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**PEACE AND THE WEATHER.**

Two topics are always in order, and often under discussion—peace, and the weather. Everybody wants peace, and everybody appreciates good weather. But it is not possible to have both all the time. There are periods of disturbances in the affairs of men, as there are atmospheric disturbances. Storms will come, and must be taken into all safe calculations.

No leader in any civilized country declares for war. The declaration is for peace. The three foremost generals in the great struggle for the preservation of the Union closed their day's work by pronouncing of peace. "Let us have peace," said Gen. Grant. "War is hell," said Gen. Sherman, in summing up the horrors. "I hope never to draw my sword again," said Gen. Sheridan, with the utmost earnestness.

But did one of these eminent captains declare for disarmament? Did any of them think the country would be justified in saying "good-bye" to the army and the navy? On the contrary, were not all of them in favor of keeping up our provisions for defense, both on land and sea, to the safest level? Their knowledge of men and their experience with the world had taught them that peace was best assured by the most perfect equipment for war.

But there are eminent men who take the other view. They see in preparation for war only incitement to war, and would remove the temptation. Of this number Mr. Justice Brewer is one of the most outspoken. He has recorded himself on several occasions in strong terms, and at the meeting of the American Peace and Arbitration League in Washington last evening said:

"If the United States, since the Spanish-American war, had diverted the enormous amounts expended to build up a great navy and maintain a large army to liquidating our national debt, no nation in the world would think of attacking us.

"Without a national debt, and our enormous resources at our command, the world would respect us and fear to attack us. Billions of dollars have been spent in the last ten years in building the navy and maintaining the army. Just think of this amount being utilized to pay off the national debt, and it is easy to conceive that there would be more likelihood of international peace, so far as we would be concerned. The future of this country will be better and brighter when we say good-bye to the large army and navy."

Is this good advice? Does it square with the history of mankind? Would any president of the United States advise congress in such terms? Would any congress accept such advice from a president? If we had nothing with which to defend ourselves, and were the richest nation on the globe, would other nations stand in awe of us? On the contrary, should we not become speedily the spoil of militant mankind? For, as everybody knows, all mankind is armed, and the most powerful nations are, with temptation under everyday impulse, quick on the trigger.

The very best way to bid "good-bye" to our present, and to cancel all plans for the future, would be to bid "good-bye" to the army and navy. Strip us for the millennium, when the thousand-year period is not in sight here, nor expected elsewhere, and we should cut the figure of the enthusiast, who, persuaded that the end of the world was at hand, clothed himself in white and sought an open field to catch the trumpet's blast.—Washington Star.

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**Items Gathered in From Far and Near****How to Abolish War.**

From the Jacksonville Times-Union. If America proposes to be a world power why not be the world's peace power? We believe our country could put an end to war. To do so it would be necessary to take risks in men and money, but the risks would decrease year by year. Let the United States invite all nations opposed to war to form an alliance to settle all questions by arbitration. Let these nations provide a court of arbitration for the settlement of all disputes involving any nation belonging to this alliance, or wishing to join it, and

then let them back the decisions of this court with all the power at their command. It would not be many years before the decisions of such a court would be backed by such irresistible force as to command unhesitating acceptance from all the world.

**Tall Coats and Statesmanship.**

From the Philadelphia Inquirer.

Much excitement has been aroused in Washington over the fact that President Taft is found at his office every day clad in a coat guileless of tails and generally of a gray color. This seems to sound the death knell of the tall coat. For years has not been seen in the rest of the country save on formal occasions, but it has held its own in Washington and especially at the White House. Roosevelt never appeared except in the conventional "Prince Albert," and this was the coat of McKinley and his predecessors back to the days when all gentlemen of professional rank wore the "shababell." The frock coat still lingers on a few of the statesmen from the south who hark back to the civil war, but these few survivals simply accentuate the fact that the sack coat is now triumphant.

**Gossip of the Planets.**

From the Detroit Free Press.

It would be nice to have a few words with Mars or Venus or both of them and get them permanently on our circuit. It might be worth much to learn their political systems, what they know about big navies for keeping the peace, how they deal with prison grafters, what rights their women have and what kind of hats they are wearing this season or expect to wear next fall, the standing in their respective base ball leagues, their method of handling trusts, whether the Salome dance goes there, whether they have germs under control and if they pay any attention to the phases of the moon in conducting their affairs. There is a lot more to gossip about, but the rest will keep until the conversation opens.

**No Favoritism.**

From Milwaukee Evening Wisconsin.

The United States is committed to the policy of protection, and would make a serious blunder by departing from it. But the policy of protection is endangered whenever the slogan of protection is used to further a scheme of favoritism. Statistics demonstrate that hostility and gloves do not need more protection than they had under the Dingley tariff. To advance the rates on the articles in those schedules would be rank favoritism. Favoritism and genuine protection are at swords' points.

**Office Seekers.**

From the Providence Tribune.

It is said that Washington could house with ease a hundred times the number of office seekers now in the city. But probably the President will offer no special inducements in the way of reduced charges.

**Trophies From Africa.**

From the Chicago News.

Now is the time to begin building additions to the Smithsonian Institution.

**TWINKLES****Corporation Pride.**

"These street railroad people assume to do about as they please," said the man who complains.

"Well," answered Mrs. McCudley, "I can't deny that some of 'em is pretty overbearing. The directors and stockholders I've met seemed real gentle and considerate. But the way the motormen snub you an' the conductors order you around is something irritatin'."

**An Echo From the Turf.**

The horse has proved to be a wondrous animal indeed. There is no limit to his possibilities of speed.

For howsoever swift may be the horse on which I bet

They're certain to discover several that are swifter yet.

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