

the 19th Century and the present era, have constantly accustomed the peoples of the German Empire to look forward to the day when Berlin would be the centre of the Universe.

So it is in the history of the human race. At one time, Spain was mistress on land and sea. She too dreamed of subjugating England, but the ships of her vast Armada beat their hulls to pieces on the rocky shores of the British Isles.

Then England and France strove in a mighty contest for supremacy. England was victorious and the price of her victory was half a continent, with its boundless resources and riches.

The 19th Century was destined to see the rise of a new power, or rather the resurrection of an old factor in world-politics: the Empire of Charles V, Carlos Quintos, began to shake from its mantle the dust of centuries and the spirit of the great Emperor who sleeps in the Escorial descended upon the House of Hohenzollern. No sooner had the power of Bonaparte been crushed than the Prussians began to look forward to a might Empire which would seize the hegemony of Europe and control the world. With what patient determination the plans were laid and carried out. First the war upon Denmark and the annexation of the two Provinces of Holstein and Schleswig, which gave Prussia a