



An Apostle of Peace

Other centuries are known in history for their great wars; the literature of the past, even the religion of the past is impregnated with tales of battle and bloodshed. What will be history's verdict of the twentieth century? There are those who are striving to make the greatest movement of the century a movement for peace and prominent amongst them is Sir Edward Grey, the British Foreign Minister, whose masterly speech endorsing the suggestions of President Taft, that all future disputes between Great Britain and the United States should be submitted to arbitration, has earned for him world-wide appreciation. In the above photograph Sir Edward is shown in a characteristic attitude, backed by the flag which may some day be unfurled o'er 'The Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World.' Sir Edward Grey, speaking a few days ago in the House of Commons, said: "Twice within the last twelve months the President of the United States of America has sketched out a step in advance in arbitration more momentous than any practical statesman in his position has ventured to say before. . . . President Taft has recently made the statement that he does not see personally any reason why matters of national honor should not be referred to a Court of Arbitration. He has also expressed the opinion that if the United States could put through a positive agreement with some other nation to abide by the adjudication of an international arbitral court, in every issue which could not be settled by negotiation, no matter what the issue involved, a long step forward would be taken. . . . Supposing two of the greatest nations of the world were to make it clear to the whole world by such an agreement that, in no circumstances, were they going to war again, I venture to say that the effect on the world at large of the example would be bound to have beneficent consequences. . . . Armies and navies would remain, no doubt, but they would remain then, not in rivalry, but as the police of the world."

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