

And Germany? Australia began to see that it would not be necessary to have sea battles on her coast to affect her fate—that very likely it might be affected by some struggle in the North Sea. And so love for the old land, and the fire of fear in their hearts, gave impetus to Imperialism. I do not think there is much fear now.

The national mind, like the human mind, works curiously. Accordingly, you find in Australia to-day a belief that Australia's State and national autonomous Governments are dependent on Australia being an integral part of the British Empire. There is a warm pride in forming part of the Empire. Loyal demonstrations are most marked. At private luncheon and dinner parties the toast of "The King" is given. Semi-public gatherings rarely disperse without singing the National Anthem. There is more evidence of loyalty in Australia than I have ever met with in any other part of the King's dominions—not even excepting home. But it is loyalty to the Empire, not to Great Britain.

This is having a remarkable effect on the people. It will go a long way to smother the silly inter-State jealousies. It is making the people realise their position and admit the responsibilities of their manhood. Not out of State patriotism, but out of Imperialism a healthy nationalism will grow. And when the national tree blossoms, the crop of good will be enormous. For one of the things that has hampered Australia's progress has been the absence of the national ideal.