

The more I study the Indian question and realise what is going on in Asia, I am the more convinced that we are living in one of the most momentous periods in the history of the world. Russia is on the move - a new move - but whither, we don't know. Something will come out of Russia, nobody knows what.

China is on the move and these moves take time, because it is 35 years since Sun Yatsen made his first declaration and China has been in chaos and revolution ever since.

India is on the move too and just what the outcome will be no one is quite certain. The Congressional party in India apparently want the chaos and revolution of Russia and China, and we hold for the constitutional methods of reform; if we can, India is saved for the Empire. If not, God only knows what may happen.

When one thinks that there are one thousand million people living in Russia and Asia and that these thousand million people are on the move, one wonders what may happen, to the rest of the world when such power is at its full flood. It behoves us to think of it because the only offset to this Asiatic strength is the British Empire plus the United States. Fear of what may happen will most likely drive us together, because fear is a very potent factor in the lives of men as well as in the lives of nations.

I am going to try to learn as much at first hand as I can, and by the way, you might tell our friend Corbett that Sir Frederick Whyte, who was head of the British delegation to Honolulu in 1927 has, in the last few months, made a perfect ass of himself, ruined his career and disgraced us generally in the Far East. He has deserted his wife and run off with a Belgian Countess, and Belgian Countesses are as thick as fleas on a dog. I am told that the only person Whyte told of his intentions was the husband of the lady, who helped her to pack her bag. There is also a suspicion that the lady is really a Communistic spy and that poor Whyte has allowed himself to become enmeshed.

I am afraid, Stanley, I have done little regarding the literature post. I wrote to Aberdeen but had no reply. I also wrote to Sir Michael Sadler, who said he did not know either of the men, and he passed on my letter to another Oxford Professor, who up to the present, has not replied.