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Dear Mr. King,

Thank you very much for your favor of

yesterday's date.

I have written to Mr. Paguegnat to the effect that I shall send him the petition next week when I expect a supply. Asking him also as to a Peace meeting in Berlin.

The position you suggest for the Peace and Arbitration Society is exactly what I was hoping you would endorse, as well as the absurd attempt being made by the Militarist element to corral the proposition for a peace memorial as a tail to their undertaking, to glorify the heroes of war-and, of all things, the war with the United States of a century ago! The memory of which we want to obliterate by a monument of peace!!

I was hoping to talk this very matter over with you when you were in Toronto some time ago. But your secretary did not - as you had suggested to me - make any appointment so that I could meet you.

However, the time is now ripe for action. You may be sure that we will take the matter up vigorously. Sir Wm. Mulock returns to the city to-night and we shall have a Board Meeting during the coming week. If I had means I should run up to Ottawa for a consultation, which would be so much more satisfactory than correspondence until we came to an understanding of policy and methods in the campaign.

Personally I am not in favor of doing anything unless we can do it on a fairly large scale, worthy of the tremendous issues at stake. And my trouble is to get people interested enough to pay money for the necessary capital to do business at all! When Sir William is here I shall have a consultation with him and writes your rigator

With kind regards I remain Sincerely Yours,

ANSWERED

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