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Dear Madam:

I had the pleasure of hearing your lecture on "Lincoln" and after learning your sympathetic views on World Unionism I am venturing to take the part of one of the questioners to whom you so pleasantly referred.

First, I take it for granted that World Unionism is in reality what the newspapers so rabidly attack as Internationalism, or the breaking down of antagonistic governments. If I am right this at once brings up the question of perpetual peace and other kindred subjects.

Would it be permissible to list these problems in the probable order of their importance:

1. Some economic system that would supply work and abolish poverty, the anticipation of want, and these inequalities in social position that have their most horrible development in the caste system of India.

2. Some re-arrangement under which the armed forces of the world might be under the supervision and control of one government, i.e. the elimination of rival war forces.

3. A scientific method for the amalgamation of different races, which might include the changing of such typically nationalistic name brands as Schlippenbach, Poniatowsky etc. for others that would harmonize with the language of the dominant civilization.

4. Racial divisions that would ensure the dominance of the white race as the highest type of civilization.

I have not mentioned such generalities as education and the elimination of superstition, the spread of scientific knowledge etc. which need no emphasis.

History seems to show that no government that is not founded on force is at all possible, yet there are many who claim to believe otherwise. To the people who would abolish armies on the assumption of a social contract binding on the upright and moral element of our population let me respectfully suggest that in any state of society where there is no sufficient force to compel obedience to the laws and our obligations generally, this is what would probably happen:

