

field, and a full million of equally disciplined reserves behind them, soldiers whose desperate bravery electrified and, almost, appalled the world. China is moving everything that she may possess an army of 500,000 soldiers equal to the most modern demands, and, already, has an artillery among the best. As you come westward and sweep the circle of the old continents again, you find Persia, the Persia that Rome never conquered, ready to take the field with troops furnished from western arsenals and instructed by officers from western armies. You will find Turkey with 500,000 men; and it is of tradition that, when soldiers fight well, it is said of them, no matter what nation they may be, they fight "like Turks." Greece has an army; the Balkans—the political lumber-room of Europe—more or less filled with smoking firebrands—is crowded with soldiers; while Switzerland is a nation of soldiers ready to spring from their Alpine heights at the first sound of war. Every spring-time and summer these nations send out their armies to "manoeuvrè," to fight imaginary battles, carry on imaginary campaigns, and always as their imaginary foe, their nearest neighbor. Vast factories are built for the making of guns and powder, and great arsenals for the storing of war material. Germany has one fortress in which she has deposited under steel locks and bars, guarding it night and day, vast sums in