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EDITORIAL

Armed Peace.

Was it for this that the nations of Europe have groaned beneath the burdens of militarism all these years? Will human folly repeat it? s. c.



A Tree Known By Its Fruit.

In Europe we now see the fruit of that pernicious doctrine "My country right or wrong." Austrian citizens are marching forth to kill Servians, with whom they have no personal quarrel, and who have never done them wrong. Germans, Russians and French are going out to do the same. "Our country calls us," they say or think, and at the same time they imagine that that relieves them of moral responsibility. The fallacies falsely labeled "patriotism," which have been impressed upon them since childhood, are now leading them out to kill and be killed, to inflict misery on others, and to suffer it themselves. May this be the last time such sacrifices will be made to the fetish of counterfeit patriotism. s. D.



In Time of War Prepare for Peace.

Let not those who have thought to see men beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning-hooks feel that they have indulged a vain hope. It is not for us to gauge the task nor to fix its ending, but to keep everlastingly at it. And if there be faint hearts that would give up because they see not the end, let them take comfort in the reflection that all the great accomplishments of history looked just as impossible immediately before the page was turned. The war spirit may be likened to a carbuncle on the body. The poison flowing through the blood localizes itself, and a painful lump forms in the flesh. Relief is sought in salves, ointments, and poultices. But the lump continues to swell, and the pain to increase, until at the very time when the soul is in mortal agony the carbuncle bursts and spews out the poison. The