

Armaments are a constant reminder that war is our great calling. The very existence of armaments tell us that our highest duty is fighting. Well, you will say, did not America do something by putting forth the K-B. treaty? Yes, of course America did and I should like to associate my own country with America in the action she took. But where is the K-B. treaty now? The K-B. treaty had its test within the past few weeks, it had its test in the Orient, in the new centre of world politics. There is only one thing to be said of the result - the K-B. treaty is a dead letter. Let me say this, too, that we Occidental people do not realize what issues may come from the recent events in Manchuria. I have thought of what they may be and I tell you frankly that I dare not voice my thoughts.

And what about the Armament Holiday? Well, I do not know what about it; I do not know whether there is one. But I doubt it.

If all this is true, you will say, why waste time talking about Disarmament? Why spend our efforts on the realization of an idle dream? Gentlemen, I do not believe that peace is an idle dream, and you must start Well, begin with armaments. somewhere. / We saw before the last great struggle how constant war preparation reacting on and reacted on by a false philosophy transformed a peaceful people into a warlike one. We saw the steady, quiet German become a cold, ruthless fighter. History has shown us over and over again that a nation brought up to the use of arms will use arms. A bull-dog which is not trained to fight is the most peaceful animal alive: a bull-dog trained to fight is the most quarrelsome and dangerous of beasts, his greatest joy is to kill another bull-dog, or you, or anything else that he can get hold of. And in spite of all our civilization we are not much better than bull-dogs.

The basic reason for reducing armaments is not to save money - the more money we spend just now the better. It is not to keep people from going to war. It is to get a new idea into the heads of the human race