

the brute throughout the world,—such would be the awakening of Tibet *by China*.

Summarising, we may say that Russian military occupation of Tibet is almost incredible; that if accomplished, it must be done across the corpse of the world's Chinese policy; that, if extended against India, it could result in nothing but a massacre of such Russo-Tibetan forces as might be entrapped in the Himalayas; that mere intrigue could produce, if, incredibly, it produced anything at all, only some abortive effort even less serious than the imagined movement under Russian leadership; that there is as yet no known evidence of Russian anti-British "intrigue"; that in either case the imagined attack upon India from Tibet could be foreknown through a moderately efficient secret service; that it could be met when precipitated with far less expenditure of energy and of treasure (practically no lives are involved in either case) than the Younghusband expedition has involved; that the maintenance of enforced trade-privilege will result in absurdly small commercial advantage and ominously large political irritation. The course actually pursued has confirmed the Tibetans in their fears of British conquest; the Afghans in their blackest suspicions; the Russians in their charges of British duplicity<sup>1</sup>; and the world at large in its suspicion that brute force, not justice, must be the protection of any cause whatever. Against such evil effects there is not now any righteous remedy except that known aforesaid—confession and restitution.

<sup>1</sup> See Appendices showing relation between diplomatic relations and actual results.