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divided and freely developing China would in time become exceedingly great. It seems to me, however, that wholly aside from utilitarian considerations, the altruistic motives alone are of sufficient importance to warrant the suggested joint action of America and England.

This is, nevertheless, as appears to me, the only radical solution of the present tragic situation. Not until some portion of the white race, moved by a sense of the inherent rights of man as man, is ready with heroic spirit to face and if need be to fight a fellow white race in behalf of the yellow, will justice be done to the orient. Not until then will the permanent peace of the world become possible.

In opposition to this plan, it may be urged that it proposes an injustice to Russia, dispossessing her, as it does, of long occupied territory. Yet since this territory was originally seized through military aggression, and would be lost through conquest by Japan, and since the welfare of one-third the human race is thereby secured, the proposition would seem to savour of justice rather than of injustice. It is also clear that, possession of Eastern Siberia is not essential to the existence of Russia, whereas the expulsion of Russia from that country is essential to the