

PEACE OR THE SWORD?

The Nations Meet in Washington To-day
A World Looks On—Anxious—Hoping—

"Humanity with all its fears,
With all the hope of future years,
Is hanging breathless on thy fate!"

Washington Will Be the Capital of the World During the Arms Congress. There the question will be decided whether the civilized peoples of the world are to abjure war, and whether the battleship and siege gun are to become as obsolete as the Roman catapult. Hundreds of millions are watching anxiously. The great Conference is being discussed in every civilized country on earth. What are they all saying about it? What are their hopes, and fears, and criticisms, and demands? It is necessary not only to know our own mind but to know also the view-point of all other peoples, especially of those most vitally concerned in the outcome.

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