

whom fifty thousand might be British—could the Sepoys, even if loyal to British supremacy, be trusted in the shock with the hardiest race of Northern Europe? To my mind it is clear that in such a tremendous struggle India must be wrested from the British Crown. For at the first disaster which befell England's armies, a cloud of enemies would rise around her gallant bands; and subject nations that now tremble at her power, would then hasten to avenge their overthrow. India lost—the supremacy of the seas departed from dear Old England—her commerce crippled—her liberty threatened—she must descend to the humble position of a third-rate power.

More fatal still to Austria than to Britain would be the triumph of Russia over Turkey. In full possession of the Danube, and the Turkish provinces which lie adjacent thereto, it would be a mere matter of taste whether the Austrian territories should be incorporated with the Muscovite dominions, or still be nominally ruled by a scion of the House of Hapsburg—the shadow of the Czar. Italy both by land and sea would be accessible to Russian ambition; and in its divided and degenerate state would present few obstacles to Russian progress. Prussia and Germany are even now overshadowed by the northern terror that stands threateningly upon their borders. Of Denmark it seems unnecessary to speak—the early haunts of the Sea-Kings have always produced good seamen—they would help to man the Russian navies.

But France, so compact---so powerful---so brilliant and brave---could she not cope with the hordes of the Czar?---not if embattled Europe marched under his banners.

In short, it appears as though Turkey is in reality the battle ground of the mighty principles of freedom and despotism. Let Russia engorge herself