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thorny Indian question in South Africa and Canada, and the agitation against the yellow man in the United States.

THE CO-OPERATION OF THE EAST.

And now we have suddenly ceased to talk of these questions. Instead, we find brown men and yellow men and black men joined with ourselves in one colossal struggle, pouring out their treasure, pouring out their blood, for the common cause—Japanese and English and Russians carrying on war as allies on the shores of the Pacific, Hindus and Mohammedans from India coming to fight in European armies on the old historic battle-fields of Europe, side by side with Mohammedans from Algiers and black men from Senegal. We had often spoken of the wonderful drawing together of the world in our days, but we never knew that it was to be represented in such strange and splendid and terrible bodily guise.

To our enemies the disregard of the 'colour bar' in the combination against them is a matter for reproach. We know already that they charge us with disloyalty to the cause of European culture, and we must be prepared to hear the charge flung against us with still greater passion when the war is over, and echoed in German books for generations to come. It has not yet appeared that they consider the employment of Indian and African troops a disloyalty: in the book, so often referred to, by General Bernhardi, the employment of 'coloured' troops by France and England is spoken of as something to be expected, with no note of blame; it is our alliance with