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PEACEMAKER OR FUSSMAKER?

With the intention of securing a limitation of armaments and even of arranging a triple alliance for the keeping of the peace, Andrew Carnegie is stated to have gone to Germany to open negotiations with the fire eating Kaiser. He is said, moreover, to go equipped for the enterprise with credentials from the governments of Great Britain and the United States.

Does the whole thing mean anything more than that a millionaire filled with that vague benevolence which is, we suppose, at least as natural an accompaniment of a large bank account as of a large dinner, wishes to confer on mankind a portion of the well being which has accrued in such bountiful measure to himself? The first question which naturally occurs to us is whether an amateur diplomatist such as Mr. Carnegie is likely to meet with more success than a skilled statesman like Sir Edward Grey. For, after all, the statesmen of Europe are generally expending their energies to avert wars in particular, if not to put an end to warfare in general. A Bismarck is a rare phenomenon and most war ministers are peace ministers under another name. The governments cannot afford to go to war against the wishes of their subjects, and the peoples of Europe did not need a Norman Angell to let them know that war is a dangerous, dirty, disagreeable business as wasteful of money as it is of life, a business that brings very little profit even to the victor.

Such is the first view we may take of Carnegie's mission, and it is a view which is by no means altogether unfair. But there are other things to be

considered besides those we have mentioned. The work of the peace prophets is not in vain. Although the better educated and broader minded among the inhabitants of Europe may generally recognize the futility of war, and may regard it only as a last resort for which they must be prepared in case of emergency and when all other means have failed, we doubt if a great part of the people are not as eager for war, whenever there is a possibility of it, as ever their ancestors were in the Middle Ages.

Moreover, even those averse to war are all too prone to find emergencies starting up with dangerous frequency. And as in a place where all men walk armed to the teeth, casting suspicious eyes on the right hands of their neighbors, there is very likely to be a shooting; so now in Europe when all nations are perfecting themselves in the art of national self-defence, there is grave peril that they may come to blows.

The constant reiterated of Mr. Carnegie and Mr. Norman Angell that war is futile and peace above all things desirable may here do some good. For, just as when all men's minds are centred on peace, minds are centred on war there is likely to be war, so when all men's minds are centred on peace there is more likely to be peace. Even if the peoples of the world know that war is an expensive folly and a relic of barbarism, it is a fact of which they need frequent reminders. In public as in private life, men often know what is best but do not think of it at the right time and harm follows. Men like Mr. Carnegie, who have the ideal of peace constantly before them, and who are never tired of demonstrating its virtues, may serve as monitors to keep us in the right path.

FLOW OF GOLD FROM NORTH NOT GOING TO SEATTLE NOW

CHARGES AT THE DOMINION ASSAY OFFICE MORE ADVANTAGEOUS TO MINERS THAN THOSE OF SEATTLE ASSAY OFFICE

Vancouver, June 17.—Vancouver will not be affected adversely by the fact that Seattle has secured the abolition of the assay charges on gold; neither will Seattle be likely to attract more gold to her coffers by such a move. A statement originating in Seattle and published in the News-Advertiser yesterday morning indicating that Seattle hoped to recapture the flow of gold from the North, has, upon investigation, proved to be without foundation.

Interviewed yesterday on the subject an official of the Dominion assay office stated that conditions at the Seattle office were less favorable than those at Vancouver, even with the amended charges of the former. The Dominion Assay Office was the best market for gold bullion on the Continent, he said. The melt-

ing charge of \$4 on each melt was not exacted in the Vancouver office on bullion from the Yukon Territory. The Seattle office made this charge on all bullion.

To instance the advantage of marketing gold bullion at the Dominion Assay Office he said that 84,165 ounces of bullion containing 375 1/2 thousandths of gold and 165 thousandths of silver is charged \$55.99 at the Seattle office, while the same bullion is charged only \$35.31 at Vancouver, making a difference of \$17.66 in favor of the Dominion Assay Office. Furthermore at the Seattle office there were graded charges which were determined by the quantity of the bullion, while one straight charge was made at the local office.

OLD HAZELTON NOTES.

H. E. Bodine, is reported to have made a good start on the wagon road from Tatla Lake to Silver Creek.

E. G. Baxter, district engineer for the Provincial government, spent the early part of the week in Hazelton.

Fire Warden Cline spent the early part of the week fighting a forest fire near Moricetown.

W. J. Larkworthy returned on Wednesday from Vancouver, where he spent a brief vacation.

A. E. Falconer and Hunter Corner are back from a trip to Groundhog coal fields.

J. T. Bates and Gus Olson returned on Wednesday from a trip to the Omineca River.

The plant of the Seymour Lake Lumber Co. has arrived from the coast and is now being freighted to Smithers, where it will be installed and in running order within three weeks. The saw mill and planing equipment is complete, with the exception of the edger, which was broken in Prince Rupert by a rock which crashed into the freight shed from a big blast. Another edger is now on the way from Vancouver. Omineca Miner.

J. L. Coyle of Aldermere is on his way to his old home in Ottawa. His trip is in connection with a new business enterprise, in which he is associated with Dr. Loring and J. E. Bell, who left for the capital last week.

Alex. Pierre, one of the Indians employed in the construction of Haguaget bridge, was killed on Wednesday by a fall of 35 feet. The fatality was accidental, and after inquiry it was decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

Hazelton's annual Dominion Day celebration promises to be one of the best ever held here. Among the big features will be a league game between New Hazelton and the local nine, and a football game between Prince Rupert and the Hazelton club. A program of races and other sports is being arranged.

Preparations which have been made at 26-Mile seem to indicate the intention of the railway company to make that point the operative end of steel until the track is laid to Smithers. As soon as ballasting is completed to 26-Mile application for approval of the line to that point will be made, according to officials.

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