

## THE GLOW OF WAR.

### IT BRIGHTENS UPON THE ORIENTAL HORIZON.

#### The Chae Chan Ping Case, if De- cided Adversely to China, May Cause Dire Disaster.

Colonel Bee of the Chinese Consulate did not have a war sword dangling at his side when a CHRONICLE reporter called upon him yesterday. His regimentals were not stained with human gore; in fact he wore no regimentals, and the blackened grime of new burnt powder was absent from his hands. His eyes flashed with the light of battle, however, and it was evident that he scented the flame of war from afar, very far—in short, as far as China.

The CHRONICLE sought his opinion concerning the dispatch from Shanghai, which appeared in these columns yesterday, to the effect that one Won Kwang Pei had advised the expulsion of every American in the service of China as a reprisal for the "exclusion of Chinamen from America," at the same time speaking of the American navy most contemptuously, saying that it would be powerless in an aggressive movement.

Colonel Bee's opinion—he was sorry to state it—was that China was only awaiting the ultimate action of the United States courts with regard to the Chae Chan Ping case before deciding upon a definite policy with regard to this country. What that policy would be if the case were decided adversely to Ping, Colonel Bee left the reporter to judge, and the journalistic soul was filled with dark forebodings as his eyes beheld the threatening aspect of the Colonel's brow.

The diplomat lit his pipe and shook his head ominously the while, as he said that the missionaries in China had not yet reached that portion of the scriptures where the cartilings are advised to turn the other cheek, and that the Chinese were, in consequence, still following the eye for an eye and tooth for a tooth adage. This being the case, it would not surprise Colonel Bee to see China exclude Americans from her shores if the Supreme Court decides that the Exclusion law is constitutional.

When asked what he read between the lines of Pei's reference to the American navy, Colonel Bee laid aside his pipe and said that he looked upon it as a menace, at the same time waving his left forefinger at the unoffending reporter in a manner to seriously endanger the exceeding shapeliness of the journalistic nose. The Colonel further stated that Won Kwang Pei was a well-known diplomat, who was for three years secretary of the Chinese legation at Washington. He was a man well versed in American affairs and one whose advice was likely to have great weight with the Chinese Government.

The Consul-General was present during the interview, and by sundry nods, grunts, smiles and blinks of approval expressed his concurrence in the utterances of Colonel Bee.