendom by the greatest of wars will be found, not in Europe or in Europe's dependencies, but in the Far East. The destiny of as many Chinese as there are white human beings in all Europe may be determined by the event of August, 1914.

In the following pages I have attempted to record, as a disinterested observer, just what happened in the Orient from the time Europe took up arms and Japan, as to the policy she was to play, was left alone in Asia. That Japan's part in the seizure of the German protectorate of Kiaochow was essentially a blind move in the making over of the Celestial Kingdom into a dependency of Japan, cannot be doubted by any one who follows closely the moves of the Tokyo Government from the opening of the European war until China, after much harassing, acceded to the demands of Japan in May.

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While China may nominally be in possession of many of its sovereign rights, the fact is, the power which controls Tokyo, for all intents and purposes, now controls the Government at Peking. Events yet to take place in the Far East may be depended on to prove this assertion.

Be that as it may, China, we believe, will yet be a nation — independent, possessing sovereign rights, and governed by its own people. For the Chinaman remains a Chinaman. Deprive him of his country, isolate him from his people, and whether you find him in Caracas, Cape Town, or Halifax, he, and his generations that follow, will cling to the customs of his former country. The Chinese have not learned what patriotism is. They will in time. Then let a leader arise to join in one cause the four hundred and fifty millions of people of China; let patriotism once be grasped by them after repeated humiliations, such as have already been their lot in the last thirty years, and then one will recall the words of Napoleon, who said of China, "There lies a sleeping giant. Let him sleep; for when he moves he will move the world."

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