Only at the end of last week a writer in The Pall Mall said what there was no war-party: how we must all admit that it is true that there are, though many of us should seem to have forgotten it, the air of late if it be possible, it is of no use deluding ourselves; it is worse than no use; it is dangerous; and I must urge you to admit that there is no war-party in England, and that we all know it as well as the Hon. Mr. who wrote that article in the P.M. that was edited that allowed it to be published. I say that there is a war-party. They are a party of war at any price: let us look at them. This, tearing from our eye any veil of hypocrisy that might hide the real state of things from us: let us see the reality. This party is what we may know when our Shutterstock is falling: trusting not on air, but on a danger real and substantial enough. Let us look on our soldiery and count them: not that we may be discouraged by what we may be encouraged by what we may strike heavily against the things we hate, and now at last it may be make an end of it for ever. Let us make these words of the Pall Mall C., as free of the future as we are of the present or the past: let us enter good for evil, and make that gentleman of the P.M. a prophet.

Could he but first push out of one way or sort of friends; good liberal or radicals, who are still living in the year 48? I am not that Russia is the case; who still perhaps have some hope of the regeneration of Turkey by means of the Ottoman, and are the only people in the world. Terence, who do: What can we say to these men who wish to see Russia, the great absolutist power immerse itself; then at the expense of their ally, themselves to all that is reactionary in this country? It is for the part have no doubt united, their instincts would lead them: They what cause?
liberals who would involve us in a Tory War. The successful result of which would be the restoration of absolutism over peoples. The nature of just monarchical, in a Tory War in order that Russia might be humiliated. I think they ought to listen to us when we say we do wish that we may never speak again rather than say one word in favour of absolutism in any country, in Russia, in Turkey or in England. We liberals do not wish to humiliate Russia for past wrongs. When we believe in her hopes of better things. Whatever Russia has been, the Russians wish to be humiliated is not that Russia that is now freeing her brethren from anarchy sustained by barbaric which is carrying order and civilization into hasted and barbarous Asia. And once more I think, I ought to listen to us when we told them look under what between the one marching and who are their fellow, and what motives what ladies they have: for the other that compose the war party, the existence of which, the fall must be their own. I now come to the other: let us think how to manage them a set of men whose interest it is rather that we should sustain Turkey at any price, or that we should have a cure with some one or another: a set of men whose most depends is the D.T. These are the men who have obliged themselves with all that is ignorant and useless in the country deluding them with vain hopes, about the decadence of England & the like. These are they, whose industry has so set them so for the last eighteen months, who are so devoid of any show of reason in their arguments that we have been inclined to pass them by in contempt. The RIGHT can such rubbish as this be dangerous? I believe it it seems it can be: it appears that there is still a long time feeling in the country capable of being whipped up into a froth by the remembrance of the D.T., a feeling that it is necessary for England to have an enemy.
and which seeing no other country that it can put in that position must needs fix upon Russia; I do believe that the loudly expressed hatred of Russia so common in people months, people of all classes, the ignorant classes you overtake have just this base to stand upon, and nothing shows more how we must not think it otherwise than dangerous for all that. Sir, it is this many voiced instrument that the D.T. plays upon daily, making such sweet music as you all know and don’t want deceiving people abroad. Who believe that Russia to be the voices of England. Again Sir, this ignorance and rampant notion that cries out for an answer a real one on any terms it is played upon by another set of men, as the Daily Telegraph upon its better lower notes to do the P.P. The set of the cultivators, the Faddists believe in the singular virtues of the Ottoman. The unaccountable views of the Russian is quite as great, as those who are feigning the blame of war for the sake of interest. But they are gnomes in one matter. I suppose that in a deep hatred for all who on the face of things generous & high-minded & at the same time popular. I suppose a great many of us must have acquaintance any how now nor will it be a great effort of our memories to recall the hatred & loathing they were eager to express at the outset of popular insurrection that followed the rebellion of the horrors of Balaust. It seems they were forced to keep pretty quiet in the public points the speeches themselves did not their like in private. There are the few who have tried for a great single-hearted statement for our leader W.Gladstone rises to the dignity of a paper nor can I wonder at it remembering his career, and how he had cast aside prejudice after prejudice in favour of rules of youth, justice, for these men their P.M. M. Poll Male Foraminifera, soon to be influenced by no hereditary prejudice, but have been drawn into their position by a littleness of soul & namour of vision. That I know no parallel
for, perhaps I am saying too much about them; perhaps they are not very dangerous enemies. Their influence is chiefly over a class of society too cowardly & home-sick to either of much harm or good. You remember their representative journal is written by gentlemen for gentlemen. Nevertheless their malice wounded me, & I think it is a shame for us all that we should have to bear it.

Th well I suppose his wrong to wish an artificially long life to one's enemies: And yet I sometimes wish some of them could live for a few hundred years to see what will happen in the world after our time.

So much for the blind liberals, for those whose private interests drive them to cry out for war, for those whom little-minded and narrow pride of power would make such enemies. Take up that cry; there are left to the great party of the Tories, who, with some few, I daresay many honourable exceptions, have taken up what has turned out to be the side of war. One says sometimes that they tried not to make it a party question; and yet their instincts are right; if they had foreseen the occasion, they would no longer have been Tories, they must have fractionalized with the Liberal party. You must not take the opinion of a few enlightened men who happen to be in the position of leaders to the party: take rather the general behaviour of their rank & file in Parliament; or better still the common talk of the people they represent: and repeat you will soon find that their instinct was right, that they were bound to love the poor Turks (as I have heard them called) insensibly, so that love appears to us. I believe & rejoice in believing that the fall of the curtaining of the Ottoman power in Europe will be a blow that will confound instruction of oppressed peoples, will be a blow to that spirit which still exists among us; may it be strong, that is possible to have in parliament not merely a cautious & conservative
party, but even a majority of the very residuum of reactionists, or party whose action if the event would be represented by the words keep them down. I say that to such a decision. The fall of irresponsible and corrupt rule in Bulgaria, the confirmation of the freedom of those peoples who have already revolted will be a heavy blow, and if they could prevent the blow falling may well do so as we know by extending our influence foreign war: all the more as they and we well know that amid the constant excitement of such a war many things will be forgotten. Here at home many reforms put off: may we may well hope that reaction will flourish amind the constant growth of reason and violence that is sure to spring up amid the heat of an unjust war.

The more element I must mention as comprising the war-party, since I have engaged to speak without prejudice: it is the Court, which has now the direct influence of the powerful. I say we must face the fact, not to us a very dreadful one, that it has known what influence it possesses in the State against the intelligence against the thoughtfulness of the English Nation.

Let me recapitulate for a moment: let me what we have against us: 1st. those wheeler who seek to help Russia unnecessarily next all those who are interested in a war: next she would be intellectual leadership the cultivated reactionists — with. The mass of ignorance and Philistinism .that she industry that has last have acted upon. Then the Tory residence. The composed reactionists. Finally what is called Society & the Court. This is by and less comprise I do not think they will. Stuck, Stunned, persons: yet I do believe that is so great a body of intelligence and taste of the country that few people can be moved by an appeal to their love of freedom and sense of justice that formidable as our lists.
Sounds it would not have been very dangerous, but for the circumstance; indeed the great mass of that ignorance and prejudice would scarcely like to take the responsibility of making war on their own shoulders. Please, as they would be.

I am sure somebody would declare war for them; now that dangerous circumstance is that our stupidity has put a man over our heads who is perhaps of all men with any pretension the most unfit to be there at a critical time: a man with scarce any qualities in him but nothing but condition: a man without any sense of the importance of it, that makes him the most likely to be a subject in Europe: it is a shame to us to have to talk about such an inconsiderable man: but I say our own stupidity, our own sloth have set him where he is, and in that position he is that is the heart of the war-party: if he says yes all his henchmen in the papers write flaming letters, if he says no then there is no war-party & the rest of it: so he really set it down: it is hard to believe that he really has any policy in spite of all the hints that have been thrown out from time to time: any policy that he has out to wear us down and our resistance is folly. The question is that, to him, the tone of the whole thing: it is just what I chiefly want to say to you: we have nothing for it but to oppose steady patience in resistance to his suggestions: neither honor nor any other motives. I believe would dare to make war with such a large minority strenuously against it: but if we tire and show an appearance of not caring about it, out will fly Russia to Austria. She will be invited into something rash; some cause of quarrel will be found something that Lord B will get people to raise a shout over, and then the worst will come perhaps; and who will be able to mend matters after. The first shot is fired? Who knows where we shall drift to then. But you above all things beware you not to drift: make up your minds to drift.
to fair discretion, and stick to that: above all things let us have courage, and believe that every man whether he be what is called political or not may be of some use: do not let any of us allow fear, downheartedness or false shame stop him from doing his utmost to get rid of the burden our folly has laid on our backs. What dangers we have passed through, I hope I think that all those meetings held all over the country with the ending with what we are doing today, what we shall do this evening will do their work and finish with the part of war at any price. The dangers we have passed through during the past 3 weeks we shall probably never know. The dangers that lie ahead we shall know in a few days: let us meet them calmly and with determination in the name of peace good will and justice.