

These are noble words : and what is more, in uttering them His Majesty has given voice to the sentiments of all his peoples, whether they be English, or Scots, or Irish, or Canadians, or Australians, or New Zealanders, or Newfoundlanders ; or whether they be born in any part of India, or Ceylon, or Malaya, or China, or any region in Africa, or in the West Indies, or in any land washed by the seven seas ; whether they be Conservatives, or Liberals, or Radicals, or Socialists ; whether they be Christians, or Buddhists, or Hindoos, or Mahommadans. These noble words represent the whole principle of the British peoples. They stand for Right against Might ; for Liberty against the lust of Conquest, for Equal Rights under our Flag. They signify that we oppress no one, that all governments under the King-Emperor work for the good of the people, and for the Britannic peace. And the result—the grand result—is that all petty anomosities are hushed, and all stand to attention awaiting the orders that are necessary for the maintenance of our Empire and the preservation of our rights. If any branch of the Empire desire to break away, there is none to hinder them. But the central authority stands for this—that no army, no hordes of savages, shall enslave any British subject.

Now, there is no point more remarkable in the organization of the German Emperor, and his Prussian generals, and ministers, and professors, than the frankness with which they have spoken and written of their intention to conquer the world. I could give you thousands of passages from the writings of General von Bernhardi, or Professor Treischke, or the ex-Chancellor von Buelow ; or from the speeches, from the Emperor downwards. Most of them hold that Great Britain should be conquered first ; others want to re-