

Kellogg's Great Effort

T HAS been customary to say that old men make wars for young men to fight, but the old man who is now our Secretary of State is doing his utmost to induce all of the great nations to unite with us in preventing wars.

Secretary Kellogg will succeed if we let him. Both the State Department and the Senate are willing to go as far as public opinion will follow.

Will these treaties actually outlaw war or must we look forward again to another period when killing will be the normal business of civilized men?

The World War is just ten years away, yet it seems so far gone now that we can scarcely believe its reality. But a decade ago men still in their early thirties were flying over populous cities, dropping explosives.

We are no better than men were in 1914. Human nature has not changed during these ten years. Tools have been improved. Guns are more effective. Airplanes can drop heavier bombs of more terrible explosives and of more deadly gases.

Have we any reason to think that we and our children shall escape the ageold tragedy of war?

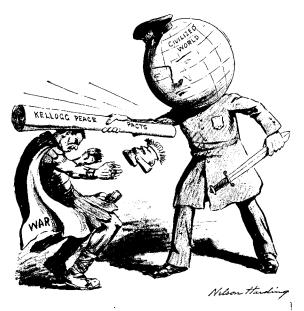
The answer is an emphatic "yes." We can avoid war and we can honorably avoid war if we choose. War can be made as obsolete as dueling.

War is now a legally recognized method of conducting international business. Public opinion is more humane than international law and war is not tolerated except where it can be excused as an act of self-defense. But the right to make war exists.

What the political parties are demanding is simply that the same rules by which we live in other relationships be extended to international affairs.

Unless we are criminals and outlaws we don't kill those with whom we have private differences of opinion. We arbitrate, or go to court, or simply stop doing business with our private enemies.

Human nature won't be made different by the treaties outlawing war. We shall be just as selfish and just as generous as we were before. We shall have the same peaceable and the same quarrelsome instincts. But even though we are ourselves un-



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changed, the rules of the game of international life will be changed, and this is the vital essential.

So if you see no sense in utilizing the inventiveness of science to maim and destroy the finest of the sons of men, support your government in its attempt to prevent future calamities. Here is one place in which our government is as good and as wise as we will permit it to be.

What of It?

JEAN LUSSIER'S rubber ball carried him safely through Niagara's swirling waters and, being the curious animals we are, we shall doubtless pay sufficiently for the pleasure of looking at the adventurer and his contraption to reimburse him for his expenditures and perhaps give him enough to buy that farm he wishes to bestow upon his parents.

A mad exploit and utterly useless, but profitable so long as we are willing to buy admission tickets to get a look at the bizarre.

The participants in the absurd exploits are only a little madder than those of us who gape at them. A woman dances her shoes off to win money for her son's schooling. Viewed one way it is mother love, or the passion for education, or some other noble impulse. Looked at otherwise, it is a sorry bid for notoriety and dollars. But it takes all sorts to make up a sum-

But it takes all sorts to make up a summer and the police needn't worry lest they condone too much. If the most solid of us did not have slight tinges of this lunacy, even the in-patients of Bedlam would know that no money was to be made by winning any one of the mad records which now are much sought after.

Pioneers

WHICHEVER way we vote next fall we will elect a President belonging to pioneer stock and bred in the pioneer way of thinking and doing. The word pioneer comes from the French and meant originally one who goes ahead and breaks trail. Hoover's early struggles were in far-off places while Smith had to fight through the jungle of tenements. Each in his own way is a trail-breaker and each, by the same token, stands for a tradition which is thoroughly American.

What is this tradition? Let us look at it in the lives of these two men who have so little else in common.

First, it is a tradition of opportunity. Both Smith and Hoover lost their fathers in boyhood. Both had to make their own ways in the world without wealth or favor to help them.

Second, it is a tradition of service of neighborliness. Hoover and Smith are strong candidates because the voters believe that they are able to look beyond their own interests. Hoover gave up a fortune in order to give all his time and strength to Belgian relief. Smith has devoted the best years of his life in the state of New York at a salary which does not cover reasonable living expenses.

Third, it is a tradition of open-mindedness. Both Smith and Hoover are in many ways conservative. Hoover won the confidence of Germans and Allies alike because both knew that his mind was wholly on the job in hand—that of feeding a starving nation. Smith got needed legislation year after year from a Republican legislature because he, too, could look beyond platforms and generalizations to the thing that cried out to be done. That is Americanism at its best. How did both men manage to acquire it?

There could not have been two careers more widely different. Hoover, born in Iowa, migrated to Oregon and went to school in a brand-new California university. His work took him to out-of-the-way places all over the world. He was as much at home in London, Peking and Paris as in New York City.

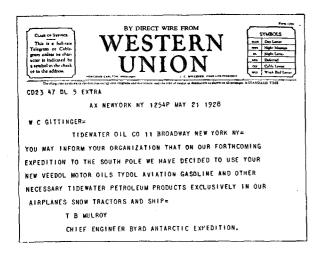
Smith, on the other hand, lived till he was thirty within an area about a quarter of a mile square on the lower East Side of Manhattan. What Hoover learned at college and in his wide travels Smith had to acquire in the rough-and-tumble of the street, the fish market, the water-front and the political club.

The truth is that, rising far above differences of birth, religion and politics, there is an Americanism recognizable alike in the crowded tenement districts and in the open spaces of the West. It is the Americanism of the pioneer—hopeful, experimental, kindly, democratic. This year's opportunity to vote for it is far more important than partisan politics.

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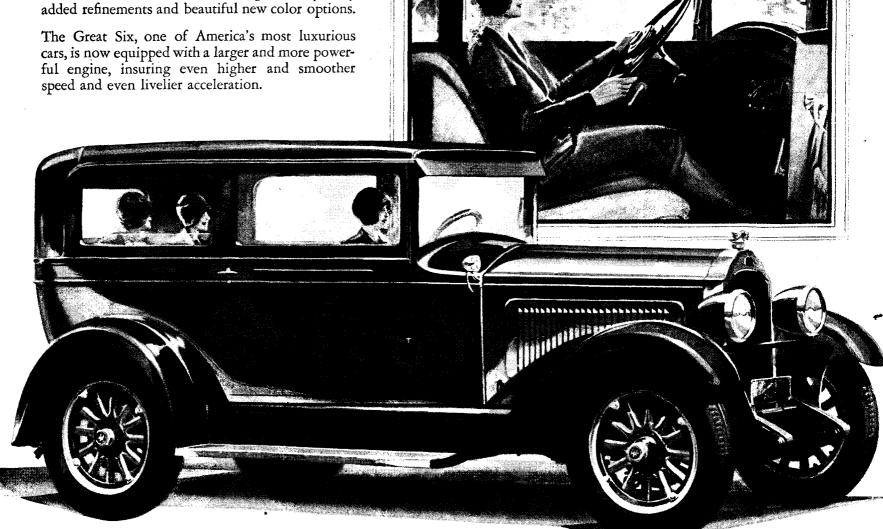
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