

will be brought into operation some altered arrangements by which the Dominions will be called to the Councils of the Empire in matters affecting Imperial questions.

Since this speech was made, the Imperial Government has announced that the Dominions Overseas are to be consulted as to terms of peace when the war is over. This, it is to be hoped, is a beginning of the recognition that is due to the daughter nations who have shown such magnificent readiness to stand by the Mother Land in time of trouble.

Surely it is the irony of fate that this war, which, it was prophesied by German writers, was to rend the British Empire in pieces, should be the means of binding fastly together the nations which make up that Empire. The silver lining to the black clouds of war is to be found in the fact that the German Emperor is unwittingly cementing the bonds which unite the daughter nations of the Empire to the Mother Country.