

products are imported free into Great Britain. As you know, the trade from Great Britain to the United States has been cut down by prohibitory legislation to such a point that only some £20,000,000, or about one-sixth or one-seventh part of the amount Great Britain imports free, has been exported to the United States, and that £20,000,000 is subjected to the most ferocious taxation. Now, sir, there are three courses, to my mind, open to the people of Great Britain. They may use, if they choose, the power which they possess to enforce reciprocity on the people of the United States, for themselves alone; they may use it to greatly stimulate the food production of Canada, of Australasia, of India, and of the Argentine Republic and other places; or, lastly, they may use it to pave the way to something closely approaching a zollverein, using the word zollverein for want of a better, though it does not exactly express my meaning, between all the English-speaking nations, and subsequently to something like a practical alliance between all English-speaking nations.

CONTROL THE NEW WORLD.

You want to consider what it means to us. The United States is an English-speaking nation. Sir, were such an alliance an actual fact, it would mean that the allies would control the entire new world. Of North America they have now almost inclusive possession. South America they have under protection, and I hope they will use it well. Of Africa they have the half, all of Australasia, and probably four-fifths of Asia would be open to them. Their fleets would control every sea and every island and the two main arteries of world's commerce are in their hands. Virtually this means the control of two and a half continents, three and a half if you count Australasia as one. I think that is enough for any modest and well-disposed community. (Laughter.) This may be accomplished if only the English race choose to stand together. It may come to this, that we will all live to see the two great world-empires, one Russian and the other English-speaking, one Saxon and the other Slav, and without in the slightest degree doing injustice to other countries. Here is a little sum in arithmetic which I would advise you, and all English-speaking people, to ponder over:—80,000,000 plus 55,000,000 make 135,000,000, and that is a dominating factor in the world's history. Eighty million minus 55,000,000 is equivalent to 25,000,000, and that is a negligible