

Togo astonished the nations of the earth.

The necessity for a navy has invaded our own land. No matter how much political jobbery on the one side, and the inexcusable ignorance or indifference of Congress on the other, may retard it; no matter how much the worse than foolish talk of the peace advocates may hold back the appropriations for the work, this country, by the inexorable logic of her position as a world power (and under bonds to control the Panama Canal in the interest of peace) is forced to have, and will have, a battle-ship navy second to none in the world. The nations of South America are seeking with feverish haste, each one of them, to build navies that are to be reckoned with, Brazil having just given orders to construct the largest Dreadnaught afloat.

And thus the armament and preparation for war is going on.

Steadily, the amount of money expended upon this preparation is increasing, until three-fourths of all the incomes of the nations will soon be spent.

One of the startling things about it all is, that this state of affairs comes in after two thousand years of Gospel preaching, two thousand years of human progress, and in the century of, so-called, highest civilization. It is an amazing fact that after two thousand years of the most representative civilization and culture the world has ever known, human governments