

tribunal. Only when such a condition exists can the world as a whole be said to be approaching civilisation.

From the foregoing considerations it is clear that the great value of national entity has become merely its military power, and that with this war and the disarmament which will necessarily be consequent upon it this value will be greatly decreased. Military power has been shown to be a danger rather than a protection. The strength of France or Russia or Great Britain could not keep them out of the war; the weakness of Holland and Denmark has not dragged them into it. The accident of Belgium's location, not her impotence, is the cause of her martyrdom.

Never again will the doctrine that the state exists except for the benefit of the citizen be allowed to prevail. The false conception of a holy and sacred abstract thing, greater than the citizens who compose it, is forever destroyed. The world recognises that the greatness of a man depends upon what he is, not upon the nation to which he may chance to belong. Is Chopin less valuable because Poland has ceased to be Poland, or Maeterlinck of less account because he is a Belgian, not a Russian or an Englishman? It matters little to a man nowadays whether his country be weak or powerful so