

Westward Rolls Imperial Japan!



The heavy lines (—) enclose those parts of China and adjacent territory seized by Japan. Dates are those of such seizures. The white lines bound the areas taken in the present (1937-8) campaign. Broken lines (---) bound four projected puppet states said to be planned by Japan for the further dismemberment of China.....

FORTY-FOUR years ago this month Japan and China went to war over rival interests in the hermit kingdom of Korea. The war was short and snappy, and the Japanese, who emerged victorious, learned just how easy it was then to defeat the Chinese. Prior to this time, and as early as the sixteenth

century, China had been able in the main to hold its own against Japan.

● But times had changed. Japan had learned how to make war in the manner of western nations. China only now is beginning to learn—at a frightful cost in lives and property.

● In April, 1895, a treaty was signed at Shimonoseki which recognized the independence of Korea and ceded to Japan the rich island of Formosa, the Pescadores Islands, and the southern portion of Manchuria. The valuable territories thus acquired at the expense of China were what set (Continued on page three)