

national Government of the nations. Looked at from that point of view, the Czar's advocacy of peace would be merely the carrying out on a larger scale, among the nations, of practical experiments which have been eminently successful upon a smaller scale. Peace under the world's present condition can only be the result of international strength. It is not the lying down of the lion and the lamb, though peace prolonged over a long period will undoubtedly produce that result. What has introduced peace into the domestic concerns of the seventy millions of the United States? It is the development of national strength, which, while it was preceded by a civil war of very great magnitude, raised a national strength that will prevent its recurrence, if not altogether, at least for a sufficiently long time to prevent its repetition on such a gigantic scale. What is it that produced peace in the British Isles, after centuries of internal strife? It was national strength developed under the Union. Numerous other instances may be quoted where internal peace has been the direct result of the development of national strength.

In those countries where the national strength is not so highly developed, internal peace is not so well assured. What will tend to internal peace among the nations composing the British Empire? Imperial strength, based on just government. The world is divided into (1) the Christian nations, possessing in an eminent degree the governing power, and (2) the heathen nations, which gradually grade down from the Christian standard to that of the ignorant and benighted savage. Upon the Christian nations devolves the responsibility of placing the governing power of the world upon a higher pedestal, and from the attainment of that condition peace will gradually flow. How to bring about that result, and where to centralize the governing power, are among the difficulties that have to be solved.

It is generally accepted that the Christian nations are descendants of the ten lost tribes of Israel intermingled with the native tribes of Europe, among whom the Jews from the two remaining tribes have throughout preserved their identity. The interest that the nations have taken in Palestine of late years points to that land, where the foundations of Christianity were laid, as the pivotal point. Three continents unite there. The maritime highways concentrate in the Suez Canal, and it is there where the electrical girdles of the earth can be most easily focussed.

Upon what conditions the nations can agree to unite to insure the peaceful progress of the world to a higher plane of civilization has yet to be discovered. Whether the Czar's peace propositions will result in an attempt to unravel that difficult question has also yet to be seen. If the nations were disarmed to-morrow, it would not produce peace; it would only mean that the evil forces of the world would have free play, unless present conditions were replaced by more powerful forces. Bring the nations to recognize that a government of the nations is necessary to keep the evil forces in check, if not altogether suppressed, and peace will dawn upon the world, that is to-day threatened with wars and rumors of wars.

It must be apparent to students of history that the world is governed by a process of evolution, which is only a scientific term for growth. That perfection is not a sudden transition, but a process to which nature is subjected;

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