

with bomb-dropping aeroplanes." And when this is done war comes, no matter what the nation wants. We are under the law of seed growth. We get what we prepare for, for we reap what we sow. If we sow bayonets we reap battles, if we sow guns we reap death. If we sow to the flesh we reap corruption. We may chatter about our good intentions, and our peaceable disposition, but if we go on multiplying the instruments of slaughter, He that sits in the heavens laughs, He holds us in derision.

Military efficiency is a curse. A nation in arms is a nuisance. Strategic railroads to a neighbor's frontiers are an insult and a menace. Compulsory military service is a form of tyranny which ought to be stoutly resisted by all men who value human dignity and freedom. A nation which boasts that it trains all the boys to shoot has the Pequot idea of national life. All savage tribes train their youth in the art of killing men. It is said that for over a century we Americans have been living in a fool's Paradise. What sort of a Paradise have European nations been living in?

A vociferous and determined crowd are just now insisting upon our republic adopting the policy which has brought Europe to ruin. A system of international life has collapsed on the other side of the Atlantic, and honorable Americans are now saying—Let us set up the same system here. An experiment tried by European nations has plunged those nations into an abyss, and intelligent Americans now ask us to try the same experiment in our western world.

Our government has thus far failed to grasp the greatest opportunity ever offered to a nation. It has appointed a committee of twenty-three scientific experts, to devise more deadly weapons. O the pity of it! that the greatest republic on earth, should at the most awful crisis in the history of mankind, find nothing better to do than to select twenty-three men to devise methods of whetting the sword to a still keener edge! The administration has thus far suggested no methods of increasing our political preparedness, or our social preparedness, or our moral preparedness. Its only suggestion is a plan of military preparedness involving additional billions of dollars. No commissions have been appointed to take up with commissions to be appointed by other governments, the question of the Philippines, the question of Asiatic immigration, the question of the Monroe Doctrine, nor has any step been taken looking to the defining of the authority of our national government over aliens in the various states. The real perils are all neglected, and attention is fixed on hypothetical enemies and conjectural dangers. Recent secretaries of the army and navy have called attention to the reckless squandering of millions in both these departments, and the administration has done little more than suggest the appropriation of additional millions.

The time has come for the organization of the world. Why does not the government of the nited States lead the way? Why does it not boldly take up the most urgent work that needs to be done, and call to its side as many nations as are willing to come, and pour its immense energy into an enterprise of constructive statesmanship that will bless a thousand generations?

I have read the recommendations of our President with sorrow and disappointment. He calls for hundreds of millions of dollars for defence. He wants more rifles, more machine guns, more battleships. If I could speak to him I should say: "Not now, Mr. President, not now! You are a Christian man, a member of the

church of Jesus Christ, and this is not a fitting thing for you to say at a time like this. The world is desperately poor. Tens of thousands of human beings are on the verge of starvation, thousands will starve to death before the summer comes. This is not the time, Mr. President, for us to use our money in the making of more guns. The world is poor in hope. The hearts of men are despondent. Never has mankind been so shattered in faith as now. The future looms dark and portentous. Humanity looks for a leader. With all its fears and with all its hopes for future years, it hangs upon our action. Nothing can be so disheartening at a time like this than for the head of a great republic to recommend the continuation of a policy which has overwhelmed a continent with disaster.

If we have four hundred millions of dollars to spend on national defence, let us spend it on the line of defence which is surest to give us protection. Let us spend it in building up friendship. Friendship is the mightiest of all bulwarks. Where friendship is strong, neither a navy nor coast defences, nor a mobile army is needed. Militarism recommends three lines of defence, and they are all made of cardboard, compared with the defence built of hearts filled with goodwill. Mr. President, why not spend our money in cultivating kindly feelings? We once gave back to China the sum of seven million five hundred thousand dollars. The great empire of the Orient had been so often trampled on by the unscrupulous governments of Christendom that our act made a profound and imperishable impression. That act of justice to China did more to secure us against any possible infringement of our rights at the hands of that empire, than all the dreadnaughts that we are able to launch on the Pacific. Why not, Mr. President, in this horrible time, do a beautiful thing? You are a Christian, and forty millions of Christians stand behind you. Why not ask congress to vote to each of the nations now at war a gift equal to the cost of a dreadnaught (about twenty million dollars), for the erection of orphanages, and hospitals, and asylums, and schools, and another gift to each of these nations equal to the cost of a battle cruiser (nearly twenty million dollars), for an endowment of the institutions which our money has built? If we spend our four hundred million dollars on battleships and cruisers, they will be a burden and a menace for a little while, and at the end of twenty years, they will be on the scrap heap. But if we scatter all over Europe endowed orphanages, and hospitals, and asylums, and schools, they will stand there forever as the imperishable monuments of a great republic's love!

WASTED TALENT

The train robber suddenly appeared as many of the passengers were preparing to retire for the night.

"Come, shell out!" he demanded, as he stood towering above an eastern clergyman, who had just finished a devout prayer.

The minister looked at him sadly for a moment and then said:

"If I had such energetic fellows as you to pass the plate now and then I might have something to give you." —Harper's Magazine.

THOUGHT MEASUREMENT

"A man is as big as the terms in which he ordinarily thinks," remarked the wise citizen.

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