

Flag-Selling in China

During the disturbances in China it was reported that Europeans were accustomed to sell their national flags to the Chinese, who made use of them for ulterior purposes. The British and American flags were not purchasable, although \$3,000 was offered for a flag.

Let soldiers of another race
Play fast and loose with treason,
Sell flag and honor, and disgrace
Their nation, name, and reason;
The Stars and Stripes and Union Jack
Are not for sale to foemen;
Come weal come woe, come blow come whack,
Those flags are bought by no man.

The treacherous Russ and haughty Gaul
May shame their name and nation,
May sell their flag, and thus forestall
A shameless degradation;
But Saxon honor still is bright,
And faithful to tradition;
And men may stand or fall in fight,
The flags know no transition.

From flagstaff and from masthead high
Fling out the flags, which flutter
Together in an alien sky,
When war's dread thunders mutter:
The Imperial Race must take the field,
And stand or fall together;
But never never shall they yield
To brook a foeman's tether.

O'er upland crag, o'er marsh and mead,
O'er ocean's heaving bosom,