

firms the world over betray a certain international solidarity and some rudimentary organization."

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"The formal rights of control which the House of Commons enjoys are exceedingly limited. . . Its assent is not required for a declaration of war, which means that it cannot interfere effectually before the event to delay a rupture, to enforce arbitration or to overthrow a minister who had failed to exhaust on behalf of peace all the resources of diplomacy. . . A secret treaty is for us no less binding than a public instrument."

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"From Downing Street to Peking, the diplomatic service is based on the assumption that the relations of States mean in practice the relations of the upper classes"

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"Capital moves with flag—sometimes before it and sometimes after it. . . It is characteristic of our civilization to disguise the connection of diplomacy with armaments on the one hand and finance on the other with an elaborate code of countries and hypocrisies." (c. f. Bernard Shaw described the modern pursuit of foreign markets thus: "First we teach the savage to wear pants; then we pick their pockets.")

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"The European financier goes forth equipped with resources taken from our stores on a career of conquest and exploitation protected by our flag and backed by our prestige."

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"The great things in life, the high purposes for which nations exist, are not the struggle to mark out spheres of exploitation. . . Let a people once perceive for what purpose its patriotism is prostituted and its resources misused, and the end is already in sight."

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**CHARLES SAROLEA, IN "MANCHESTER
GUARDIAN"**

"As a Belgian by birth, whose household goods have been destroyed, and who has been financially ruined by the deeds of individual Germans, I cannot be accused of any