

for her own honour. Ireland was prepared to sink her differences for the maintenance of the Empire; the Dominions Overseas were prepared to do all they could to help; India was prepared to give her fighting men and her resources for the country which had treated her so well and so justly. America was prepared to denounce the attempt of might to overcome right.

So much for her enemies. And as to those whom she expected to help the conquest of the world by Prussia:—Italy was not prepared to fight against England, her greatest benefactor; the Mohammadans of India and Egypt declined to rebel against our Liege Lord, the King-Emperor. The Turks realized that a fight against England and Russia meant utter ruin. So the edifice of hate and cunning crumbled in the dust. Great Britain, Russia, France, Belgium and Servia are banded against the would-be oppressor. Ireland and the Dominions—including the Union of South Africa—the Indian Empire, the Colonies, all declared their loyalty. It seems as if very little would cause Italy, Roumania, Bulgaria and Greece to join in the league against oppression. America has with one voice declared that England is in the right and Germany is in the wrong. Turkey is wise enough to remain quiet. Egypt, Algeria, Tunis and Morocco show no signs of hostility. The whole edifice of the diplomatists tumbles down like a pack of cards, and the country which has pushed over the cards is Great Britain, the country which the Prussian officers sneer at as the land of shopkeepers and poltroons.

But, mark it well, it is the championing of justice and the protection of the weak and the oppressed—in her old-fashioned way—by Great Britain which has secured the isolation