

Saturday Night Club
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Two countries promise to emerge as outstanding nations at the close of World War II--China and Russia. China will be the dominant power in Asia and Russia in Europe. If England can recover lost colonies, following the close of the war with Japan, and can harmonize discordant elements in India, she will continue to be a strong nation, but will not dominate the seas as she has in the past.

The commercial chess board will have been upset and there will be greater competition for the trade of the world. The east Indies will no longer be the main source of supply for certain minerals, and for many of the articles for our tables; and Maylaysia will never again be the main source of supply for rubber.

China thru the crucible of war, having been fused into a nation, will require much in food products, because of her teeming population and the limits of her arable land. She will however soon equip herself to produce vast quantities of manufactured products, and with her lower standards of wages and of living will undoubtedly be enabled to undersell western nations.

What the development will be in Africa is hard to surmise. The negro in his native state has been slow in developing. He has been exposed to culture and trade for time immemorial, but such manners, customs and responsibilities have not appealed to him. While in his native state, he has been beset by enemies from within and without, he has clung to the free if not kindly life of the jungle.

Northern Africa was the granary of the world for centuries, and even yet American soldiers have been surprised at what it still produces. Its possibilities can be greatly enlarged and probably will be following the close of the war. Religiously, Africa is largely