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England has acted wisely in entering into an agreement with Russia with reference to spheres of influence in China. The people of the United States are not given to the dog-in-the-manger policy, and since they were not prepared to form an active, aggressive colonial alliance with Britain, they will not complain because Lord Salisbury has sought the desired alliance at the court of the Russian czar. England stands for progress, enlightenment, justice and a fair, free field of commercial competition. With the Philippines as a base of operations in the Orient, that is all we could desire. Under the Anglo-Russian agreement, teaming China will be developed, Asiatic commerce will grow to an enormous extent, and with the open door policy guaranteed by England the United States, and particularly the Pacific coast of America, will profit immensely.

An alliance with the United States on the lines of the agreement just formed by England and Russia would have been quite out of the question. Our people are not prepared to enter upon a sweeping policy of colonization. We shall retain the valuable possessions which have fallen to us from the hand of providence as one of the results of the war with Spain, but our time, statesmanship and resources will be required to work out their problems of government and development.

The composition of our population is also to be considered. Race forces exist here which would make problematical, at least, the practical application of a political alliance with Great Britain. A brief study of the census returns will make this more apparent.

In 1890 the total number of persons in the United States of foreign birth or foreign parentage was 20,676,646, or one-third of the entire population. Of these 9,249,547 were born in foreign lands, and 11,426,499 were born in this country, but of parents born in other countries. Of these 20,000,000 nearly half were German and Irish, and of the 9,000,000 born abroad there were 2,800,000 of German birth, and 1,400,000 of Irish birth, or 4,200,000 together, as compared with fewer than 1,000,000 American residents born in England.

There is reason to believe that our citizens of German and Irish birth are opposed to the idea of an Anglo-American political alliance, and as they have become naturalized, while a large proportion of the Englishmen in this country retain their allegiance to the queen, it will be seen that the political forces of this country would operate against an actual political alliance between the United States and England.

It remains to be said, though, that we are undoubtedly on better terms with our British cousins than we

have ever been before. There is more of respect and genuine affection between the two nations than would have been thought possible a decade ago. They wish us well in our undertakings in Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines, and we wish them Godspeed in their great work of illuminating the dark places in Asia.

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