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. . . The Commission of the International Peace Bureau will meet at Berne, Switzerland, on the 20th of May. It will then fix the program for the Lucerne Peace Congress, discuss the matter of the war in the East, the creation of the Peace Propaganda Fund, etc.

. . . *Il Secolo*, the most widely circulated daily in Italy, has, with the coöperation of the Lombard Peace Union at Milan, secured the signatures of more than two hundred thousand citizens to a petition urging the Italian government to take the initiative in an effort to secure by mediation a cessation of the war in the East.

. . . An International Railway Congress is to be held in Washington beginning May 4 and continuing a week. There will be about five hundred American delegates and seven hundred from abroad. The buildings for exhibits in connection with the Congress, north of the Washington Monument, will cover an area five times as large as Madison Square Garden. It will probably be the biggest railroad demonstration ever made and it will be indirectly a peace congress, for railroads are great peacemakers.

. . . Great Britain is now spending \$150,000,000 a year more on armaments than she did only seven years ago.

The Dying Warrior.

BY EDWIN ARNOLD BRENHOLTZ.

- "Hasten now, Courier, night is approaching!
Here is your message, Speed! dark is encroaching!
Blurred are the valleys — on hilltops light lingers;
Would I could aid you with hate-inspired fingers.
- "Sore am I wounded: my warfare is finished.
Firm is the foe and our ranks are diminished;
Wasted by sickness, desertions and fighting —
Would that you were at this moment alighting.
- "Oh, that a soldier should ever be tardy!
Hasten, my comrade, be speedy as hardy.
Bring reinforcements before the day's dawning:
Graves, if you fail, for us all will be yawning.
- "Ha! you are ready. One moment, — stoop, listen, —
Farewell forever! —
Alone? Eyes will glisten! —
Soldier-checked tears at the thought of disaster; —
Oh that those hoof-beats away would die faster.
- "Here is the ending of fond dreams of glory:
Linked with defeat goes my name down in story.
Is it disgrace to be trebly outnumbered?
No! but they'll write, 'Sure, his vigilance slumbered.'
- "Such are the chances the warrior faces.
Death — like most others — he fearless embraces.
Ne'er does he count on a final disaster;
Always, in dreams, he is victor and master.
- "Was that a bugle note? On to the slaying,
Mortals for stakes on earth's battlefields playing!
Men are but pawns in the great game of nations:
Here is one more dropped from human relations.

"Feebly fond thoughts in this brain now are glowing —
Curst is war's harvest; its seed we are sowing.
See! there's the flag I have followed — God bless it!
Comrades, I'm coming! — O life-blood! repress it.

"Weaker and weaker! Now, can't make a motion:
Fame, art thou worthy a lifetime's devotion?
Some have had doubts as to justice of slaying:
Children and wife for my welfare are praying.

"Small, in these death-touched eyes, causes for warring;
High o'er past life is this spirit now soaring:
Fame all imperfect to world I am leaving:
Oh, see the thousands my life has set grieving.

"Must I be facing forever this vision;
Murderers calling with brutal derision
'Come to us Brother'? Away, with delusion,
Bred by the fever, the stillness, seclusion.

"Dark, and alone, and in silence I'm sinking —
Only of children and wife now I'm thinking: —
God, in thy mercy forgive me for blindness;
Answer their prayers in thine infinite kindness;

"Answer" —

O Lord, we complete his petition:
Purge from each mind all this strife superstition;
Answer, with peace, those to whom he brought sorrow;
Answer; with Peace, for all men on the morrow.

Sketches of Eminent Peace Workers of the Past Century.

I.

David L. Dodge.

The habit of calling somebody the father or mother or apostle of every movement is frequently handy, but not always just. One may in some sense, however, fairly call David L. Dodge the father of the peace movement in America, for he not only wrote, so far as is known, the first formal pamphlets against war (always excepting the documents issued by the Society of Friends), but organized the first peace society in the world.

Mr. Dodge was the grandfather of the late William E. Dodge of New York. He was born in Brooklyn, June 14, 1774, and lived to the age of seventy-eight. He was a member of the Presbyterian church and in later life an elder. In business he became by his own efforts one of the most prominent mercantile men of his day. He was a great lover of knowledge, and made up by diligent private study for his early lack of a liberal education. He at one time engaged enthusiastically and successfully in teaching. He was fond of religious studies and wrote many essays upon various theological subjects. He was especially distinguished for his religious benevolence and for his private visitation and help of individuals.

In his early youth, during and after the Revolution, Mr. Dodge was thrown into circumstances which tended powerfully to cultivate in him the war spirit. At eighteen he joined a militia company, and saw military parades and exercises of all kinds. In his presence "military heroes were eulogized by ministers and laymen as the excellent and glory of the earth." He grew to