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OMAHA HIGH SCHOOL BASKET BALL TEAM—CHAMPIONS OF NEBRASKA, NORTH DAKOTA, SOUTH DAKOTA AND IOWA AND ASPIRANT FOR CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE MIDDLE WEST.—Photo by a Staff Artist.

The Fight for Supremacy

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he would be subordinate to the rawest English subaltern, although he were the gray-bearded veteran of a dozen wars. "The English gain the hatred of Asiatics by treating them like children; the Germans use the sword first, and then the whip, never letting the people down at all; the French colonies in Asia are hells paved with good intentions; the Dutch in Java are greedy and tyrannical. The Russians alone know how to handle Asiatics properly, and obtain the best results from conquering them. That is why we have been able to march right across the continent from the Urals and the Caucasus to the shores of the Pacific. We conquer, and then we make the people glad they were conquered.

"When Russia goes to war in the far east, many Asiatics will hold commands in the czar's armies, and they will be trusted just as fully as they would be if they had been born in Moscow."

Foreigners are surprised at the quickness with which Russia lays down the sword and offers the lump of sugar to vanquished Orientals. Makdum Kull, a warrior chieftain, was the heart and soul of the defense of Geok Tepe in the Turcoman campaign of the early 80s. The ashes of Geok Tepe had hardly grown cold, the bodies of thousands of his massacred tribesmen were still unburied, when Makdum Kull was visited by a Russian secret agent, who found him in the midst of the army he had rallied for another stand against the Russian invaders. This agent persuaded him to give in and go to Russia as the guest of the czar, whose coronation was then due at Moscow.

"The untutored Turcoman chieftain," said an Englishman who met Makdum Kull at that city, "was the honored guest at the coronation festivities. Greater attention was paid to him than to European kings and princes. It was a master stroke of policy. When he got back to his own country and told of the wonderful sights he had seen, of all the power and splendor of Russia, there was no more talk of fighting. His account of the size of the Russian army converted the war party, but far more potent were the handsome Russian uniforms he wore and the stories he told of the Great White Czar. All the other Turcoman chieftains became keenly anxious to make the acquaintance of such a generous master."

It is a familiar story to students of Russian conquest. Schamyl was the foremost foe of Russia in the Caucasus for a generation. Today Schamyl's sons are officers in the Russian army, treated with especial honor by the czar.

After the blood lust of the troops was over at Peking, the Russians did all they could to save the lives of Chinese residents and to spare the feelings of the Chinese officials. The Germans declared that no protection could be given to Chinese, whether they had been implicated in the attack on the legations or not; the Russians protected them. When the Russians left Peking the Germans occupied their quarter of the city. Immediately this happened all the Chinese who had settled there scampered off into the adjacent Japanese quarter. They had felt they were safe under the Russians, but they would not trust the Germans. Yet both the Russians and the Japanese had been guilty of slaughtering defenceless Chinamen to a degree unequalled by the Germans, or any other foreign soldiers—the Russians in that

very campaign, the Japanese in the Chino-Japanese war.

"Kill me in time of war," says the Asiatic. "That's all right. I expect it, unless I can kill you. But in time of peace let me live in my own way, and treat me as a man and a brother."

Russia concedes this demand, as no other western nation does. That is why there is no nihilism in Asiatic Russia. There would be little excuse for it, since the czar's Oriental subjects are treated infinitely better than those in Europe.

General Soboleff, a famous Russian soldier, compared English and Russian administration in Asia in an article which he wrote for the Russ in January, 1885. His views were, of course, prejudiced, but they were interesting.

"England lays a heavy hand on its dependent peoples," he said. "It reduces them to a state of slavery, only that English trade may profit and Englishmen grow rich. The deaths of millions in India from starvation have been caused indirectly by English despotism. And then the press of England disseminates far and wide the idea of Russia being a country of barbarians. Thousands of natives in India only await Russia's crusade of deliverance."

"If Englishmen would only throw aside their misplaced pride, and study a little deeper the foundation of Russia's power in Central Asia, comparing it with their own, they would soon see plainly why the name of Russia has such prestige in Asia, and why the natives of India hate the dominion of England and set their hopes of freedom upon Russia."

"Russia gives full liberty to native manners, and not only does not overburden its subjects with fresh taxes, but even allows them exemptions and privileges of a most extensive character. England, on the contrary, is a vampire, sucking the last drop of blood out of India."

Russia suffers no permanent drain upon her military resources by reason of its conquests. On the contrary, it can be taught nothing in the art of raising native levies

and making them loyal. It can raise, and does raise, a far greater number of soldiers from its Asiatic provinces than it needs in order to garrison them.

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Still Obscure

"Josiah," asked Mrs. Chugwater, holding her finger on the place in the paper where she had been reading, "what does 'eke' mean?"

"It means also, in addition, likewise," responded Mr. Chugwater. "Can't you tell from the other words in the sentence?"

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