

South Africans to fight in Europe has been so pressing that the government of the Union has decided to grant this privilege to those who have first distinguished themselves in the campaign actually undertaken against the German colony in Western South Africa. General Botha has received congratulations from all parts concerning the stand he has taken in connection with the war. The *South African News* says: "General Botha stands exalted and with him the whole Boer people. Never has there been furnished a more splendid justification of the honour of the Boer people."

Among the favourable eventualities considered by German statesmen figured the situation of India. There, again, they were informed, but there, again, they are mistaken. It would be ridiculous to deny that the population of India have manifested, at different intervals, in comparatively recent years, a dissatisfaction too often justifiable. Since the visit of George V., and thanks to the benevolent plan of Lord Hardinge, things have been greatly improved. The German Emperor and his councillors have experienced a bitter surprise, and, nevertheless, they ought to say *meâ culpa*, for this surprising and superb manifestation is due to them.

"Since the war has broken out," said the leader of the opposition, speaking after the prime minister, "nothing, not even the heroic conduct of our soldiers upon the field of battle, has more profoundly moved the people of this country than the spontaneous explosion of enthusiasm and loyalty towards the Emperor and of patriotism towards the Empire, on the part of the princes and population of India. The idea that for the first time soldiers from India were to fight in Europe, that they were called upon to fight side by side with British soldiers for the defence of right and the protection of a weak nation oppressed by a powerful, brutal and cruel enemy, this call, addressed to all that is noble and generous in these chivalrous races, has produced an effect that the government never dreamed of or expected."

All the sovereigns of the native states have offered money, jewels, men and personal services. It would require many pages in which to enumerate all the generous offers made by the people of India. I shall cite but a few. The Viceroy made known that the Dalaï Lama of Thibet had offered a contingent of 1,000 men, and that the greater part of the expenses of the expeditionary corps