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ble combines, in case of a European war, The population of the German Empire about 50,000,000. Austria 40,000,000. Italy 30,000,000. G. B. 40,000,000, total 160,000,000. Russia 120,000,000. France 40,000,000. total 160,000,000. So far as population goes they stand about equal. France has about 4 millions of men that can be used for war. Russia is indefinite, has about 2,000,000 she could possibly raise 6,000,000 if the last reserves were called upon, but probably 3,000,000 would be her limit. Russia and France could put in the field well equipped for their work not more than 5,000,000 of men. Germany can put into the field 3,000,000 perfectly equipped in every way, as for intelligence and physical strength away and above their opponents, and this counts heavily in modern wars. Austria, Hungary quite 2,000,000. Italy, about 2,000,000 Austria and Italy could put at least a million more so that these three nations alone could bring fully 8,000,000 of trained men into the field. England could put 500,000, at different positions, in French possessions and Russia in Asia. While the navy of England, alone could sweep the seas; combined with the German, Austrian and Italian' navies, they could in two years destroy all the foreign commerce of both Russia and France. In case of such a war the Japanese people would find their opportunity of repaying Russia for her present hostile attitude. England through her Indian army would shove Russia back on herself in Asia, her

navy would rob France of Siam, Algeria and her African territory and make the Mediterranean Sea an English Lake.

And if the war should last 5 years while France had exhausted her supply of men for fighting, England would have had the time to train millions of men and to have built a dozen fleets till; angered and strengthened, the only fear would be, she would become more grasping and want the earth—or at least that part France and Russia owned.

What are dreams to such nations as Italy and Spain become actualities with the energetic practical Anglo Saxon. what nation that has not dreamed of Universal Empire or at least the greatest of Empires?. The Anglo Saxon not only dreamed it but set about it, till today even his dreams are dimmed and dwarfed by what he sees around him.

The world has suddenly awakened but too late to find ther has grown with an amazing rapidity, a mighty Empire, and though each and all would pull her to pieces, now find that the people who have made this Empire, are thoroughly capable not only to defend it but crush those who felt so sure of hewing down her dimensions.

We do not for a moment think it possible to have a homogenous British Empire, though retaining a great Empire, yet with such of her colonies as Canada and Australia her mission we feel will have proved to be that of a mother to such as the U.S., Dom. of C.