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December 6, 1917

Dear Mr. Wilson:

I was glad to read your article in the Ledger, which you were kind enough to send me. I agree with you that there should be the best kind of practical understanding and cooperation among the English-speaking nations. Unfortunately, the British Empire has at times been steered along the line of policies which are not in sympathy with the welfare of the United States and do not make for the real unity of the English-speaking world. England would be much stronger and better off if Canada were a republic in helping the United States to maintain the best standards of progress in the Western Hemisphere. In that case, both the United States and Canada ought to be in the closest association with the English people. My belief in the advisability of making independent republics out of Canada, Australia, and South Africa is in no sense anti-English, but just the contrary. I should have a league of the English-speaking countries, which would make North America solid, would protect Australia and New Zealand during the coming century, and would in no sense weaken England in her influence in the world and in her usefulness in Egypt, India, and elsewhere.

As ever,

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Huntington Wilson
The Public Ledger
Philadelphia

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