

RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES.—A correspondent of the UNION at Applegate, Jackson county, Oregon, craves a hearing in the following remarks:

In response to the communication of a Polander, in reference to the proposed "Russian alliance," permit another foreign-born citizen to present a few remarks. With the Union intact as it was previous to 1861, the great Powers of Europe could inflict no permanent injury on the Republic of the United States, and consequently treaties offensive or defensive with such Powers were obnoxious to our people.

With the Union convulsed by a great civil war, in which the rebels offer the greatest inducements to the two great maritime Powers of Europe for aid, and one of those Powers already occupying the neighboring Republic of Mexico, and the other depredating on our commerce under the cloak of the rebel flag, and building a fleet of war steamers for them, the American people will forgive their State Department many sins of omission and commission for this statesmanlike alliance, that has already caused the British lion to draw in his claws, and that will eventually lay out Louis Napoleon flat on his back and blow into an airy nothing his Bonaparte dynasty.

But superadded to this, as foreshadowed in the London *Times*, is the great fact that American diplomacy has achieved what the Western Powers of Europe could not, and that the great Empire of Russia is about to be modeled on the plan of the United States, and the different nationalities forming the agglomerate of that Power will get the control of their local Governments under constitutional provisions and a representation in the Imperial Government; and if this fact is true, America will have achieved more for the people of Europe than they could do for themselves, and instead of the Government of the United States descending to the so called barbarism of Russia, the latter elevates herself to the constitutional liberty of the former, and the House of Romanoff may possibly be the reformers of Europe. Welcome, then, to the Russian fleets, their officers and crews, and may the alliance between the two young nations of the Old and the New World be the precursor to brighter and better days for the down-trodden people of Europe, and hasten the time when the people of America can shake hands with their good friend, the great "Bear of the North," across their *boundary line*. With the kindest of feelings and most cordial sympathy with Poland and her wrongs, I desire to whisper one great truth into the ears of a countryman of Kosciusko, namely, that the Republic of the United States can do *without* the people of Europe, but the people of Europe *cannot* do without the Republic of the United States.