

The war cloud overhanging England and Russia seems to be disappearing. The war feeling in the two countries is less intense and a more pacific tone is heard. War preparations, however, are not discontinued and it is thought in many quarters that until an actual settlement of pending questions is made, hostilities are liable to break out. The effect that such a war would have upon trade, especially in this country, is receiving a great deal of consideration. Until the millennium men will always consider what profit they can make out of war. No one wants war, it is said, because nothing can compensate for the human sacrifices that accompany it. But when war is imminent or cannot be prevented it is only hypocrisy to ignore the opportunities that some people may have to reap profit from its consequences. That the United States would be directly and immediately benefitted by a European conflict is held by many persons to be beyond question. The chances of the United States becoming involved in any way are held to be nil. And the prospect of the United States furnishing—for a consideration—most things needed by combatants is considered almost certain. No other reasons are given to support this view, and yet in themselves they are really insufficient to warrant the supposition that we are to benefit greatly by the misfortunes of our neighbors. At first no doubt great activity would spring up in commercial circles upon the outbreak of war. But the ultimate results to our commerce and prosperity would be bad, for the activity would not spring from a demand that would be healthy and prolonged.

A great deal is heard about the good that would come to shipping from a war. As pointed out before in these columns, the United States, when neutral, are precluded by the treaty of Washington from furnishing vessels and munitions of war to belligerents. There would not, therefore, be many orders for American built vessels for cruising purposes. In regard to munitions of war greater opportunities for trade are open. It is believed that the United States would be called upon to supply a varied and enormous quantity of material, and that, even if some of these should be included in the list of contraband, the chances of their capture would be small. This would, it is held, have a good effect on the freight market. But this is not so evident. There exists to-day a larger supply of shipping than the world needs. Of course the necessities of several maritime nations would withdraw from the freight market many of the best class of steamships for transport service. This would apply especially to England and if war was prolonged he demand for this service would be correspondingly larger. It is supposed that there would be in addition the chances of destruction of many vessels by cruisers. But the loss from such a cause would not be large. Russian war ships for instance would not be likely to inflict great damage upon England's commerce, owing to the smallness of the Russian navy, to protection afforded by the number of British cruisers, and to the metaphorically speaking, hailing distance of British ports from each other, into which British ships could run for safety. The extent of the Russian merchant marine is small, and any diminution of it would not affect materially the supply of tonnage necessary for the world's carrying trade. It must be admitted that owing to the changes in regard to neutrals the chances of war decreasing the amount of tonnage afloat are much less than formerly. Neutral goods in enemies' vessels are protected. Neutral vessels with enemies' goods on board are protected. Steamers of the commercial marine are as fast, and often faster than cruisers.

Improvement of business, therefore, through a diminution of vessel supply is not probable. Some activity, it is held, would come from demand for goods for belligerents. War brooks no delays and goods are wanted immediately. Neutrals would supply these in abundance, and in case of a European conflict, the United States being the chief neutrals, would take most of the trade. This means of course that vessels would be in demand again. But our own supply is at the best small, and European powers at war would have to furnish their own carriers, which they could do almost with impunity. We can furnish goods, provided orders came, of which there is no certainty, but we cannot furnish ships, thanks to a system of navigation laws

which injure and do not protect. This may seem a heartless way of considering the question, but it is the practical one in these days, when mammon is the ruling god, it is useless to disguise the fact. The commercial men of this country are thus viewing the matter, and they would not be human if they did not consider the effect that war would have upon their trade.

The announcement that John H. Mitchell is coming to Portland in June to take up his permanent residence, and the fact that his election to the U. S. senate was urged by telegraph by leading Democrats in Washington during the last legislative meeting, lead many politicians to imagine, says the *Weloome*, that he is to appear at the anticipated extra session of the legislature in the role of a "Mugwump" candidate for the seat formerly occupied by Senator Slater.

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