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IS IT SAFE TO DISARM?

Dr. Lyman Abbott has been removed from the list of vice presidents of the American Peace Society, as a rebuke for signing an appeal for naval appropriations.

From the action of the peace advocates it would appear that it is a crime to keep the country upon a good footing for defense.

The writer loves pacific conditions, and will do all that he reasonably can to secure them, whether between individuals or otherwise, but that the time for nations to disarm, and leave their borders unguarded, he feels assured, is not here, and were the United States to slacken up preparation to protect her people and interests, would be but an invitation to some belligerent nation to step in and help herself to our territory and resources.

Japan, according to report, has been spoiling for a fight, for some years past, and is still not in a pacific state. Her territory is small and her subjects numerous and she wants room to such extent that she takes affront because California has taken steps to shut out her borders from getting further hold within her borders.

Russia wants to expand and should an opportunity offer where she could safely step in and take a rich country by the sacrifice of a few thousand, or even a good many thousands of her subjects, how long would she stay her hand.

Germany is crowded for breathing space and would pay a pretty good price for a chance to expand, and we can hardly assure ourselves that the covetous spirit in men has sunk to rest, nor that Satan has yet been chained, neither will he be so long as nations are operating in their present conditions and cultivate prevailing aspirations, and there can be no disarmament, with safety, until such time as a general treaty can be made by all nations and the disarmament became general, and we can see no reason to hope for such condition on this side of the millennium.

While we are in favor of peace, and love peace, yet we would dislike very much to see our nation dilatory in making preparation to maintain her standing among the nations of the world, seeing that conditions are as they have always been, as far back as history enlightens us and that the ambitions, covetousness, and avarice and greed of men have not diminished, but rather have been aggravated.

We rather think that if the United States should cease to prepare to defend our interests and fall into weakness and some strongly armed nation should come against us, or perhaps two or more of them, at the same

time, these same people who censured Mr. Abbott would, very likely, change their cry. We should work for peace and foster peaceful conditions, but until the carnal nature is changed, no matter how much we advocate it and work for its accomplishment, we had for our own welfare, better keep ourselves in a position to defend ourselves when the other party comes up against us.

Just because a nation is well able to fight is no reason why she should become quarrelsome and aggressive but it is a very strong reason why some other nation may not take unwarranted liberties with such armed power.

A Very Expensive Game

From the mere fact that the navy department has seriously considered using the battleship, Oregon, as a target to be sunk and thrown away, we have an illustration of the terrible cost of militarism. The Oregon cost \$3,000,000 and if the old warship should be sunk presumably the greater part of that sum would go to the bottom. It is expensive to use old battleships for targets, yet that seems about all they are good for unless it be as relics.

This does not mean the United States should not have a navy and a good one. While armaments are the fashion and a good navy is insurance against war we must carry the insurance and pay the price. Just the same all will welcome the day when the same end may be obtained by a less expensive method.—East Oregonian.

Labor Versus Profit.

That was an interesting debate between House Leader Underwood and Congressman Mondell.


It was more than usually interesting, inasmuch as it concerned a very vital matter, a bread-and-butter matter to hundreds of thousands of hard-working men and women. If you charge tariff reductions to labor because you are not willing to absorb them in your profits when you are able to do the latter just as well as not, the Department of Commerce and Labor will investigate you, expose your motive and your action and prevent you from working the injustice that you propose, if that be possible. Such, in effect, is the declaration of Mr. Underwood to the manufacturers who have boldly stated that, whether or no, labor will have to bear the direct brunt of tariff reduction. To this Mr. Mondell's reply is that he knows of no law by which the Government can compel a man to employ labor or to pay it a stipulated wage, when the employment and the wage mean the conduct of his business at a loss.

Congressman Mondell begs the question. The very point in the Underwood threat is to determine whether or not tariff reduction in a given case involves the conduct of the business at a loss unless the difference is subtracted from the compensation which labor receives. In determining that point, there would be a great many things to consider beside the daily or weekly wage paid as compared with the wage for work in the

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same class of industry abroad. There would be some account taken of reorganization, combination and recapitalization, with its incidents of watered stock and all that sort of thing. There would be some close inquiry into the working of monopoly, and the profits that it had shown in years past on actual investment. The necessity of wage reduction on the basis of equity would be the main point of inquiry, and the Government ought to have the right to make that inquiry, just as it has to make any other, which it deems has a bearing on restraint of trade.

Rather unconsciously the Mondell attitude in this debate discloses the true state of facts with reference to the policy of protection, its advocates and their regard for the working man. With rare exceptions, the active beneficiaries of the tariff care nothing for the men and women they employ, as proof of which we may take note in passing of the wages paid by the best protected industry in all the country. They know that tariff fosters monopoly, and in monopoly lies the opportunity for rapid and princely fortune building. If that arrangement is to be disturbed, make the worker suffer for it. That is their method of fighting back, their philosophy of retribution. To pinch the working man is to

arouse popular protest against a condition, which really and in truth does nothing more harmful than to prevent plutocracy from accumulating millions quite so rapidly. This kind of a game has worked to perfection in times past, but there seems to be genuine doubt whether it can be played ever again.—Telegram.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATION.

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Polk County will hold the regular examination for applicants for State papers at the Court House in Dallas as follows:

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Bids may be made to the undersigned at his residence at Monmouth, Oregon, or sent by mail.

Dated this 22nd day of May, 1913.

W. M. MEEKER,
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