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We will excuse a writer in our yesterday's print for being more sanguine on the proposed reconstruction of the kingdom of Poland by the allied powers than ourselves, because he is himself one of the Polish nation, and of course participates in all the enthusiastic hopes and schemes of his exiled countrymen. Nor will we deny the merit which would justly append to such an effort on the part of France or England; but that the plan is practicable, or that the results which are hoped for would follow its success, we do not believe. The rumor that it is to be attempted, however, presuming it to be true, is significant.

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The uncertain, hesitating but cautious policy which Austria has preserved throughout the war has surprised even those who were best acquainted with her selfish, insincere and false-hearted professions. She resisted a perfect seige of diplomacy for many months, and finally gave her reluctant consent to a participation in the defence of Turkey by sending her troops to occupy the disputed territory. But the allies called for yet more efficient guaranties, and her reply in substance was, wait until you have engaged in active hostilities with the enemy. We have noticed since the operations on the Crimea begun the interest with which that great exponent of British will, the *London Times*, has pointed its articles in reference to the German powers, and particularly Austria, threatening at one time—most inconsistently with the professions of the alliance, that this war was for defence and not conquest—that in the event of a partition of the Principalities to France and England for occupation against the Czar, Austria being a non-combatant, should be excluded from a share. There existing no longer a reason for delay, if Austria fails to take an active part against her powerful neighbor, will the sympathy and support of the allies be transferred from her throne to her revolutionary borders? This movement to reinstate Poland looks very much like it.

And what would be the actual result of re-establishing the Kingdom of Poland, admitting

that the internal jealousies and dissensions which well nigh drive its people crazy, were sufficiently overcome or moulded to the form of a single expression on a single point of law and order, to enable an independent government to arise? The people of Hungary would also assert their rights to independence, and this of course would kindle a fire in the rear of the allied protectorate and raise hedge-rows of Austrian bayonets between them and the Danube. The exiles of both down trodden countries would flock from the United States and England; those from our own shores of course, inflamed with republican ideas and democratic zeal, and totally irreconcilable in their notions of government with any which France or England would create. The feuds between the aristocracy which cost Poland her liberty, would break out afresh, and it would require a stockade of French and English muskets around the throne to save the life of the king, and the country from civil war.

No! much as we desire to see Poland given to the Poles, we do not believe it can ever be done by any such means as those proposed. England, and France particularly, can have no interest or desire in exciting a revolution throughout Europe at the present time, and the restoration of Poland would surely lead to such an event. We are inclined to think it will not be attempted. That such a scheme of involving and distracting Austria and erecting a barrier against the further encroachment of Russia in that quarter has been meditated and even hinted by the Allies we are fully prepared to believe. KOSSUTH and his friends have not been idle in England. Constantinople is swarming with Hungarians and Poles, eager and anxious for a turn in the tide of events that shall cause an hundred thousand Magyar blades to flash from their impatient scabbards. But France and England will think again before either out of revenge or expediency they adopt measures for subduing the factious Eastern powers so precarious to their own welfare.

CITIZENS' STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.—The Marysville *Express* says that at a meeting of the Council on Monday night, Mr. Thornburg, Alderman from the Second Ward, offered a resolution requiring the Mayor to issue his proclamation for an election by the people, to ascertain whether they would authorize the city to loan her credit to the "Citizens Steam Navigation Company," in an amount not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars. It is proposed by the resolution, so we are informed, to issue to the company the bonds of the city, bearing inte-