

constituency is Chaos. The effect of their murderous agitation has been to discredit moderate reforms which were before making way, and to silence moderate reformers who are afraid of being tainted by the association. Alexander II. not only emancipated the serfs but outstripped both the aptitudes and the wishes of his people in grants of local self-government. His reward was assassination. His heir was not likely to follow in his footsteps. Nor is it surprising that the constant fear of assassination, notoriously the most maddening of all fears, should goad the Czar to acts of cruelty, the responsibility for which falls mainly on the Nihilists themselves.

—Another French Ministry, the twenty-fifth since France became a Republic, has ended its ephemeral existence. They are born and die like flies in summer. From France to Australia every thing shows that Party is in a hopeless state of disintegration and can no longer form a basis for a government. Sectionalism gains ground daily and discipline can no more be maintained. This will be seen here as soon as the bribery fund fails and the lynch-pin of personal ascendancy drops out. France grows weary of instability, and the finances, drained by the effort to prepare for revenge, are in the worst condition. The success of the Exhibition largely helped to give Republicanism its victory at the last election. Even Boulangeism though defeated is not extinct. The fall of the Republic would be felt beyond France; for the "electric chain" now binds all the European nations very closely together. English politics would be affected, probably not less than they were by the fall of Charles X., though in the opposite way.

—Of Nationalization of Land we believe we may take a long farewell. In more than one of the Australasian colonies it gained a sufficient hold upon the minds of some of the politicians to bring it within the field of practical politics, and in