

world among the peoples who are striving to survive, who are watching eagerly, and are making ready to become the masters of the world . . . England, by acquiring Tibet, will hold the key to India; and by conquering Kukuonon, Alushan and Mongolia, will exercise a direct influence over Trans-Baikal, Turkestan and Manchuria, and will also become the master of the Celestial Empire. Germany and the United States will be given other portions of China; France will thank Providence if Indo-China is left in her possession. Gaining control of almost half of mankind England will have in China and India unlimited material for her armies, and who is then to check her mastery of the world?

Strange as are the above utterances of one of the leading feuilletonists of the *Novoye Vremya*, the most influential newspaper in Russia, read by the court and the Czar himself, they are exceeded by his strictures on what he terms "The New England." Owing to the incorrigible political optimism of the Russians, says he,

We failed to observe the appearance of a new world hostile to us. Quite unexpectedly our friend and well wisher, whom we had saved from grave misfortunes and whose good will we have tried to gain by gifts, the United States, has turned out to be a second England and our universal

enemy. How did that happen? It happened simply as anything else in nature happens. We were constantly lagging behind while America was constantly marching onward. We have become weak, the Americans have become strong. We have become poor they have become rich. Well the favorites of fortune are not fit companions for the unfortunate. Like the weakling in the herd the nation weakened in the family of its neighbors evokes instincts of greed. Weakness is naturally the prey of power. This is law not only in politics but also in nature. Our only inexcusable sin in the eyes of our neighbors is that we do not know how to be strong and the giant nations who have arisen within the last century and are already beginning to push Russia with elbow or foot. There beyond the two oceans is maturing or already matured for us a new England just as hostile and fully as bitter as the old England and it is now our turn to be struck by her. Europe was crowded out of America by the Dingley tariff, the Columbian epoch has ended. The European nations have almost mechanically turned their attention to Asia. Only seven years ago the partition of Asia was decided, clandestinely, but irrevocably. And do you know in what country there was first noted this new phase of history? In this self same America.

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