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The 29th of November.

Wednesday last being the 25th anniversary of the Polish Revolution, a few gentlemen, Polish exiles, now in this city, met together in the evening to celebrate that great and memorable event by a quiet, sociable dinner.

Twenty-five years have now rolled by since Poland raised the cry of liberty and independence; crushed down by treason and insidious diplomacy, her spirit still remains unsubdued. Her sons scattered over the face of the earth, are ever ready, at the first signal, to unite and renew the struggle. The course of events in Europe promises the realization of their hopes. The war of the Allies against Russia can have no successful issue, unless Poland be restored to her independence. They may fight great battles, destroy and capture Russian vessels or forts, they may take Sebastopol, even Cronstadt and St. Petersburg, but without the restoration of Poland they will not attain those great objects for which the war is carried on, namely, to destroy the power of Russia, and permanently restrain her ambition. This, the restoration of Poland as an independent State, can alone accomplish. It will inflict a blow more fatal than all the battles and victories of the Allies. With the independence of Poland, the Russian Colossus hurled from its pedestal would be reduced to humbler dimensions, and would cease to be dangerous to the peace and liberties of Europe.

In courting the insincere alliance of Austria, the Western Powers have committed a fatal error. They sacrificed the cause of Poland. Russia will thus be enabled indefinitely to protract the war, and frustrate these objects. The Allies will, however, be compelled, as the effects of the protracted struggle will be more and more felt by the people of England and France, to return to their true policy, and embrace the cause of Poland. The independence of Poland is necessary to the equilibrium of Europe, and the peace of the world. It is only since that great national crime, the partition of Poland, was committed, that the preponderating power, and insatiable ambition of Russia have become so threatening. Let Poland be reconstructed; let this act of national justice be done, and France and England will at once secure that balance of power, for which they are

now pouring out so much blood and treasure. Let them do this act of reparation, and the sympathies of all nations will be with their cause. The American people, we have no doubt, would also hail with joyful enthusiasm, and give aid and comfort to the deliverance of the land of Kosciusko and Pulaski.

We are not of those who believe in the sympathy of the United States with the cause of Nicholas. The people who have established the freest government the world has ever known, whose institutions are the beacon light to all the nations of the earth, whose shores are the refuge of the oppressed and down-trodden of every land—such a people cannot sympathise with a despot whose cause is unjust, who is the sworn foe of all the rights and liberties of man, whose whole life has been employed to destroy every attempt made by the different nations of Europe to reform and liberalize their governments; and who, if he should succeed in his ambitious designs to take possession of Constantinople and make all Europe subservient to his will, would not hesitate to use his all-powerful influence to turn the combined power of Europe against these very United States, whose prosperous career is the most eloquent demonstration of the benefits of self-government, and, therefore is a standing protest against monarchy.

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