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**DO IT EARLY.**

- Do your Christmas shopping early, do it early, mother, dear.
- For you know you were exhausted with the flurry yesterday.
- Please go out and get the trinkets for the prattling little ones—
- Get the engines and the candy and the pistols and the guns;
- Better start right out tomorrow with your money and your list—
- But at 10 o'clock on Christmas eve you'll think of one you've missed.
- Do your Christmas shopping early, sister, dear;
- Get a card for our rich uncle that will put him on his ear.
- Get a tie that is hand-painted for your one and only beau—
- He will say it is too splendid for a man to wear, you know.
- Work a pillow for the preacher, and get something for each friend;
- But you'll find you've overlooked one when your shopping's at an end.
- Do your Christmas shopping early, do it early, do you hear?
- Let the high cost of living give you neither fret nor fear.
- There are friends in other countries who are very sure to write
- Ere the first day of December heaves serenely into sight,
- So be ready to remember all the people far away—
- But you'll find you've failed to get one for some one on Christmas day.

—Chicago Post.

**CARNEGIE'S PEACE PLAN.**

Having plenty of money and being in the philanthropic business Andrew Carnegie sets aside \$10,000,000 for a fund to do away with war. For that amount of money the steel magnate evidently believes that the dove of peace can be made secure forever and there will be no need for the battle-ships that are covered with steel from his armor plate factories.

But is the Carnegie scheme feasible and will his money be productive of good. Might it not be productive of inestimable harm? Much will depend upon how and where that money is to be used. Is it to be used for spreading the gospel of international peace throughout the United States? That would do no good for the American people are peacefully inclined already. At this time there is such a peace sentiment here that it is almost impossible for the government to get enough money to maintain a half way efficient navy. The country is practically without an army and has poor coast defenses. We need no lectures on the subject of peace.

The question of international peace is one that does not rest so much with this country or with the other white powers of the world as with the people of the orient. The white people of the world have climbed the ladder of civilization to such a height that they are ready to do away with war to a large extent. Still there is more or less fighting in progress right now and it was but a few weeks since that a European monarchy, Portugal, witnessed a revolution. There are some things even white people are not yet willing to arbitrate.

With the Asiatics the case is much worse. There are men living today who remember the time when Japanese soldiers carried bows and arrows as weapons. The Japanese are just getting into the game which the caucasians have been playing for centuries. Japan is now awakening China with her 400,000,000 people. India with several hundred millions of people will also come to life some day.

These people of the orient are not yet versed in Emerson's philosophy and they have not had the advantage of Carnegie libraries. They are several

grades behind our class. They are busy with a struggle for existence and find that the orient is not large enough to hold them all. Economic conditions have forced Japan to send people abroad. Economic conditions forced Japan to fight with Russia in order to get room for her surplus population in Manchuria. The Mikado also wants to send his subjects to this country and the difficulties attendant thereon are not yet fully settled. Doubtless they will be settled peacefully. There will probably never be any trouble between the United States and Japan. But if there should be trouble it will be racial trouble and it may not be settled by arbitration. Furthermore trouble with Japan would be serious to this country because of the Philippines.

Is Carnegie going to preach the gospel of peace in this country or in the far east? Will he disarm the Romans or the Huns?

**THE COLONEL'S RETURN.**

Roosevelt has spoken and his views are similar to what they were prior to his defeat through the coalition formed between the disgruntled republican bosses of New York and Tammany hall. He still believes that this should be "a government of the people, by the people for the people"; that the government should control the corporations and that the corporations should not be allowed to run the government.

It is evident that the colonel considers himself still in the fight and will not quit simply because his candidate for governor of New York was not elected. And Roosevelt will win out, too. Watch him. He may never be president again. He probably does not want to run for president again. But his ideas will be accepted for they are sound. He voices a sentiment that is now nation wide and has been called the progressive spirit.

As to the colonel's desire to see a radical program carried out by conservatives there are some who will say that it would be just as well to have a conservative program carried out by radicals. There would not be much difference. But as a matter of fact neither of the big parties may now be truly classed as either radical or conservative. Both parties are divided into radical and conservative factions. At this time the democratic party seems to be swinging towards conservatism while the insurgents seem about to capture the republican party. Both parties are looking forward to the next presidential election and from appearances there will be few actual differences between the two parties when that time arrives.

**THEIR FIRST TRYOUT.**

Within a few weeks after having been granted the right to vote the women of Spokane will have to participate in a spirited election. The people of Spokane are to vote upon the commission plan of government and some other questions are also involved.

"The question involved is not one of politics, but primarily one of the home," says the Spokesman-Review. "Upon the result of the election depends to a considerable extent the sort of city that Spokane is to become."

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