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LIBERAL PACIFISM demands peace because it considers war useless. That is a view understandable only from the standpoint of the free-trade doctrine as developed in the classical theory of Hume, Smith and Ricardo. He who wants to prepare a lasting peace must, like Bentham, be a free trader and a democrat and work with decisiveness for the removal of all political rule over colonies by a mother country and fight for the full freedom of movement of persons and goods. Those and no others are the preconditions of eternal peace. If one wants to make peace, then one must get rid of the possibility of conflicts between peoples. Only the ideas of liberalism and democracy have the power to do that.<sup>1</sup>

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1. From *Nation, State, and Economy* (1919), Leland B. Yeager, trans. (New York and London: New York Univ. Press, 1983).