

cannot conceive to-day of any condition arising which could cause war between the United States and Great Britain, not because the two nations are of the same blood and the same language, but because they are of the same democracy and have the same intelligent ideals. When their blood and their language were even closer than now they fought against each other, but this was before England had adopted to herself the great experiment of democracy instituted in modern times by the United States.

Militarism is a universal attribute of absolutism; it is entirely foreign to the spirit of democracies and is adopted by them only as a defence against threatening autocracies. The conscript armies of France existed not because France desired them but from fear of the Prussian absolutism at her borders. When by this war Germany has been made democratic as is the inevitable result of her inevitable defeat, France will do away with militarism as have England and America. With the most evil of the modern autocracies, Germany and Austria-Hungary, forced to democracy by this war, with democratic ideals and influences regenerating Russia and Japan, the world may confidently expect that great wars between great nations shall never again occur. It is for this that our inspired young