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## IS THERE A WAY OUT?

La Follette's Magazine.

WHAT of the future? Must we accept War as the inevitable outcome of national rivalries? Or is there hope of a peaceful substitute for War? Discussing these questions in an address recently before the Pan-American Scientific Congress, Professor Edward A. Ross of the University of Wisconsin suggested that all nations turn their aspiration toward the establishment of some sort of international league or world court for settling disputes peaceably. He said, in part:

"How often we hear it said: 'This is to be the last war!' These outbursts of destructive human energy so shock the growing humane feeling and are so alien to the habits of thought fostered by industrialism that civilized man refuses to recognize their inevitableness. Yet if anything may be safely predicted, it is that wars as bad as this will occur in the future unless a Great Union be formed to canalize international rivalries as the American Union has canalized interstate rivalries.

"No doubt this generation will not tolerate another such orgy of destruction. Through our time war will be known for what it is. But when the cripples, widows and orphans are gone, when invention and the exploitation of fresh natural resources have lightened the war debts, and created a new basis for national borrowing, when mothers yet unborn have reared millions of youths to be bred in a febrile nationalism and inflamed with a machine-made patriotism, then the dynasts, the Junkers, the traders and the drillmasters will prepare the material for another explosion on perhaps a still vaster scale.

"Incredible? But where is the force that will be able to prevent it? May we look to religion for any clearer or more authoritative utterances as to the wickedness of bloodshed? Is there the slightest prospect that the peace movement will control the opinion-forming agencies and the prestige commanded by highly-organized governments reaching out for lands, markets and dependencies in the less developed portions of the world? Nor will the clearest demonstration of the economic waste of war and of the more effective use of commercial minds than it has had in the past. The aggressive nation that forces militarism upon its unwilling neighbors always dreams of recouping itself by conquests and indemnities. The growing aversion to wanton aggression, instead of hampering the provocative foreign policy of statesmen, simply obliges them to resort to a more elaborate hypocrisy. The extent to which the people may be deluded with the idea that they are dying in a war of defense seems limitless.

"The civilized peoples find themselves therefore confronting this situation:

"1. The treaties between the great powers guaranteeing the security of the little peoples have become 'mere scraps of paper.'

"2. Warfare has become a capitalistic enterprise and fighting a skilled occupation, so that, more and more, success in war hinges on elaborate preparation.

"3. The armament and training a militarist government desires in support of aggression may be secured by its people under the pretext that they are necessary for national safety.

"4. The prudent preparations a peace-loving people makes for defense may be construed by other peoples as designed for aggression.

"5. Armament and training acquired for defense admits of being employed in aggression in case the nation changes its attitude towards international law and morality.

"6. The nation that outarms the others runs no risk in so doing and may be rewarded for its preparedness by success in war.

"7. The nation that is first to disarm or that lags behind the rest in preparations for war runs the risk of being thwarted or beaten.

"8. From the foregoing it follows that the war-loving nations have the power to force the peace-loving nations into the gloomy path of armament or war whereas the peace-loving nations have no power to force the war-loving nations into the sunny path of peace. The men of Mars set the pace for the rest of the world.

"A cool relentless analysis of the situation discloses, then, little ground for hopeful anticipation. On the contrary, the prospect is one of the blackest that humanity has ever faced.

"The only way of escape of the advanced nations from the ruinous results of their inevitable competition for place and advantage in the backward parts of the globe lies in their combining to create an organization provided with the means of adjudicating disputes and enforcing awards. Thinking in terms of the nation is destroying the people of Europe at the rate of ten thousand a day. Is it not high time we were thinking in terms of some International League of Peace, World Federation or other vast unit capable of keeping the peace without stereotyping the status quo or hindering the survival of the fittest and the Success of the Adapted?"

## "Beef Trust" Tries to Corner Market

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—The State Department of Foods and Markets received to-day from Chicago what it believes to be authoritative information that the beef packers, included in the so-called "beef trust," have bought up 40,000,000 pounds of cold storage poultry in an alleged scheme to corner the market. This amount, equivalent to 2,000 carloads, is an addition to the usual stock of frozen poultry that the packers store away each year.

It is said that they have paid as high as 25c. per pound for roasting chickens, 28c. for broilers and 18c. for extra heavies, which are considered most unusual prices. The prices are said to be 20 per cent. higher than prices last year, and it is understood that when the time for profit comes the packers expect to clear from 33-1-3 to 40 per cent.

The anticipated scoop, it is said, is one of the biggest things in its line ever projected.

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## Turks Bribe Arab Chiefs with Beauties from harems

Whole Roumanian Army Crazy For War on Side of the Allies—Bulgaria Short of Food. Germany Working Hard to Keep Roumania Neutral.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—The Daily Mail correspondent, who has just returned from the Near East, in a third article to-day describes the wonderful rapidity and the substantialness with which the Germans have repaired the wrecked bridges and tunnels in Serbia.

The correspondent confirms that are immense quantities of German uniforms at Nish, ready to clothe the Bulgarians if they invade Greece. He says the Turks are afraid of the Entente troops at Salonika and consequently have strongly entrenched themselves southward of Adrianople, lest the allied expeditionary force attack Constantinople from the north-west. Referring to his visit to Roumania, the correspondent says in part:

"The only really peaceful time after I left London on December 12 was four days among the delightful Roumanians. The allies owe a great deal not only to the attitude of the Roumanians, but to the strictness with which I believe the Roumanian Government prevents food, coal and other necessities from entering Austria and Turkey.

"Roumania is pro-ally, especially pro-French, through and through. Her special hatred is directed against Austria, particularly Hungary. At a cinematograph exhibition entitled 'Under the Yoke of Austria-Hungary,' which depicts the sufferings of the Roumanians living under Austrian rule, the audience at one incident rose to their feet and shrieked 'Down with Austria! Down with Hungary!'

"The whole Roumanian army is crazy for war and judging from the fact that the blinds of the railway carriages are pulled down at many places so that no passengers can look out, military preparations are doubtless proceeding. Many Roumanian officers are dissatisfied with the slowness with which the Entente is making progress in the war, but they are firm believers in the eventual victory of the allies. They assured me that no influence and no pressure could induce them to join Germany."

The writer deplores the fact that Great Britain is not making any propaganda in Roumania, revealing the work of her army and navy in order to counteract the extremely active German propaganda supported by bribery and the exaggeration of mishaps to the Entente. The German agitators are insisting upon the hopelessness of the allies' task.

The main object of the German propaganda, he says, is to keep Roumania neutral. He asserts that collections are made in Turkey for bribing the Arab chiefs to fight against the British. The gifts consist not only of money, jewelry, horses, but of Circassian beauties from the Turkish harems.

Reverting to Bulgaria, the correspondent says: "The Germans handed over to Bulgaria all of the booty made in Serbia. Guns, munitions, rifles, furniture and jewelry and loot of every possible description is seen everywhere at Sofia.

"There is no sugar whatever in Bulgaria, which country is also short of coal. The prices are not as high as in Constantinople, but the Bulgarians are suffering. The lot that seems to follow the Germans wherever they go is shortage of food and other supplies.

"There seems to be still a small amount of silver in circulation in Sofia, but the Bulgars, who have always been poor, are realizing now the degree of poverty under their German masters, such as if properly emphasized must, in my opinion, bring about eventual trouble with the Prussian bully who at present is cajoling them with gifts and promises."

## Grippe Epidemic in Montreal

MONTREAL, Jan. 31.—Montreal has la grippe, and the civil courts are almost tied up with the epidemic that prevails here. The acting Chief Justice, Sir Horace Archibald, has been confined to his house more than a week. He may be on duty next week. Mr Justice Marchal, one of the new Judges, is out of commission, too, while Judges Mercier, Weir, Fontin and Dunlop are very ill, too. Mr Justice Dunlop is in his 81st year, and his condition is grave.

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