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PEACE.

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From the bugles that called to the battle, and thud of the armies' tread ;
From the murderous swords uplifted, with their sharp blades running red ;
From the agonized cries of the wounded, and horses trampling the dead—
Lo ! the sudden release of the White Dove of Peace and the blue of the Summer o'erhead.

From the hidden mines' awful explosions, and cannons' thundering boom ;
From the bloody waves drinking the dying, and the running of Hell's vast loom :
From the nations enwrapt in conflict, and their rulers enwrapt in gloom—
Lo ! the sudden release of the White Dove of Peace and the lilies of Summer abloom.

From the lion-souled patriots fighting no grimness of Death could appal ;
From the mothers that went forth unweeping, and gave to the Country their all,
With desolate hearts as of Rachel, and stony despairs as of Saul—
Lo ! the sudden release of the White Dove of Peace and the whole world held in thrall.

From the bugles that called to the battle blow pæans to East and to West
That shall reach to Earth's lowliest valleys from mountains supremest confest,
That shall gladden the souls of the angels, in the music of angels expressed,
For the sudden release of the White Dove of Peace, that was winged from Jehovah's breast.

—*Boston Transcript.*



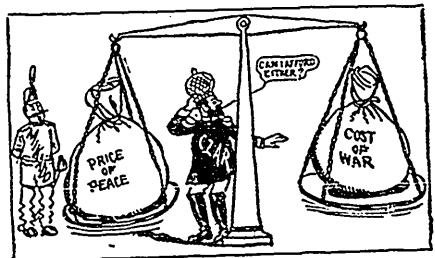
THE FINAL LESSON OF THE WAR.
—*Minneapolis Times.*

A PLEDGE OF WORLD PEACE.

Such is the Anglo-Japanese treaty generally regarded. It is a strictly defensive measure. The special interest to Great Britain is that it safeguards her

great Indian Empire. Russia has for long years been preying upon the sensibilities of Britain by menacing that empire. That menace is now destroyed, first, by the bursting of the bubble of Russia's military prestige, second by the union of Britain and Japan to maintain the mastery of the seas in both the East and the West, and to unite the Sikhs and Ghoorikas of India with the conquerors of Mukden and Liaoyang.

The European press almost universally hails this treaty as a subject of lasting peace. The principal exception is the Free Lances of Germany, though the



SIX OF ONE AND HALF A DOZEN OF THE OTHER.
—*Maybell in the Brooklyn Eagle.*