

EUROPE VS. AMERICA.

THE CONQUEST OF THE FORMER BY THE UNITED STATES.

A New Line of Speculative Reasoning Much to the Advantage of Uncle Sam.

(Translated from the Spanish for the RECORD-UNION by the author.) The nations that have the power for conquest conquer with armies if they are warlike; if peaceful, with commerce, industries or the press. And in that way things appear to be disposed by a mysterious hand that the nation of power and conquest destined to march at the head of civilization will go every time further to the west. Of such certainty is this that the diver points of the line recorded for them have these names: India, Assyria, Egypt, Greece, Rome, Western Europe, Great Britain. The center of the economic and intellectual life of the modern world is the region near the North Sea and Canal de la Mancha. Civilization appears to be resting on both sides of the Atlantic. Will it not cross this sea, as it has already crossed the Mediterranean, transplanting its center in America? An English writer responds in the affirmative in an article most certainly interesting, published in the Contemporary Review.

Mr. Gladstone recently said: "There reigns on this side of the Atlantic a great antagonism between the nations of the present and the nations of the future, that will drag the continental nations to bankruptcy and ruin." The great English statesman is right; his words note the fact that the nations of the present, with their enormous resources, intelligence and lives that this continent is now costing all Europe. The military superiority of Germany threatens to return to the nations of the future, far from lessening, augments. A few days since, M. Freycinet said in Parliament, that the war expenses of France, not only were not reducible, but would be chimerical to make any effort to reduce them now. And these expenses are upwards of \$100,000,000 yearly! Can they continue in France on a peace footing? \$140,000,000 a year? Can they continue in Europe have under arms, also on a peace footing, four millions of soldiers, that cost one hundred millions of dollars a year. Add to this the enormous expenses of the existence of four millions of idle men in the prime of life and chosen exactly from among the most robust. This will explain why the nations of Europe are spending \$1,000,000,000 a year, and expenses entail a debt each year of \$100,000,000. Forty per cent of this enormous debt has been contracted during the twenty years that have elapsed since the economic preponderance. Calculating only as \$100 yearly the amount of the work of each of these men, condemned to-day to idleness, there results a loss of \$400,000,000 annually.

The United States, with a territory to defend equal in extent to that of all the European nations together, only has 27,810,000 inhabitants. The United States, with each Yankee \$10, to each German \$4, to each Englishman \$3.40, and to each Frenchman \$12.60. And France, Germany, England, and the United States, with their arms and with their expenses, are diminishing annually their debt. The struggle for existence in Europe each year more difficult, and the mortality increases. There are already nations as France, where the number of population remains stationary, the number of deaths exceeds the number of the emigration, is not a mark on an old world. More than a million Europeans annually abandon Europe to never return. The changes of population in the United States are not less rapid. In 1870, the population was 3,930,000; in 1880, 5,306,000; in 1890, 7,240,000; in 1899, 8,455,000; in 1870, 12,866,000; in 1880, 17,093,000; in 1890, 22,192,000; in 1899, 28,445,000; in 1870, 18,555,000; in 1880, they passed 50,000,000, and to-day they reach almost to 60,000,000. In the same proportion the United States will reach 100,000,000 inhabitants at the end of the present century. All the manifestations of social life have followed an equally rapid development. In 1880, the population of England was \$8,640,000,000; in France, \$240,000,000; in the United States, \$1,062,000,000. In 1880 these figures were \$45,000,000; in 1890, \$121,000,000; in 1900, \$200,000,000. That is to say, the United States has left England herself behind. The extraction of coal will serve as a barometer for calculating industrial progress. In 1870 the extraction of coal in the United States was 15,000,000 tons; in 1880, 42,000,000 tons; in 1890, 102,000,000 tons. In the time that the United States shall have passed half a dozen years, the extraction of coal will reach to 100,000,000 tons. It is not necessary to accumulate more figures. Enough those presented to justify may be considered exaggerated. The Americans of the north have worked constantly to emancipate Europe. The Monroe doctrine is well known. "Our fundamental axiom ought to be, not to mix in the internal questions of Europe. The American continent that Europe ever interferes in those of America."

Never have the United States departed from this. By the application of this principle, they have protested against the expedition to Mexico, pretending now they intervene in the pending conflict between England and Russia (they having purchased Russian America) to take the place of the American jurisdiction will be considered as the pride of the confederation of both Americas, after which will come the war of the Pacific. No country of Europe is more interested than Spain in this business. The commercial struggle is at the point of beginning. The United States, by her principal markets—South America, the Pacific, will ponderate the people that form it, and they are our brothers; by race, customs, language and even interests—to the disposition of the Spanish here and over the Atlantic depends on the care that they pay in avoiding the snare that they wish to entangle in. The United States has America for themselves, the Spanish Americans ought to want it also, and confederate for defending it, forming a confederation of the Americas, individuals, Mexico, that is the most threatened of Spanish America. Spain is the initiator. Perhaps the morrow will be too late. At the time of her separation from Spain, she will have the power to reach to 2,000,000. The rest has passed to the hands of the Anglo-Americans. The United States yield again to the words of M. Beaumont.

"The European States will not be saved without renouncing these insane enterprises, the renunciation to be disposed of for war. For, returning the men to work, who are now shut up in military barracks, paying the public debts and lightening the people of the taxes that are ruining them. But, until such opinions is to predicate a desert. "At most, its interest lies in the terms of the war of tariffs that as they make the neighboring States intend to increase of the development of the resources at the disposal of the continent, constituting a custom union of Central Europe. Many times already, as has this idea been estimated, it is great. The nations that desire of realizing it. The nations that ought to enter in the league are founded by most profound antagonisms. God free me from the pretension that it must be received to the very letter. I am contented with raising the mind to the conviction that sustains nothing contrary to the logic and that attentive study of history induce us to foresee. "The common danger is one of the best motives of union. Perhaps any day will see obliged to constitute an European confederation. God grant that it may not be too late. "If the United States felt rich enough and changed their commercial system, renouncing the Custom-house barriers conferring in the free market, economic development would acquire such impetus that Europe would see the impossibility of sustaining the struggle. In vain the nations of Europe would be trying to cease a dispute for supremacy that would already be a thing of no value, and they would leave to our descendants only the moral obligation of nurturing the European States."

The Europe nations, far from mending, aggravate more and more their situation. The German Parliament goes precisely at this time to voting the law for armament to its fleet; France has disposed of \$100,000,000 on fortifications; Austria-Hungary arguments by means of a new law her military resources, and the same pace the other countries do likewise. Will we not pronounce ourselves, instead of our descendants, this terrible law Europe? G. Repara, in La Illustration Economique, March 10, 1899.

COMMERCIAL.

SACRAMENTO MARKET.

SACRAMENTO, March 16th. (Special to the Record-Union.)—Wheat, 1898-99, 1899-00, 1900-01, 1901-02, 1902-03, 1903-04, 1904-05, 1905-06, 1906-07, 1907-08, 1908-09, 1909-10, 1910-11, 1911-12, 1912-13, 1913-14, 1914-15, 1915-16, 1916-17, 1917-18, 1918-19, 1919-20, 1920-21, 1921-22, 1922-23, 1923-24, 1924-25, 1925-26, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, 1930-31, 1931-32, 1932-33, 1933-34, 1934-35, 1935-36, 1936-37, 1937-38, 1938-39, 1939-40, 1940-41, 1941-42, 1942-43, 1943-44, 1944-45, 1945-46, 1946-47, 1947-48, 1948-49, 1949-50, 1950-51, 1951-52, 1952-53, 1953-54, 1954-55, 1955-56, 1956-57, 1957-58, 1958-59, 1959-60, 1960-61, 1961-62, 1962-63, 1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66, 1966-67, 1967-68, 1968-69, 1969-70, 1970-71, 1971-72, 1972-73, 1973-74, 1974-75, 1975-76, 1976-77, 1977-78, 1978-79, 1979-80, 1980-81, 1981-82, 1982-83, 1983-84, 1984-85, 1985-86, 1986-87, 1987-88, 1988-89, 1989-90, 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93, 1993-94, 1994-95, 1995-96, 1996-97, 1997-98, 1998-99, 1999-00, 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04, 2004-05, 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