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NOTE

The following chapters were written by the author at the close of 1903, but owing to his sudden departure for the seat of war he had no opportunity of revising them. It was also his intention to summarise the general position.

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DALNY—GENERAL VIEW

CHAPTER I

THE BIRTH OF DALNY

THE summer of 1901 saw the end of the famous International Expedition to China. After nearly a year's haggling the wily representatives of the Empress Dowager at Peking had proved victorious; the Powers were tired to death of interminable negotiations, which as often as not led to unseemly squabbles amongst themselves; about half of the "irrevocable" demands of the peace protocol had been whittled down until they were entirely deprived of their original intention, the other half were being rapidly disposed of like Government measures in the House of Commons when the twelfth of August draws near; the Imperial Court was publishing insolent edicts while packing up for the return to Peking; the débâcle had begun, and the armies of the Powers were melting away like the snows beneath a summer sun.

The one Power that stayed where it was and said as little as possible was Russia. The Russian troops had long ago been withdrawn from Chih-li in order that the Tsar might the better pose as the friend and protector of distracted China; but the three Eastern Provinces, which go under the collective title of Manchuria, were still occupied by a large