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And shall it be the last great war?

After all, the dove is a very beautiful bird.

Now let the Dove of Peace be the emblem of civilization.

The beef trust cases continue to remain in the "also are" class.

Secretary Wilson seems determined to bore out all the grubs in his department.

Portsmouth now seems to be several laps ahead of The Hague, and still gaining.

The Panama canal managers are considerably better at framing mottoes than at throwing dirt.

The standpatters find it necessary to do some lively dodging around the reciprocity issue these days.

Before it adjourns it is hoped that the peace commission will tell us the correct spelling of that island.

Mr. Depew seems to be spending a great deal of time on those extemporaneous replies to recent charges.

After all President Roosevelt went to the bottom of the ocean much quicker than he went to the bottom of the beef trust.

Pending reciprocal relations between Secretary Shaw and Governor Cummins what is the matter with a modus vivendi pending arbitration?

If Norway will struggle along without a king for a few weeks longer she may realize how easy it is to get along without one for all time.

But perhaps if they have as much trouble with these democratic planks as the democrats have had the republicans will bring them back.

Having successfully gone to the bottom of the ocean President Roosevelt should now go to the bottom of graft in the departments at Washington.

The Kansas supreme court's action in nullifying the state refinery laws adds a considerable sum to Mr. Rockefeller's belief in the integrity of the courts.

The Norway-Sweden method of settling disputes will put the campaign hat and "rough-rider breeches" out of business as campaign material.

Mr. Shaw writes tartly, but certainly he is not angry with Gov. Cummins. The incident gives Mr. Shaw an opportunity to temporarily forget that deficit of \$24,000,000.

Push the beef trust indictments this year? Of course not. Next year? Perhaps. That is congressional campaign year and a good time to manufacture political thunder.

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When the president sees how much more popular he is when he works for peace than he is when he talks for war he may become less warlike in his utterances.

The "yellow peril," in the opinion of the standpatters and tariff barons, is the refusal of China to trade unless given a square deal. The square deal is exactly what the barons do not want.

At the Toronto convention of the International Typographical Union a delegate who criticised the union officials in his labor paper was unseated and his union ordered to take up his card. The spectacle of printers, who more than any other class of men profit directly from a free press, undertaking to muzzle the press, is not at all gratifying, to say the least.

The eminent editors who have been poking fun at Walter Wellman's peace conference correspondence now have an opportunity to admit that Wellman made some good guesses.

It is announced that congress will not be called together in extraordinary session this fall. It is well understood that congress can do nothing in five months just as easily as in six.

The reciprocity convention revealed the strange and startling fact that the gentlemen who put up campaign funds in return for tariff laws still realize what a good graft they have.

One Mr. Hyde has gone to Paris to live and the other Mr. Hyde has returned from London to face charges of irregularity. A Hyde for a Hyde instead of an eye for an eye, so to speak.

Having won honors as a peacemaker in the Russ-Jap trouble, President Roosevelt should now undertake a similar line of work with the standpatters and revisionists within his own party.

The Parisian suggestion that Mr. Rockefeller pay Japan an indemnity for Russia would seem to indicate a cooling of French friendship towards the American people. We are paying about all we can for kerosene.

Senator Burkett of Nebraska refused to speak at an old settlers' picnic because his place on the program was preceded by a vaudeville stunt. Being a strong advocate of protection because it fosters home competition, Senator Burkett should have carried out his share of the entertainment.

Referring to the fact that several women occupy positions in the Brown county court house, the Hiawatha, Kas., World says that "anything a woman can do is better done than a man can do," and argues from this that it would be well to elect women

to all the offices they can fill. Then the World concludes by saying: "Women are not only better public servants, but they work cheaper." But if women are better public servants than men, why ask them to work for less wages? Equal pay for equal work is simple justice, and if women can do the work better than men, then in all justice give the women better pay. The idea that because a wage earner is a woman she should be paid less than the male wage earner doing similar work is erroneous, unjust and calculated to befog the industrial issue. And if the Hiawatha World is unable to see the justice of this contention it should at least have chivalry enough to demand that the woman receive equal pay to that given the man doing similar work.

The horrors of modern warfare sink into insignificance when compared with the horrors of modern railroading in the

United States. An army larger than the Union forces at Gettysburg is killed and wounded every year on the railroads of the United States. During the year ending June 30, 1904, there were 10,046 people killed and 84,155 people injured by accidents on American railways. Of the killed 441 were passengers, and of the injured 9,111 were passengers. The number of employes killed was 3,632, and the number of injured employes was 68,067. Six thousand of the slain were neither passengers nor employes, probably the greater number being killed at grade crossings or while walking the tracks. This shocking casualty list would cause a shudder of horror if it occurred in a modern battle, but as the casualties occur in small numbers every day we have grown callous. But is it not time that

the public take an interest in the matter and demand greater safety for employes and patrons?

George F. Baer, who recently posed as "God's trustee" into whose hands had been given the management of the coal business of this country, says "Cain was the first striker. He killed Abel because Abel was the most prosperous fellow." Mr. Baer is unfortunate in his parallels. Cain was not a striker. He was the first advocate of the "open shop." He insisted on being allowed to manage his own sacrifice business in his own way, and refused to make or abide by any agreement or compact. There being no militia to call out Cain took war measures on his own account, and finding no federal judges to issue an injunction he smote Abel and killed him. Since his unfortunate citation of scripture we have come to the conclusion that Mr. Baer's credentials as a "trustee of the Almighty" are forged.

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CONGRATULATIONS.

The following telegram explains itself:
Janesville, Wis., August 29.—President Roosevelt, Oyster Bay, N. Y.—Accept congratulations. Your successful efforts to secure peace between Russia and Japan reflect credit on the nation.
WILLIAM J. BRYAN.

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