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that so long as we live under an armed neutrality our peace will rob us of our substance. The nations must be free and secure to enjoy the fruits of their labors. Think for a moment of the expenditure of men. The earning power of men ceases when they devote themselves to military life. That is a bad enough waste in times of peace. But think of the expenditure in times of war. Bernhardt declares that war is a biological necessity to maintain the physical fitness of the race. But it is not so. It is not the survival of the fittest that war secures. It is the flower of the nation's manhood that is swept away in war. It is the "unfittest" who are left. It is a fact of history that through the slaughter of France's "fittest" men physically Napoleon lowered the average stature of the French nation by two or three inches. We want no peace that leaves us ever open to such a scourge as that, that wastes the men and money of the nation and makes impossible or insecure the permanent enjoyment of the fruits of labor's hands. Is it any wonder that the noblest of our statesmen in every land, that is not insane with militarism, have protested against this awful dev-