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It is strange how much inordinate persons sincerely anxious to avert the horror, waste, and utterly fruitless toll of war, display when they discuss means of prevention. In the annual ministerial assemblages, which are now commencing there is an obvious confusion among many worthy persons of pacific intention between military training for youths and war-like preparations.

The reverend gentlemen who condemn military training imagine the obligations of disarmament carry with them the obligation of encouraging the belief that young men know how to protect the state. They ignore the fact that the nation which has most scientifically practiced military training, Switzerland, has never had a war within modern times, chiefly because her manhood has been trained to resist to the full extent of its powers. They apparently do not know that intelligent military training for youth does away with the necessity of standing armies in times of peace, and thus removes one of the most blatant and notorious causes of both war and poverty. The nation, small or large, whose manhood is trained for defensive exertions is necessary, is much less likely to be provoked into wars for its own defence than one which is regarded by the neighbors as helpless. If, for instance, the United States had enjoyed military training on a large scale before the great war, Germany would have thought twice before ordering her ships of the high seas in February, 1917. There has been much retrospective discussion about Lord Roberts' appeal for a standing army in Great Britain two or three years before the great war. The defect of that plan was that Germany would not have waited until that army was ready but would have struck at once. In fact Germany was so well prepared for war in 1911 that the British government for a time momentarily expected it and developed its territorial plans accordingly. But—and it is a most important but—if Great Britain twenty-five or thirty years ago had adopted the Swiss system of military training, then there might have been a different story to tell. Germany might have had her war anyway but certainly it would not have lasted so long; and the nation's effort would have been easier. Military training is not militarism; in a considerable measure it is the antidote of the menace of militarism.

The really convinced persons who originated the cry against military training in Canada are well aware of this. Their motives in opposing it are far from pacific. Many of them are avowed Bolshevistic sympathizers (though the clergymen who echo them may not know this) and Bolshevism is a bloody and ruthless form of popular oligarchy. The more active agitators against military training are equally opposed to all measures for the protection of life and property. They recognize in a nation which has enjoyed military training a bulwark against sabotage and revolution. Of such agitators some very excellent clergymen appear to be dupes. People who denounce military training speak as though we lived in an arcadia in which mob incendiarism has never been threatened; and as though a properly developed manhood merely existed for aggression abroad without thought of protection at home.

Apart altogether from the sinister motives which lie back of this cry against military training, the whole subject should be considered from its sanitary and economic side. The lad who undergoes military training is physically better for it. He is straighter, cleaner, neater and better disciplined than the boy who does not receive these advantages. Every school girl knows as much. And with the hygienic education which is now a recognized part of military training he is likely to be a better citizen.—Toronto Saturday Night.

With the striped sports skirt, Paris wears a very simple blouse.

Majestic Splendour

of Kilauea Crater in Eruption Witnessed by Many Canadian Tourists in Hawaii.

Returning circumnavigators on board the Canadian Pacific steamer Empress of Canada, which arrived at Victoria, B.C., last week, brought remarkable eyewitness tales of the eruption of the ever-active crater of Kilauea, in Hawaii, as reported over the cables a week ago.

By a freak of fortune the 360 passengers of the round-the-world cruise had gone to the crater as one of the features of their trip. Like other tourists, many of whom are disappointed, they waited for the tempestuous display that the famous mountain occasionally stages. They were unprepared, however, for the tremendous demonstration of uncontrollable fury which rewarded their delay.

It was early in the afternoon when "the House of Everlasting Fire," as the natives call the crater, first began to emit a slow, silent white vapor like a gentle out of an Arabian Nights midnight scene.

There was no sign of fury in her smoking. It was the sort of thing she had done for years. Then suddenly a dense cloud of snarling smoke belched forth and then began the greatest eruption that crater has ever given out—the greatest with one exception—for 180 years ago it had a similar outburst and wiped out the bulk of an Hawaiian army moving against Kamehameha, the Napoleon of the Pacific.

Stones Huzled Miles.

The tourists, among whom were a large number of Canadians and Americans, stood rooted to the spot. Subterranean noises filled the air and a dense cloud of smoke rose thousands of feet towards the sky and streaks of fire embrodered it. When it seemed impossible for the cloud of smoke to go higher, the storm burst, a storm of stones, ashes and lava, and some of the stones were hurled for miles, a few small ones even falling close to the spectators scattered around three sides of the mountain. There were no casualties, though the official photographer of the cruise, who was working his camera well in advance of the party, was struck by a small stone.

"It was an unforgettable experience," said General John F. O'Ryan, of New York, one of the tourists, and he termed Kilauea "Nature's greatest showman." The General was one of the heroes of Chateau Thierry and he is now of the opinion that there are worse things in the way of artillery than war offers.

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