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to Germany, must feel inexpressible regret. But, estrangements grow just in this way, and things go on until we are confronted with situations which is almost impossible to solve.

Dispatch from a recent address by Sir Edward Grey:—
“Referring to the debate on the Kaiser, in the Reichstag, he remarked appreciatively that not a word had been said by any members of any party incurring hostility towards Great Britain or any other country. He said, he hoped the example would be reciprocated and reflected when anything was said here about Germany. So long as the British did not believe that the people of any other country had ill-will toward them, and so long as other countries did not believe that the British had ill-will towards themselves, it would be found that even the worst difficulties could be settled by diplomacy without trouble. Half of the difficulties in foreign policy arose from the exceeding ingenuity of different countries in attributing motives and intentions to others. The newspapers of the various countries are much more fertile in inventing motives and intentions, than are ministers. Foreign governments and our own government live from hand to mouth, and have fewer deep plans than people suppose.

All this is a comment upon the old words, “Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth.” Statesmanship looking far ahead will remove initial occasions for prejudice. In the long run, its true greatness is to be measured, not by the ability with which it has conducted the nation through war into seemingly larger material possession, but by the clear head and the hand grasping the tiller strongly, so that it is deftly turned aside from furious currents into calm and peaceful waters.

I have spoken as though war were the greatest of national calamities, but war is simply national antagonisms raised to such a pitch that they break out into regular campaigns of battles. These sharp physical encounters are terrible indeed; the physical agony, the maimed bodies, the loss of life, are horrible to contemplate. But, the individual suffering is short