

there will be on the horizon some evidence of the millennium, when nations will be prepared to stand shoulder to shoulder for fair and honest principles. So long as people are to be seen bearing up under the strain of dragging sleds uphill, it is reasonable to suppose they will do some sliding and, likewise, so long as nations are straining every effort to increase their fighting capacity we must look for trouble.

It took the Franco-Prussian war to produce a confederated Germany. It looks almost as if the British Empire may have to go through the throes of a great war before it can be cemented together, and then, only provided she comes through all right. Who can tell? Diplomats are being overworked in these difficult days, and while we all hope that they will prove equal to their tasks, it certainly looks very doubtful, especially when, glancing backward, we see how close Britain and another country have on more than one occasion been to the edge of the war precipice. The danger has perhaps passed, almost before we knew it, and, being engaged in dollar-breeding, we appear to regard a miss as good as a mile; but it is not!

The writer would be sorry, indeed, if he should be deemed an advocate of militarism; but he believes we are very close to the breaking point, and that is when a nation requires to be powerfully effective. There are many who scoff at the military man; but let us not forget that the militarist has his place in our polity. He is above all prepared to protect his countrymen, even to the extent of giving his life blood for them, for those even who scoff at him, but thankfully take the fruit of his valour. His point of view, do you not think, is much more edifying than that of many of his critics who are engaged in bleeding their countrymen in their endeavour to fatten on the natural resources of the country?

As to Canada's position on the American continent, A. C. Coolidge, of Harvard University, closes a very interesting chapter on the United States and Canada, in "The United States as a World Power" (Macmillan