

HARDY'S COLUMN

JUSTICE VERSUS WAR.

War is but the selfish exercise of brute force. Centuries ago victory was dependent upon individual muscular strength. The war club, battle-axe, sword, spear, bow and sling were the chief implements of war. Late years' victory is more dependent upon guns and accurate aim. The more deadly the implements of war the less frequent come wars and less numerous are battles, and both of shorter duration. A large proportion of ancient history is filled with the account of wars and battles. Wars were lengthened out to a half score of years and battles occupied days. Deadly gases may be discovered that when dropped from a balloon or thrown in a shell may cause a hundred times more deaths than a cannon ball, thus wars and battles may be still further shortened.

There is now no need of the sun and moon standing still that a battle may be completed for they seldom last more than an hour or two. Really the Bible does not say that the sun and moon ever did stand still. It was so written in the book of Jasher, but who Jasher was no one knows. He may have been a newspaper reporter and they are quite likely to stretch facts.

Self-defense seems a universal law in all grades of animal life and to some extent in vegetable life. Not only the quadrupeds, but birds, reptiles, fishes and insects manifest the quality of self-defense. In vegetables the corn husk, walnut shucks, the burrs and thorns are all means of self-defense and self-protection.

There are two sides to every war question—the defensive and the aggressive, the just and the unjust, betterment and degradation.

Even self-defense was not sanctioned in the human race to its full extent by our Savior. Instinct seems to sanction attack and defense in the animal, but in the human reason and judgment should dwarf that feeling, and crush it out. The methods and fruits of Christian bearing may be seen in the life of William Penn. Even the North American Indians recognized and respected the Christian principles he represented. As a national sample of today we would cite Switzerland. She has no standing army, no navy and no arsenals of any account. Her people are among the most intelligent. Not a native man or woman can be found who cannot read.

Justice between nations is of the same color and stamp as between individuals. The idea that nations and corporations have no soul and under no moral obligation is all wrong.

The dove and lamb were chosen to represent Christianized humanity. The tiger and the hawk would represent the war spirit. Animals meet and test each other's strength without the least motive, good or bad. Nations usually have selfish motives, either good or bad.

The Israelites may have been mistaken in interpreting God's war orders. The best of men are sometimes mistaken. If Christ had been their leader in place of Moses and Joshua we have faith to believe there would have been less fighting. We are liable to twist our selfishness and our covetousness to represent God's will. If Christ had been at the Brook Kishon, in person, we doubt whether he would have sanctioned the murder of those 450 prophets of Baal. Elijah may have been mistaken; if he had been sure he was right he never would have run and hid from Jezebel in fear. For God could have thwarted her as easily as he burned the offering. Christ ordered Peter to put up his sword and yet the men whom Peter intended to smite were meaner than the prophets of Baal.

The standard of justice varies; it is becoming more elevated and more refined. A few years ago it was considered just and right for a man to correct his wife by whipping. Delaware provided that he should not use a whip thicker than a man's thumb. So it was considered just for a master to whip his slave or sell him. There is a growing sentiment against one race of people ruling another race. Many things we sanction today may be outlawed in a hundred years.

War and justice seldom go hand in hand. Injustice as a rule is the foundation and motive power of war. Let us take Queen Victoria's wars and our own for samples. Her first war was in 1839 with China, for the sole purpose of making that government let her sell opium to that people. The Chinese emperor saw that the use of opium was injuring his people so he tried prohibition, but was forced to back down.

Her next war was in 1854, known as the Crimean war. Turkey and France were associated with her against Russia. The Black sea is Russia's front

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door yard and the czar wanted to protect the only gateway out, but the other nations wanted free access.

Her third war was to crush out the Sepoy rebellion in 1857, which was much like the Philippine rebellion. Hundreds of prisoners were blown to pieces after being tied to the mouth of her cannon.

She had several short wars in Egypt resulting in conquest. Her last war was in South Africa which had not ended at her death. The possession of those immense gold and diamond fields was undoubtedly the motive power which prompted the war. We can see no benefits that can be derived on either side.

The revolutionary war that gave birth to the government of the United States was a war in self-defense on our part. The English were the aggressors. At that time there seemed no other alternative.

The war of 1812 was of little account either way. Buffalo and our national capitol were burned. Few lasting marks were left.

The Mexican war was our disgrace. The annexation of Texas and the whole procedure was in the interest of slavery. We had a disgraceful peace offering motive. In taking New Mexico, Arizona and California for slave territory.

Our forefathers who established slavery and our more modern fathers, who perpetuated it, and our southern brethren who fought for it, deserve the disgrace of our civil war. The costly fruit is of much value.


Our Spanish war, for the liberation of Cuba, and the establishment of a free government, is a jewel, if any nation ever earned a war jewel. But that jewel is blackened with disgrace by our Philippine war. How strange the contrast, that we should fight Spain that the Cubans may be free, then fight and subjugate the Filipinos. Inconsistency is never a jewel.

But how can wars be avoided?

Arbitration has been talked of and in a few cases matters of national difference have been settled. Questions of greater importance, like that of slavery in this country, and the subjugation of the Boers in Africa

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seemed beyond the reach of arbitration.

The civilized nations of the world should unite in a compact and establish a world's court, and each nation should pledge to assist in enforcing the decisions. Each nation could appoint three judges for a term of years. The court should be a court of justice rather than of written law. No nation in the compact should be allowed to wage war with any other nation in the compact. In case of disension on the part of any portion of any compact nation the whole compact should assist in quelling the rebellion.

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ing harbors and digging coal and the navy better be employed in exchanging the products of one country for that of others. A standing army, is standing foolishness and a floating, idle navy is equally foolish.

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