

that it was solved in their way. The prevention of war is not therefore to be found in popular government; it is not to be found in any degree of goodwill which can just at the present time be expected. The 'balance of power' will not avert war for the simple reason that it will not remain in stable equilibrium. There is another theory that war can be averted only by substituting class consciousness for national consciousness. Since recent events in Russia, culminating in the arrest of Lenine by Trotzky, that idea has not made very much of an appeal to thinking persons. Every person not afflicted with Teutonism of the mind knows that the moment a 'class consciousness' is established a process of sub-classification will begin and strife will be renewed. The good conduct of nations, like the good conduct of individuals, is to be secured in just one way—by the operation of two elements, one of which is a necessary preliminary to the other, 'the law' and 'the gospel.' Just as the men of belligerent temper can be restrained from settling their differences by personal combat only by the existence of a tribunal to whose decision they are bound to submit, belligerently inclined nations can be kept from war only by an international court whose jurisdiction is not dependent on consent and whose decrees may be enforced. Whether that enforcement lies in a league of nations or in a coalition pledged to keep the peace of the world, the power to decide and the power to enforce the decision are essential if war is to cease. But it is only in a barbaric state that the power of the law is the only restraint against crime and violence. In civilized communities, most people would keep the peace were the Courts closed and the police force disbanded. So with nations, while laws and the power to enforce them must exist, the growth of mutual understanding and mutual good feeling will be the most potent security against war and will in time make other securities superfluous."

The growth of "mutual understanding and mutual good feeling" is most desirable, and we should all work for it; but that it will ever be a "potent security against war," or "will in time make other securities superfluous" we do not believe. The growth spoken of has always been nipped in the bud, and always will be; and for the simple reason that human nature is warped