

## Movement for International Peace

The presence in Denver of a large number of the delegates who have been in attendance upon the World's fair session of the Interparliamentary union is cause for general congratulation. This meeting will be followed by the thirteenth annual session of the International Peace society in Boston, October 3-7, the notable peace congress for which Boston and the American Peace society have been long preparing. The organizations are much akin, the Interparliamentary union being composed of such peace workers as are members of the various legislative bodies of the nations represented. The society to meet in Boston next month includes these and a multitude of humanitarians, not members of parliaments or congresses. The visit to Denver is a part of the American trip planned to employ the visitors between the sessions of the two notable gatherings. Before October 3 there will be time for a bird's-eye view of the great American republic. The influential character of these guests makes it

quite fitting that the utmost pains should be taken to give some adequate idea of Colorado and of Denver. A city is peculiarly honored in the entertainment of men and women who are not only intelligent and influential but public-spirited world helpers.

This organization has been the most distinctly influential force in existence for the furtherance of international arbitration. This may be stated with a sense of authority from the fact that its founder, William Ralph Cremer, was chosen by the Norwegian Noebel committee as the one most worthy to receive the first prize to be given biennially for the greatest service in the cause of international peace. These prizes are given only upon the most judicious consideration, and the determining factor in this case was no doubt the fact that The Hague tribunal was planned by the Interparliamentary union several years before the czar took up the idea. In 1894, at a conference of the union held in Holland, a declaration was made in favor

of a permanent court of arbitration, and subsequently a commission of six members, appointed at that time, submitted a well-developed plan for such a court. This was a gain of five years in the preliminary work for the great Hague conference. Its perpetual agitation has, with that of similar organizations, still further aided the movement by keeping back of it a steadily increasing public sentiment.

The Hon. Richard Bartholdt, chairman of the joint committee of the senate and house for receiving the parliamentarians, gave out an interview in which he said that the conference at St. Louis would be asked to pass a resolution requesting the president of the United States to invite all other nations to send delegates to a conference, empowered to negotiate arbitration treaties, and to discuss the creation of a congress of nations.

Mr. Bartholdt gave cogent reasons why the United States should be the nation to take the initiative in thus perfecting, in its likeness, the existing union of nations, and why the meeting of this conference at St. Louis is the critical time for practical action in

this direction.

Such action, we understand, was taken substantially during the St. Louis meeting, and if results in accordance with the plans follow, history will have few more crucial events to record.

Perhaps the most active living member of this notable organization is Baron d'Estournelles de Constant, who, as a member of the French chamber of deputies, has organized a parliamentary union for France of over 200 members from the chamber of deputies. What such a body of statesman can do for the practical peace among nations is inestimable. The fact of this organization alone would explain the French and English treaty—one of the great examples of treaty arbitration. A treaty agreeing to sub-

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