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PEACE.

He stood upon the platform and he made a plea for peace;
In saddened tones he wondered when the foolish wars would cease;
He called the nations cruel that resorted still to force,
Putting burdens on their people, blocking arbitration's course.
He pointed out the beauty of worldwide disarmament;
Not a war, he said, but reason and fair dealing might prevent;
He called all fighting foolish and a criminal expense;
Then he quarreled with his neighbor o'er a little old line fence.
—S. E. Kiser.

THEY MOVE VERY SLOWLY.

Reactionaries are unduly afraid of the "passing whims" of the people. They appear to think the people are easily moved to hasty action and so cannot be trusted.

There is no danger on this score. The people are not hasty enough. The people as a whole are excessively slow and temperate minded. They tolerate injustices much longer than they should.

History is full of illustrations showing that the greatest obstacle to progress has always been the indifference of those who would be most benefited by reform. People are too prone to be content and to let well enough alone. They are very patient and will seldom revolt no matter how badly they may be used.

When the mob does rise it is not because it has been given power but because power has been too long denied. It is when the natural outlets are all closed that the volcano breaks forth. There would have been no French revolution if the peasantry could have advanced gradually.

In America there is now great protest against the control of affairs by the aristocracy of wealth. There has been too much for the rich and not enough for the poor. At Lawrence the rich people who have not worked hard have reaped profits by the millions. Poor people who have worked hard all the while get wages ranging from \$6 to \$10 per week—sums upon which white people cannot live in decency. It won't suffice any longer to tell the people to work hard and to be frugal. The mill owners need that advice worse than do the workers.

There is discontent in this country because certain forces of wealth have co-operated with the politicians to prevent a proper and gradual adjustment of affairs. The people have lost confidence in professional or practical politicians and they are turning for support to the initiative and referendum, the direct primary and the recall. Since the politicians won't do what they should the people are going to act for themselves.

It is very natural the people should take this course and those are unwise who oppose the move. They are objecting to the safety valve.

CAN SELLING DODGE IT?

If Attorney General Crawford interprets the law aright what is Ben Selling going to do regarding his campaign expenses. The attorney general has given an opinion from which the following is an extract:
"The proposition as to when a per-

son becomes a candidate would have little bearing upon what he should report in his campaign expense statement. He must necessarily report all moneys expended to promote his nomination, no matter when they were expended."

This seems to apply very directly to Mr. Selling's case. Prior to making formal announcement of his candidacy the Portland candidate sent many thousands of letters over the state asking people as to whether or not he should run for United States Senator. With each letter he enclosed a stamp envelope for the reply. It cost thousands of dollars to send out those letters and obviously that money was used to promote Mr. Selling's candidacy. That money should be reported along with other money expended for campaign purposes. If it is not so reported it will be an evasion of the law and it should not be tolerated.

The laws upon this subject were enacted to bar the use of money in elections and to place rich men and poor men upon the same plane, as they should be. But those laws will be farcical if they can be evaded through the tactics adopted by Ben Selling.

Here is a fine opportunity to test out the corrupt practices act to see if that law is a hoax or a measure that will truly enforce cleanliness in the political life of the state.

DECEIVED.

"When the campaign following the primaries of February 20 was begun no practical politician would admit that Cotterill had a chance to win," says a story relating to the victory of the Seattle mayor-elect over H. Gill.

Ah! It is too bad indeed that the practical politicians should have been so deceived. But it is not the first time they have missed their guess. Oregon politicians have met with similar misfortunes

WHY BUTT IN.

From appearances government officials are taking the Mexican revolution seriously. It is asserted that Uncle Sam must send an army into Mexico or else allow European countries to do so. But why such anxiety. No one has been killed yet and there are no reports of damage to American interests. Most of the activity has consisted in the sending forth of manifestos and they don't hurt people.

The improvement of streets will also help the Pendleton fire department. It is hard to drag hose cars through the mud.

George S. Shepard will run for congressman from Multnomah county this year.

If Echo wants to be strictly up-to-date it will try a commission government charter.

Is Jay Bowerman trying to clear the pathway for his friend J. Bourne?

DREAM OF A "HOLY WAR."

The world may as well accept as the principal issue of "the great game" that centers about Constantinople, the fact that the war begun twelve hundred years ago by the dusky Arabian camel-driver is still on. This Turco-Italian scrape is only one little skirmish in it. Mohammed failed to make any progress with his creed until he put the sword into the hands of his followers and had them smite. Swift and certain paradise was to be the reward of all who should fall in fighting the unbelievers. The surest way to win the caresses of heaven was to slay all who did not accept the Prophet. In that faith Islam made its first and greatest conquests. That faith the faithful still hold. They keep their hand in by occasional massacres of Christians, and meantime dream of the possibilities of a "holy war" which shall once more make Islam master of the whole earth. The Pan-Islamic movement, which is a notable fact in the world today, is as truly a political maneuver as it is a religious propaganda.

All over the world the followers of the Prophet hail the Sultan of Turkey as Caliph, as Commander of the Faithful, as the shadow of God upon earth, and as the successor of Mohammed himself. This one fact alone accounts for the continuance of the Turkish Empire. The beholder is utterly blind to the meaning of the "great game" in the hither east unless he perceives this first factor. The wild and warlike and ultra-orthodox Wahabites of the Nejd are kept in alliance with the religiously lax and unenraged Turks only by the Islamic tie; the fierce Kurds of the mountains of Asia Minor are brothers to the "Marsh Arabs" of the Tigris-Euphrates Valley only for the same reason; the Bedouins of the Hejaz make common cause with the mysterious Senussi, who have been accumulating great stores of arms in the hinterland of Tripoli, and latterly in the Sudan, simply by reason of their one creed. Egyptian, Persian, Indian, Sudanese, all follow the green flag of the Prophet—which is in the sultan's keeping; and that not by virtue of his sultanate, but of his caliphate.

Not long since I was calling upon the handsome Turkish minister of war, Shevket Pasha. Suddenly an imam, who was also a hadji, sounded in the lobby of the war office the muezzin, or call to prayer. At once there was a scurrying of uniformed

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figures toward the room set apart for this purpose. The army is responsible to the imam, or Moslem priest: The episode is illustrative of a great grim fact. A few days later I photographed a Turkish warship between the minarets of a mosque; I keep the picture as a symbol. "The Great Game" is more than a contending of nations for the control of the Bosphorus; it is a titanic struggle of the two most vital religious creeds of earth for the possession of the city that was once ancient Byzantium; and subsequently for the dominion of the world. The end seems clearly written. The crescent may not disappear from the horizon; but at least it will not always remain, on sword and flag, as the emblem of an imperial government, holding sway over the most historic and most sacred portions of the globe. Turkey will some day pass into the possession of the other nations, and law, commerce, agriculture, safe communication will follow the flags of modern civilization where an archaic chaotic, grotesque religion-political empire has for centuries wedded a deadening way. Humanity stands to win in the end of "the great game."—William T. Ellis in March Lippincott's.

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