

HOUR OF DESTINY

England should rather have utilized the disintegration and dismemberment of post-Napoleonic Europe in order to make herself over-lord of that Continent. Whether England had the opportunity and capacity to do this the author does not attempt to consider.

As a matter of fact, Germany has since 1870 become a dangerous, not opponent, but competitor of Great Britain in the world's markets. The first breach in the highly developed industry of Great Britain was made by Alfred Krupp as long ago as 1851 when he exhibited at the London Exhibition against the best effort of English steel works, namely, a block of 1,000 lbs., a similar block of 2,000 kilogrammes in weight ; and, as he was able at the World's Exhibition of 1862 to exhibit breech-loading guns and great shafts for vessels together with a block of forty thousand pounds in weight, he for all time captured for the German iron trade the premier position which had so long been stubbornly held by England. The proved perfection