

# IF YOU ARE GOOD NO HARM MAY COME, BUT OTHER NATIONS MAY CLAIM RIGHT TO SAY HOW GOOD YOU HAVE BEEN

Here is an Editorial That knocks the Props Completely From Under the  
Anti-Preparedness Fellows and Leaves Them Absolutely no  
Ground to Stand Upon

FROM THE SPOKANE SPOKESMAN-REVIEW.

"If we conduct ourselves in a neutral way," asserts Senator Wesley L. Jones, "none of the countries engaged in it (the present war) will want to get into a contest with us."

Pretty much the same view is taken by President Nicholas Murray Butler of Columbia University: "No people will be hostile to us unless we, by our conduct, make them so." President Butler thinks that the functions of our army and navy should be confined to "police, philanthropic and sanitary" service, and that we "should put behind us forever the notion that we must arm in peace as a preventive of war."

The whole pacifist case for unpreparedness hinges on that opinion. If it were true that no people will be hostile to us unless, by preparedness, we make them so, preparedness would be wanton waste and folly, for we have no aggressive designs on the territorial integrity of any country anywhere. We do not covet our neighbors' lands. We have undeveloped territory and resources sufficient for five times as many people as now dwell under the stars and stripes.

We are Neutral, but Attacked. But it is not true. We have been scrupulously neutral throughout this war. We have not taken a single alien life nor tried to take one. We have not interfered anywhere with the trade and commerce of the world. We have been so scrupulous in our efforts to obey the law of nations that the belligerent governments have not even lodged an accusation that we have in any way violated international law.

We have been more than neutral; we have been chivalric and generous. Our people have given enormously to funds and organizations laboring in the war zones to mitigate the horrors of war—to nurse the wounded, to feed the famished, to care for the refugees.

Yet we are attacked on land and on sea. Our women and children have been slain; our lawful cargoes have been confiscated at the cannon's mouth and men under the protection of the flag taken off and imprisoned. We Can't Leave Our Rights to Others. The whole anti-preparedness case of pacifists like Mr. Butler and Mr. Jones stands on the assumption that we can safely leave our rights, interests and national safety to the sense of justice of foreign nations; that all of these foreign governments will look at American rights, liberties and interests as we look at them.

This is analogous to saying that an American citizen need never defend his interests in an American court of law. That no one will ever sue him unless by his conduct he invites suit. That if he has large property interests he need not spend money for legal defense, because he can safely and confidently yield his judgment and his sense of justice to the sense of justice of every other man and woman living in his judicial jurisdiction.

President Butler and Senator Jones say, in the first place, that none of the other nations of the world will attack us if we are neutral and do

not attack them, and, in the second place, they will not have the strength or the resources to attack us when the European war is done.

"Not one of the belligerents will be able to attack any other country for a generation if it wanted to," says President Butler. "Even the most military of European states, at the end of this war, will find itself as Serbia and Bulgaria found themselves after the long struggle in the Balkans."

Plenty of Fighting Punch Left. That was an unfortunate illustration for Mr. Butler. Since it was uttered Bulgaria, the country which he thought exhausted in the Balkan wars, exhausted for a generation, has plunged into the greater fray as an ally of the central powers.

The exact converse of that reasoning is true. As Maj-Gen. Wood told the senate military committee recently, "there isn't going to be any weakness abroad after this war is over. You will find that more male children will have been born than have been killed or injured."

Japan has been in three wars in the last dozen years, and is better prepared than ever.

"A century ago (quoting from 'The Valor of Ignorance') Europe watched complacently the self-devastation of France. The monarchy had been murdered; the nobility guillotined; commerce ruined, manufactures destroyed; the countryside was a tangled thicket presided over by a half-starved and tattered people. The wealth of the nation had gone up in the bonfire of the republic. Suddenly a little sallow man took hold of these famished people, this nation devoid of commerce, manufactures or revenues, and with its poverty conquered the whole of incredulous Europe," Napoleon!

Take the Wonderful Rise of Japan. Take a more recent instance, Japan. "Only a few years since, on some mountainous islands, a people little known fought among themselves with weapons as primitive as those of the siege of Troy. Their entire revenues were less than those of an American city, the cultivable land of the whole empire less than one-half the area of Illinois. Suddenly they also rose up, and, with the perennial power of poverty, in less than one decade disemboweled the two valiant and vaunted empires on earth, causing the whole world to whisper in old and stale wonder at this new sun that rose with the suddenness of an unknown comet out of the eastern sea."

Opponents of preparedness ask this nation to lean on a broken reed, for surely this war affords sufficient proof that the pacifist belief that a peace-seeking country is immune from attack is a shattered reed. The case of Belgium is a powerful exhibit against that doctrine. The case of France another. The case of China is yet another. And the case of Greece supplies the latest proof.

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## Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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**Chest.**  
The sailor's contribution,  
One of the very best,  
For I have seen him light his pipe  
And sit down on his chest.

**Corn-Cobb.**  
Miss Margaret Corn was married to Stanley Duncan Cobb Monday at the home of the bride's parents. When Cobb went to the clerk's office for the license he was refused, the clerk thinking it was a joke. Cobb finally convinced the clerk that it was a genuine Corn-Cobb marriage, and he shell-out \$1.75 for the license.—El Paso (Tex.) Civ. Temple (Tex.) Telegram.

**Walk.**  
The errand boy's a plodder who  
Gets mighty little dough,  
He has a walk in life, that's true,  
But it is very slow.

**Molier.**  
"Why do you refer to the hypocrite as the human Swiss cheese?" asked the old fogey.  
"Because he always has an 'I am holier than thou' expression," replied the grouch.

**Ode to a Calf.**  
Blest not, oh, calf! For unto thee  
I now devote this little ballad.  
Cheer up! For some day you will be  
The chicken in a chicken salad.

**The Wise Fool.**  
"Misfortune comes in pairs," quoted the sage.  
"Yes," agreed the fool, "if the other fellow holds three of a kind."

**Wu!**  
This has no business in our shop,  
We'll clean it with our razors;  
A carpenter's knows by his chips,  
A barber by his shavings.

**Peer Old Paw.**  
Willie—Paw, can I ask you a question?  
Paw—Yes, my son. What is it?  
Willie—Why, could you say that electric signs are light reading matter?

**Artists All.**  
"The dentist is an artist," said  
The funny Mr. Heath.  
"The dentist doesn't care his bread,  
But I've seen him draw teeth."

**The merchant is an artist, too,"**  
Said witty Mr. Wade.  
"His line of ads. is always true  
So he can draw your trade."

**Pleased to Meet Them.**  
Dear Luke, George F. Steer is superintendent and Fred Tongue is manager of the Armstrong Beef Packing company of Dallas, Tex.—R. B.

**Quack!**  
Dear Luke—When the professor had concluded his lecture to his class of dental students, one student asked this question:  
"What relation does the oblique inferior palpebrae bear to the inferior maxillary sinus during the mastication of spring chicken?"—J. A. Throckmorton, Sidney, O.

**But Are They Near the Crematory?**  
Luke would inform some seventy-five correspondents that he entered the firm of Geter & Baker, the Jacksonville (Fla.) undertaker, in the club several months ago.

**Names Is Names.**  
Next T. Mann lives at Dennison, O.

**Things to Worry About.**  
The world receives an average of 158 earthquake shocks every year.

**Our Daily Special.**  
Much feeding maketh a full man.

**Luke McLuke Says:**  
When a woman has seven or eight children she is always taking something old and making it over into something new.

You can give a girl all the higher education you please, but her husband's excuses will never sound as logical to her as they do to him.  
When father gets home after midnight and tries to get through the house in the dark so as not to wake mother he wonders what ever possessed mother to purchase sixty-nine new rocking chairs and forty-one new tables since he left the house the morning before.

There are a whole lot of church members who know that a nickel makes more noise than a dollar bill when it is dropped into the collection plate.

There are plenty of promising young men who never pay.  
Religion is a great force for good. But so is the fear of being found out.

Before he gets her he says that she doesn't eat any more than a bird. And after he gets her he realizes that an ostrich is a bird.

It is a mighty dumb mule that can't learn something about kicking from the average man.

When she is sixteen nothing less than a palace and a golden palace will suit her. But when she is twenty-six a common ordinary provider and a house with plenty of closets look mighty good to her.

The average business man can tell you that a course in stenography includes almost everything except spelling.

### FRUITS IN RHYME.

An APPLE a Day  
Keeps the Doctor away.  
A PEAR Without Question  
Helps the Digestion.  
Much better than meat,  
Are GRAPES, good and sweet.  
ORANGES, without doubt,  
Prevent Rhuma and Gout.  
LEMONS, though sour,  
Gain favor each hour.  
GRAPE-FRUIT, above all,  
Is a breakfast's best call.  
The People out here,  
Prefer Fruit to Beer.  
That's why they consume  
So much fruit, we presume.

### APPLE CROP LARGER THAN WAS EXPECTED

Growers and Dealers Face Tremendous Problem; Surplus Heaviest Known.

The wisest farmers and the cleverest jobbers apparently "slipped up" in predicting the apple crop last summer. Apple "prognosticators" wearing laurels earned in estimating crops of the past twenty-five years, were no better than the greenest amateur, it appears.

Last fall "short crop" talk was the watchword. Orchardists and dealers based their estimates on the 1916 production of the most prominent producing sections, compared with the production of previous years. No account was taken of the hundreds of thousands of new acres coming into bearing every year since the tremendous development of the box apple industry and also of the barreled apples in new sections. No credence was given to the fact that many farmers now do their own storing in cellars, barns, pits, and in fact their own cold storage.

With a prospective short crop prices naturally started at a high level which curtailed consumption. It has now developed that the supply on hand March first was the heaviest for that time of the year for many years. With but three months to move these large holdings, prices are already being slashed right and left and consumers should be buying good apples cheaper than ever.

Furthermore, all apples now un sold are of the highest quality and best condition as all poor and defective apples have either been sold or dumped. Only good apples will keep until this time. It is a case of quality, as well as quantity.

### TOO FAT? EAT APPLES.

The apple is one of nature's best remedies for superfluous fat. Its acids act as a gentle solvent for the accumulated excess of fatty tissue and help to flush from the system this undesirable matter. It is said that ex-President Taft reduced forty pounds through playing golf and eating three apples a day.

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### CANNED APPLES.

Wipe, quarter, core and pare apples; then weigh. Make a sirup by boiling for ten minutes one-third their weight in sugar with water, allowing two and one-half cups to each pound of sugar. Cook apples in sirup until soft, doing a few at a time. Fill jars and seal.

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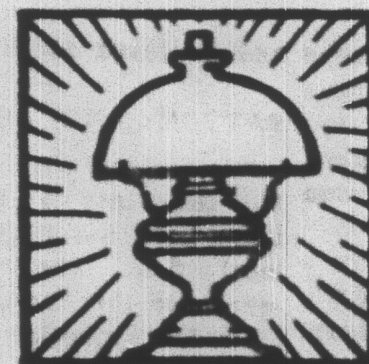
The March King's stately name is known wherever music holds its own, wherever drums and cymbals throb, and orchestras hold down their job. A Sousa march—just mention that, and mark how people smile thereat; they know what Sousa's music is; it's melody without the fizz; it's full of energy and pep, and makes old graybeards dance a step; they hear the sound of marching men, of chargers trotting down the glen, the shock of battle and the roar, and billows beating on the shore. And Sousa, when he would compose that music which the whole world knows, fills up his pipe with good old "Tux" (name 't'other brands, and he says, "Shucks!"). Tuxedo is the smoke of men who do big things with lyre or pen, who make the old world's wheels go round, whose names will down the ages sound.



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And His Band



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