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The Great R. R. Strike.

CURE IT BY REMOVING ITS CAUSE.

Letter from SYDNEY MYERS to Railroad Men,
Strikers and Stockholders.

The shedding of human blood and the destruction of the products of human industry is always to be deeply deplored. War is a relic of barbarism, whether it be between nations, between individuals, in duel, or in the form of strikes. Wars between nations are becoming too expensive to be of long duration, and under the modern laws of war agreed upon, tacitly at least, by civilized nations, and with modern weapons, they are becoming less cruel and bloody; the duel is no longer tolerated by public opinion—which is the higher law. Strikes have in some countries been superseded by arbitration, co-operation, and industrial copartnerships. Great progress in this has been made in Great Britain, where, by the weight of social gradation, much talent is compressed into, and retained in, the "Wage Class." Great strikes, like great national wars, do still occasionally break out and rage for a short time. When examined, they will be found to be engendered by causes which are deep below the surface; so deep that the latest of a series of effects is often mistaken by the casual observer for the cause.