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## Letter From Francis Mairs Huntington-Wilson to Irwin Loughlin, December 1, 1917

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December 1917.

Dear Loughlin,

Herewith a couple of articles of mine, one a long one in two parts advocating a rapprochement of the English speaking peoples, and the other a short one on the fallacy of treating the sanctity of small nations otherwise than as proportionally to their worthiness. The importance of the subjects is the excuse for my sending you anything to read at a time when you must be chronically overburdened with preoccupations.

To keep our diplomacy down to realities and human nature instead of letting it drift dangerously in the clouds of unpractical idealism and unfounded hopes is vital to safety. So far as I can make out, Colonel House, if converted, would be the best hope at present in this direction. You and your Ambassador and, perhaps, Sharp at Paris can do some missionary work.

I have since the middle of September been on the Editorial Staff of the Public Ledger, having been declared far too short-sighted for a line commission in the army. I have so far thought I could do more good this way than with a staff appointment that I might perhaps have been able to get. I am still recuperating from heat prostration and neurasthenia. Meanwhile I am doing what I can in the endeavor to put my little grain of sand on the right side of the scales by writing upon public questions.

I hope your health is standing the strain and that all goes well with you. Please give my compliments to your wife, and believe me, always with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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