

Naval Section of the Staff of the Commander-in-Chief in the Great War. These chapters outline the strategic considerations of the possible conflict between this country and Japan. Our General again takes up the pen, first for a chapter on the relation of Russia and her Far Eastern Dominions upon the problem, and for a final chapter on the Washington Conference of a year ago. This conference is declared to be barren of real results.

The thesis of the book is that with human nature and economic considerations making a struggle in the Pacific inevitable, the United States can defeat Japan only in alliance with a strong Russia, a regenerated Russia. The author does not give any definition of his adjective, "regenerated"; American statesmanship should. It is true, moreover, that this country has, as the author urges, an enormous stake in the regeneration of China and Russia. The data supplied by the book adds to the proof of how great this stake is for us.

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All students of Pacific Northwest History are placed under enduring obligations to the Nebraska State Historical Society for the wealth of newspaper and other material relating to emigration to the Pacific Coast that is furnished in this new volume of its *Publications*. A mere examination of captions and running titles will convince a casual reader that the editor is right in presuming that "the most valuable information in the book is that of the traffic on the great highways to Oregon and California." More careful study reveals a wealth of contemporaneous comment upon overland travel to Oregon. No volume with which the writer is familiar gives a more colorful and vivid picture of the adventurous pioneer crossing the Plains to the Pacific.

While indebtedness is chiefly due to the rendering accessible of this data hidden away in the cumbrous files of rare and to most people inaccessible newspapers, the value of the book is enhanced by editorial notes, a carefully made index and a map of the Nebraska Territory specially designed and drafted for this noteworthy volume.

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