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Yesterday Dr. Shotwell, Director of the Division of Economics and History of the Carnegie Endowment, introduced a draft of a treaty to be signed by the U.S. and Japan to abolish war between these two nations, so that matter is off our hands, thank heavens. The U.S. reserve the right to fight, however, if Japan lays unhallowed hands upon the Munroe doctrine.

I send you a group photo of an average cross section of delegates - note the percentage of professors and Y.M.C.A. secretaries. Sir Francis Whyte is an able man and looks and acts like a gentleman - the rest of the group are what they look like.

I also enclose a clipping on Mr. Ivy Lee the head of the publicity bureau - an able author of apt phrases. He phrases for cash. Years ago this type stood beneath a torch, on a soap box, in the market square and extolled in rounded periods the virtues of a remedy for worms - today, such are the changes in time and manners he is a highly paid publicity agent.

We have not reached any conclusion on pacific immigration and emigration. Our little brown brothers are gumming up the game, they have been told in some of the most involved and beautiful periods that their exclusion from the U.S., Canada, the Hawaiian Islands, the Phillipines, New Zealand and Australia has immeasurably helped their development and culture, but the beggars are still insistent and prate of their dignity - recognition of equality, etc., etc. Mrs Carry Chapman Catt is with them and regards their aspirations as perfectly legitimate. She said so in eloquent and unmistakable terms. I am afraid there is some justification for their persistence. The American delegation sloped over from the first, called them brothers and sisters, put their arms around them and gazed lovingly in their slant eyes and now the yellow heathen demands action. Most of our professorial delegates have their wives with them and have been more discreet so Canada has not been compromised. These damn heathen take these things so literally it is very embarrassing. We have been at it for two days. How to sooth these damn pagans and kick them downstairs at one and the same time is going to take some ingenuity. We could do it in French but the English language has its limitations. There is one advantage in the professorial element they will probably word a report in such a way that it will mean nothing - which will be characteristic of most of our conclusions, perhaps it is just as well. Mederic Martin, Tommy Church, William Hale Thomson and the rest of the ruling class pay little attention to us in intelligensia anyway. It is tragic, We will end our labours in a few days - and then wait for a steamer. The parting with Mrs. Catt will be hard. She and the shrill Chinese lady. We will probably never meet again and the thought fills me with unspeakable joy.

Yours truly,

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