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The man who stands head and shoulders above them all is Gen. Louis Botha of South Africa. He has repaid England back good for evil. For the country that ground his republic in the dust and pulled down her flag never to rise again, he has gone forth to victory against his former associates in arms. That he has done right, we firmly believe, for while allegiance produced by superior force, against the will of a subject violates every moral requirement, and the temptation of again resurrecting Boer independence perhaps forming a

strong Union from the Cape to the Transvaal which would be independent and Republican and best subserve the interests of the African people was, no doubt, strong in his heart and would naturally do him credit, he cast it aside and reasoned thus:—"While in the first place Britain sacrificed our lives and independence at the interests of adventurers and freebooters, she has since given us a semi-independence which fulfills all the requirements of local self-government. We have at present no quarrel with Britain. Germany has never shown herself to be our friend and seeks to turn us against Britain only for her own selfish interests. How much better we are off as a colony of Britain than of Germany let Belgium testify.

But travellers sometimes find strange bedfellows, and England in looking around for allies may have taken serpents to her bosom in the persons of Russia and Japan. Their characters are well known by the way the former have treated their own citizens who dared to petition for a reasonable freedom, and the Poles and Jews, and how the latter has treated Korea, and the designs she has against China. With England with her hands full and the prospect of trouble between the United States and Mexico, she thinks she is at liberty to decapitate the Chinese Republic, but she will find she is mistaken, as the civilized world will not stand for it.

A conference of the American independent nations should be called to settle the Mexican question and the people should abide by their decision. The United States does not want any conquest in that direction or any other of the American powers, but the continent cannot much longer allow such a state of anarchy and outrage as exists in Mexico. Of course Canada could not be represented, as she is to all intents and purposes a European instead of an American nation.

While it would not be right for the Canadian government to completely exhaust our means in the prosecution of this war, she should do all in her power short of it and be willing to make sacrifices. This is not an unholy war of conquest like that against India, the Zulus and the Boers, but one in which our own freedom is as much concerned as

that of Britain. If Germany was a small and weak nation and Britain was seeking her conquest it would be a different thing; but it is wholly a war of defense on the part of Britain and France, and Germany and Austria are the aggressors. War is a bad thing in any case, but the nation that would refuse to strike back when assaulted, deserves to be conquered.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Honorable, the Minister of Finance, and the Minister of Labor, the Members of the House of Commons, and Senate at Ottawa, and my comrades and fellow-workers in Canada and the wide world,

Sir John A. MacDonald was a free trader at heart, but did not see his way to free trade unless it was world wide.

We have had Christian churches for two thousand years and most of the ruling anarchists, statesmen, politicians and bankers engaged in the anarchists' war now raging in Europe as well as the Parsons, Priests and fighters are professing Christians.

Why do union labor men talk strike and quit work instead of obeying the law and using their votes for liberty.

Why do bankers and other capitalists talk and work against union labor and living wages for all workers?

Why do we have so many idle men in the countries not at war as well as in the countries engaged in war, while there are millions of miles of railroads, electric roads, good roads and canals to build? Besides millions of acres of farm land that requires draining?

Why should there be starving people in Canada when we have full store houses and millions of uncultivated land?

Why should anarchists be allowed to build forts, battleships, submarines and cannons, invent explosives and make weapons for war and then force their fellow men to kill each other, destroy wealth and ruin happy homes of innocent neighbors?

Why are so many poor living in slums not fit for pigs? Why are there so many drunkards and evil doers? The statesmen, politicians, bankers, parsons and priests and anarchists, in all the countries now at war blame each other for the murderous con-

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flict, while some say this war had to come and others that a great deal of good will come of it and the people of the countries not engaged are doing their best to make wealth out of the misfortunes of their neighbors.

These men have had the power, they claim to have the brains