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THE JAPANESE QUESTION.

Dr. Guernsey Jones Addresses Convocation on Recent Complications.

"The Japanese Question" was the subject of Prof. Guernsey Jones' address at Convocation yesterday morning. When the Russian-Japanese war broke out he said every one expected the Russians to win, but their military forces were not concentrated and they were too far from the home government. The cloud, in San Francisco suggests the possibility of war between the United States and Japan, and because of this he compared the forces of the two countries.

Our supplies, like Russia's come from a distance and our forces in the Philippines are small. Including the native troops in the islands we have altogether 22,000 men. The troops in the states are 28 days sailing distance from Manila, with only 10 transports at hand. In contrast with this is Japan's ready army of 400,000 men, five days distant from Manila, with sixty-three transports. Our navy, however, is superior in size and efficiency, but of our thirty-four boats, not a battleship is in Asiatic waters. The eighteen battleships of the United States are along the Atlantic coast and could be assembled in less than a week. Japan has twenty-six vessels, fourteen of which were taken from the Russians.

The problem would be how to get all the ships together, for to go around the Horn to San Francisco is a distance of nearly 15,000 miles, requiring three months' time. There would be also the difficulty of coaling, for Japan furnishes us all our coal, and in the meantime the Japanese could be fortifying themselves in Manila. The campaign would require great things and strenuous endeavor, but Professor Jones felt confident that in the end we would win, altho now neither country is anxious for war. A naval war is not as expensive as a land war, for the main cost is in building the ships.

By the treaty of 1905 it is necessary for England and Japan to assist each other in case of war. This appears to be a chance for Japanese expansion, for the Philippines are more desirable to Japan than Manchuria. Remote as the danger is, the agitation is here with our people on the western coast. Much sympathy is held for the Japanese, but it is a question which should be settled by the parents of the children and not by the President. It requires careful procedure and should be settled by negotiations and treaties.

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