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Louis Henri Tolain, *[Against War]*⁷⁵

The Congress, considering that justice must be the guiding principle of relations between natural groups, peoples, and nations, as much as among citizens;

That war has ever been the right of the strongest and not the sanction of law;

That it is nothing other than a means, employed by the privileged classes or the governments that represent them, to subordinate the people;

That it fortifies despotism, stifles liberty [...];

That, in sowing grief and ruin in families, and demoralization at every point where armies are concentrated, it fosters and perpetuates ignorance, misery;

That the gold and blood of the people have only ever served to maintain among them the savage instincts of man in a state of nature;

That, in a society founded upon labour and production, force can only be put into the service of liberty and the rights of each; that it can only be a guarantee and not an oppression, even if it be solely for a single *useful* member of society;

That, in the existing state of Europe, governments do not represent the legitimate interests of workers;

The Congress of the International Working Men's Association, held in Brussels, resolves to protest against the war with the utmost energy.

It invites all sections of the Association, each in their respective countries – as well as workers' societies and groups of workers whoever they may be – to rally around its resolution, to act with the greatest activity and energy to prevent, by the pressure of public opinion, a war of people against people, which today could only be considered a civil war because, waged among producers, it would be nothing less than a battle between brothers and citizens.

⁷⁵ This text corresponds to the synopsis of a speech given by Louis Henri Tolain (see note 34) in the same session referred to in note 73. It was published in B1868 and is also found in PI, I: 264.