

THE VICTORY OF PEACE

In these days of mighty conflict between the nations of Europe there is being promulgated in the city of Washington the greatest plans ever undertaken by men in the direction of permanent peace between the nations. During the past year Secretary Bryan has signed peace treaties with twenty-two nations, large and small, and only yesterday he signed four more. These peace treaties provide that all nations submit their grievances to an arbitration court, and shall not declare war against each other until the arbitration court shall have passed upon the trouble between any two nations. These treaties are particularly the fruit of the peace labors of Secretary Bryan. For many years he advocated the principle which he has now engrafted in the treaties with the nations, and through all the years the world will give him the credit for paving the way for that permanent peace which must prevail among the nations which have signed the Bryan peace treaties. The treaties signed yesterday by Secretary Bryan were with England, Spain, China and France. Those four nations govern 900 millions of people, and with the twenty-two treaties heretofore negotiated, more than two-thirds of all the people in the world will now be under permanent peace treaties.

While the old world is today applauding as its heroes the army generals who can destroy the most human lives in one day, the thoughtful American citizens are lifting their hats in loyalty to this masterful genius of peace—this quiet man from Nebraska. And in the day when real peace shall be established between the nations now at war in Europe, this Nebraskan will be hailed in every country and in every clime as the greatest human proclaimer of honorable peace that the warring world has known.—Columbus (Neb.) Telegram.

BOOKS RECEIVED

The Question of Alcohol. By Edward Huntington Williams, M. D., formerly associate professor of pathology, state university of Iowa, and assistant physician in New York state hospital service; author of "The Walled City," "Increasing Your Mental Efficiency," etc., and joint author of "The Wonders of Science in Modern Life." The Goodhue Company, New York.

Standard Oil or The People. By Henry H. Klein, Tribune Bldg., New York City. Price 59 cents a copy; by mail, 60 cents. Paper cover edition, 25 cents.

Human Culture. By Eben L. Dohoney, author of "The Origin and Destiny of Man," "The Constitution of Man," "An Average American," etc. Progress Pub. Co., Paris, Texas.

The Boss, or The Governor. The Looting of New York State. By Samuel Bell Thomas. The Truth Publishing Co., New York. Price, 50 cents.

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collection of noteworthy addresses and papers, mostly delivered or published during the year named. Compiled and edited by Slason Thompson, director of bureau of railway news and statistics, Chicago. R. R. Donnelley & Sons Company, Chicago, Ill.

War Gazetteer. Compiled by Charles McD. Puckette & Carrington Weems of the Evening Post. Issued by The New York Evening Post, New York. Price, 15 cents.

Abraham Lincoln. By Rose Strunsky. With five illustrations and a map. The Macmillan Company, 66 Fifth Ave., New York. Price \$2.25.

Great Pianists on Piano Playing. Study talks with foremost virtuosos. By James Francis Cooke. A series of personal educational conferences with renowned masters of the keyboard, presenting the most modern ideas upon the subjects of technique, interpretation, style and expression. Theo. Presser Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Why Is The Dollar Shrinking? A study in the high cost of living. By Irving Fisher, professor of political economy in Yale University; author of "The Purchasing Power of Money," "The Nature of Capital and Income," etc. The Macmillan Company, New York. Price \$1.25, net.

The Case of Belgium and the Present War. An account of the violation of the neutrality of Belgium and of the laws of war on Belgian territory. Published for the Belgian delegates to the United States. By the Macmillan Company, New York.

NO "POWER ON A MOAN"

The New York Herald warns republicans against the "crooked road called Calamity" This doctrine we have been preaching. The republican is too great a party to be creeping into power on a moan.—Ohio State Journal.

As our Ohio contemporary sees it, the real objection to this kind of warfare is that it makes men who use "calamity" for political ends wish it were true, and that of itself helps to make it true. "A resort to pessimism," the Journal adds, "is not patriotic."—New York Herald.

TARIFF AND TRADE BALANCES

Representative Humphrey, of Washington belongs to the buzzard wing of the republican party. Mr. Humphrey is one, you know, who says President Wilson costs the nation \$1,000,000 a day—or is it an hour? The one statement is about as true as the other. Here is another sample of his March-hare figuring.

"Last April the balance of trade against us was \$10,000,000 the first time it has been against us since the Gorman-Wilson law went off the statute books."

That must mean 1897. Well, there was no yearly balance of trade against the United States under that tariff, and since then, under a republican high tariff, the three summer months of 1909 gave an adverse trade balance of almost \$18,000,000. The New York World is authority for other adverse balances under the republican protective tariff system: February, 1910: \$4,300,000; March, 1910, \$19,200,000; April, 1910, nearly \$1,000,000; July, 1910, three times that; August, 1910, \$3,500,000. The question that interests us at the present moment is this: Does Mr. Humphrey know better or is ignorance an insufficient excuse for an abusive congressman, even when he happens to be a republican?—Collier's Weekly.

THE PITY OF IT

Business can create psychological conditions to suit itself or to browbeat an administration it would ruin if it cannot rule. It cannot control material conditions to suit any such purpose. If there has been a conspiracy to

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this effect, the big crops are blowing it up and the railroads are hiring back the men they were recently discharging wholesale. The calamity howlers are being swept off their feet. The standpatters are running about with the cry of what can be done to save their exclusive contract with Providence through high tariff in the production of prosperity. And lastly, the Colonel is seen hunting around for that "grave industrial depression and suffering," which he left the Outlook to save the country from. It is a great pity, in the midst of these glowing promises for the industry of the many, to have to record the havoc wrought to elect those who battle for the Lord. But facts are facts.—New York World.