Published in New York’s *Harper’s Weekly* on April 28, 1883, “The Balance of Trade with Great Britain Seems to be Still Against Us” depicts the rising tensions between immigrants, particularly Irish, coming to the United States from Great Britain. During the Great Famine (1845-1852) many Irishmen under the rule of the Crown emigrated to the United States. Tensions began to flare between both parties once the Irish nationalist group, “The Fenians,” situated in the United States, began to terrorize Great Britain. The United States felt its Irish immigrants were implicated, and Great Britain felt that the United States was allowing this to occur.

The cartoon depicts a boat and a ship, both at sea, heading in opposite directions. The boat with the sail reading “from New York the Dynamite” portrays the Fenian attempts to terrorize Great Britain. The poorhouse ship is arriving from Galway, Ireland with 650 paupers shipped at the expense of British Government. While the British Government is sending poor Irishmen to America, Irish-American nationalists are sending explosives in attempts to scare Britain and release its grip on Ireland.