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Hopes and Fears as Regards America

APART FROM the Russian Revolution, the most striking result of the war has been the world supremacy of the United States. While England and Germany fought for hegemony, America, almost by accident, acquired it For some time after the war, there was reason to fear that the British Government might not recognize the inevitable, but might endeavor, by means of the Anglo-Japanese alliance, to retain command of the seas. Happily this danger is at an end.

As the British Empire possesses the one thing lacking to America as a world power, namely naval bases and coaling stations in all parts of the Eastern hemisphere, the combination of the two will be irresistible unless and until the whole of Asia, including Russia, unites against them. In the combination, America will be the dominant partner. Therefore the hopes and fears of the world, probably for the next 50 years at least, depend upon the use which America makes of her vast power.

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