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November 15th, 1917.

Dear Mr. Holt:-

It seems to me that from every point of view and not least from that of work toward the future world peace, a firm entente of the English speaking peoples is of paramount importance. I feel so strongly about this that I am venturing to enclose you an article of mine on the subject in the hope that you will read it with approval.

To speak of another subject, I have the impression that the press and public men of America are falling rather short of their duty in the matter of vigilance, constructive criticism and suggestion in relation to the country's affairs. Silence and implied approval are easy enough, but in my humble opinion, the rule should rather be constructive and patriotic criticism in modo; un murmuring, unquestioning support in re (i.e. in prosecuting the war to victory),- in modo including all means of arriving at efficiency and all questions of policy growing out of the war situation. Without this rule, helpful suggestion is silenced, responsibility is shirked, and many national advantages may go by default. I wonder if you do not agree with me?

By the way, I am thinking of possibly writing some magazine articles in addition to my editorial work and that if you should think you would like anything from me I might have a try. If at any time you did care for an article from me you might give me a choice of subjects and an idea of the desired length and the exact time when it should be sent.

With kind regards,

I am,

Yours sincerely,

Hamilton Holt, Esq.,
The Independent,
New York.