

**SWITZERLAND.**  
**Victor Hugo's Letter to the Peace Congress.**  
 The honorary Presidency of the Peace Congress, which assembled at Lausanne on the 14th inst., having been conferred on Victor Hugo, he sent the following letter:  
 Fellow-citizens of the United States of Europe: Permit me to give you this name, for the European Federal Republic is founded in rights, and in the meantime is founded in fact. You exist; therefore she exists. You prove it by your union, which outlines unity. You are the commencement of the grand future. You confer on me the honorary Presidency of your Congress, and I am profoundly touched by that act. Your Congress is more than an assembly of intellects; it is a sort of compilation, committee, of the future table of the land. An *élite* exist only because there is a multitude. You are the *élite*. From the present you signify by law that war is wrong; that murder even glorious, bombastic, and royal, is infamy; that human blood is precious; that life is sacred. That a last war will be necessary, I am assuredly not of those who say otherwise. What will that war be? A war of conquest? What conquest is to be made? Liberty. The first want of man—his chief right; his first duty—is liberty. Civilization tends inevitably to unity of language, of money, of measures, and the fusion of nations in humanity, which is the supreme unity. Concord has a synonym—simplicity as wealth and life have a synonym—circulation. The first of these is the frontier. Who says frontier says ligature. Cut the ligature, efface the frontier, remove the customs officer, remove the soldier, in other words be free; peace follows: therefore there will be profound peace; peace made once for all; inviolable peace; the normal state of labor, of exchange, of supply and demand, of production and of consumption, of vast effort in common, of the attraction of the industries of the go and come of ideas of the human flux and reflux.  
 Who has an interest in frontiers? The kings divide to govern. A frontier indicates a sentry-box; a sentry-box implies a soldier. No one can pass is the pass-word of all privileges, prohibitions, judgments and tyrannies. From this soldier, all human calamity proceeds. The king being the exception, requires the soldier to defend him; the soldier, his turn, must murder in order to live. Kings must have armies; armies must have war. Otherwise their *raison d'être* vanishes. A strange thing that man should consent to kill man without knowing why. The art of the despots is to divide the people and the army. One-half oppresses the other. Wars have all kinds of pretences, but they have never but one cause—the army. Do away with the army and you do away with war. But how suppress the army? By the suppression of despots. How all supports itself! Abolish the parasites in their different forms—civil lists, paid officers, salaried clergy, pensioned magistrates, aristocratic sinecures, gratuities to public edifices, standing armies. Make this sweep and you will endow Europe with \$2,000,000 per annum. Here, by a stroke of the pen, is the problem of misery simplified. The despots do not wish this simplification. They prefer forests of bayonets. The kings only understand one point—perpetuate war. It is believed that they are quarrelling, but not entirely. They are assisting each other. The soldier must, I repeat, have his reason for existing, from which he must perpetuate despotism; excellent, forcible logic. The kings exhaust their patient, the people, by bloodshed. There is a savage fraternity of swords, from which results the enslavement of man. Therefore, to proceed to your object, which I have called, somewhere, the re-absorption of the soldier in the citizen. The day when his possession will take place, the day when the man of war will not have outside them the man of war, that inimical brother, they will agitate and themselves united, loving, found in power, and in soul, and in civilization will name herself Harmony and Labor, and peace will make itself as light does by the simple suspension of a star. The star is liberty. Hence, therefore, the duty of Divergence! which contains the solution of all. Citizens and brothers, I send you my warmest thanks and my cordial adhesion.  
 VICTOR HUGO.

**THE CUBAN REVOLUTION.**  
**The New Scheme of the Spanish Authorities.**  
 HAVANA, Sept. 18.—The new arrangement, at the head of which stand, Señors Zangroiz and Ajuria, contemplates the payment of \$15 for each Cuban who does not wish to volunteer. Every man must now show his hand. Are you for the Cubans, or are you for the integrity of Spain?—these are the questions that have to be met, and no avoidance is to be tolerated. The four names of the list of names affixed by Cubans as well as Spaniards which lend all seeming countenance to the action of the Government. Very many signatures appear of old and honored Cubans, who, according to this showing, desire to see Spanish sovereignty preserved intact. The Count of Pozos Dulces, long the recognized leader of the Cuban party, for years the editor of *El Siglo*, and whose sister is the widow of Narciso López, figures in the number. Then one sees the name of Zaldú, of José Antonio Poser, and of many other well-known Creoles. What does this mean? Do these people really desire to see the Spaniards succeed, or are they afraid of confiscation in case of a refusal to lend their signatures to the manifesto?  
 The policy of putting out this paper to secure names has been alluded to by your correspondent heretofore. The object is, of course, to manufacture public sentiment abroad. The thirty gunboats will, ere long, be finished. They are withheld from the use of the Spanish Government at present by the United States authorities, but a superhuman effort will soon be made to have them released. One of the leading Powers of Europe will, the Spaniards say, offer to guarantee that the new boats building at New York will not be used in any event against Peru. Now, in addition to this, the Spaniards are determined to show, to the United States, that the principal Cubans of the Isle do not want the United States to recognize the insurgents as belligerents, or give them the slightest encouragement. It is believed that many, or most of the Creoles' signatures have been procured through fear. At all events, the Spaniards now seem to have no idea of giving up the contest.

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