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FOR THE COMMON GOOD.—In time of much war talk, let us discuss peace a little while.

The American branch of the League of Nations to Enforce Peace will hold its first annual national assemblage in Washington, May 26-27.

The league is not a stop-the-war movement, neither is it an anti-preparedness organization, nor is it a peace-at-any-price endeavor.

It proposes to secure the maintenance of peace after the close of the present war by the use of economic and military force.

It urges that the time has come to devise and create a working union of sovereign nations to establish peace among themselves and to guarantee it by all known and available sanctions at their command, to the end that civilization may be conserved, and the progress of mankind in comfort, enlightenment and happiness may continue.

It proposes a judicial tribunal for hearing and judging upon the merits of questions arising between signatory powers, and a council of conciliation for hearing questions not so settled; a union of all signatory powers against any one of their number that goes to war or commits acts of hostility, and conferences between the signatory powers to formulate and codify the rules of international law.

The league claims this warrant from history:

Throughout 5,000 years of recorded history, peace has always been made and kept, when made and kept at all, by the superior power of superior numbers acting in unity and for the common good.

SHOCKING.—Mr. Zabriskie—Edward C. Zabriskie—is principal of Washington Irving high school, which is in the city called New York.

Mr. Zabriskie has lately been throwing a fit because of what he term sibe "inflammatory, unpatriotic talk" uttered at meetings of the Labor Forum in his hallowed hall of learning.

Somebody at Labor Forum meetings distributed a circular containing a poem written by a chap who had killed a man, it seems. (Could he be referring to Joe Hill, I. W. W. poet, who at least was convicted and executed for killing a man, whether he did or not?) Somebody else had advocated birth control. But, horrors upon horrors, somebody had recited a parody on "America":

Mr. Zabriskie may or may not be suffering from the delusion that "America" is our national anthem—but, anyway, here is the "parody" that shocked him:

My country, thou shalt be
Sweet land of liberty

Where justice reigns;
When darkness turns to light,
When wrong is turned to right,
When truth asserts her might
And breaks her chains.

MEDICAL ITEM

We wish to correct a mistake. Mr. Cartwright's horse is not dead, but getting better. — Marshall Corners item in the Belfast, N. Y., Blaze.

That the "back-to-the-farm" movement is led by city boys is shown by statistics at the agricultural school of the Pennsylvania State college.