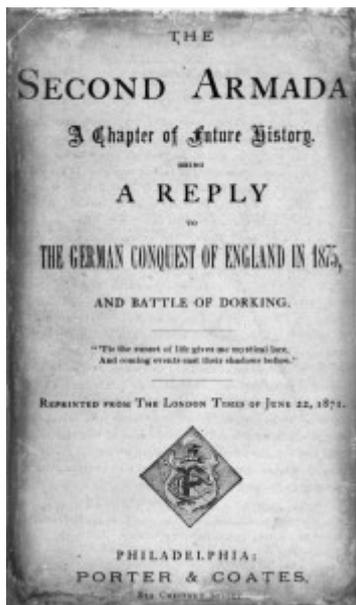


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(aka. *The Second Armada: A Chapter of Future History: Being a Reply to the German Conquest of England in 1875, and Battle of Dorking*)

Britain defeats an American navy which has invaded the Irish Sea in 1875 in order to help the Fenians, who now control Ireland [SFE]

The story [Battle of Dorking] was seen as a 'wake up' call for rearmament and national preparation, a message which was emphasised by Abraham Hayward in his own more optimistic account entitled 'The Second Armada' which first appeared in *The Times*, in June 1871 and was then published by Porter and Coates in the same year. It was later reprinted in the Third Series of Hayward's *Biographical and Critical Essays* in 1874. Hayward, in his version, described how Britain was under threat by a League of powerful nations. The nations intended to invade, assisted by the American navy and then conquer the country and divide the British Isles between member states. [Anthony Chessell (2009) *The Life and Times of Abraham Hayward, Q.C. Victorian Essayist 'One of the Two Best Read Men in England'*]

From the book:

"EVERYBODY is talking about it, and everybody is quite right. We do not know that we ever saw anything better in any magazine, or any better example of the *vraisemblance* which a skilled artist can produce by a variety of minute touches. If the writer is, as reported, Colonel Hamley, then Colonel Hamley, when he wrote the charming story of 'Lady Lee's Widowhood,' misconceived as a novelist the nature of his own powers. He should rival Defoe, not Anthony Trollope. The writer of this paper, living about 1925, gives his account of his adventures as a Volunteer during the invasion of England, fifty years before, and so powerful is the narrative, so intensely real the impression it produces, that the coolest disbeliever in panics cannot read it without a lush of annoyance, or close it without the thought that after all, as the world now stands, some such day of humiliation for England is at least possible. The suggested condition precedent of invasion, the destruction of the fleet by torpedoes attached by a new invention to our ships, has attracted many minds; and with the destruction of the regulars, the helplessness of the brave but half organized Volunteers, and the absence of arrangement, make up a picture which, fanciful as it is, we seem, as we read it, almost to have seen. It describes so exactly what we all feel that, under the circumstance, Englishmen, if refused time to organize, would probably do." - *Spectator* (London).

"The extraordinary force and naturalness of the picture of the calamity itself, its consistency throughout, from the bits of the last *Times'* leader, read by the unhappy volunteer in the city, to the description of the conduct of the Germans in the fatal Battle of Dorking, and in the occupation of the English homes which follows, seem to us as natural in its touches as can well be conceived.—*Pall Mall Gazette*.

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THE TIMES, THURSDAY, JUNE 22, 1871.

ditto, 1865, 112½; ditto, 1867, 115; Ten-Forty United States' Bonds, 1867, 110½.
Illinois shares, 136½; Erie, 28½; Union Pacific Land Grant, 86½.

Cotton—middling upland, 20½c.

Petroleum—standard white, 25½c.

Flour—extra State, \$6 20c. to \$6 40c.

Corn—old mixed, 75c.

The National steamship Company's steamship Holland arrived out at 9 p.m. yesterday, and the Cunard steamer Cuba at 4 p.m. to-day.

SOUTH AMERICAN MAILS.

LISBON, JUNE 20.

The Pacific Steam Navigation Company's Royal Mail steamship Cordillera arrived here at noon to-day, and left at 4 p.m. for Bordeaux and Liverpool. She brings 294 passengers, 56,500*l.* in specie, diamonds valued at 12,000*l.*, and a full cargo for Liverpool.

VALPARAISO, MAY 13.

There is no political news on the West Coast. Import trade dull, but exports good. Bar copper, 13·62½ to 13·65 on spot; regulus, 6·3 for 50 per cent.; nitrate, 2·25 for 95 per cent. to 2·32½ for 95 per cent. Bank rate—exchange on London, 90

THE SECOND ARMADA.

(A CHAPTER OF FUTURE HISTORY.)

"Tis the sunset of life gives me mystical lore,
"And coming events cast their shadows before."

Shortly after the close of the war between France and Germany in 1871, the English alarmists seemed unreasonable to an extent that verged on foolishness. Never was there a period when, to all outward seeming, an invasion of England was less probable or feasible. France was stricken down and disabled. We had amicably arranged our differences with the United States, and the greatest military nation of the Continent had apparently neither the disposition nor the power to become a formidable assailant of our independence. If ever there was a country whose interests and constitution pointed to a pacific policy, it was United Germany. She required peace to consolidate her empire, and she could not make war without calling the mercantile man from his

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