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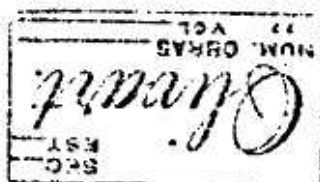
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GIVETH<sup>1</sup>

WHILE sojourning with my family at a watering-place on the eastern frontier of France in the summer of 1905, rumors reached me through the public prints that our President was permitting himself to listen to, if not seriously to entertain, the purpose of attempting negotiations for a suspension of the war between the empires of Russia and Japan. Deeming such a step on his part most indiscreet and unlikely to be successful, except upon terms which any representative of a republic would have reason to deplore, I wrote the following letter:

DIVONNE LES BAINS

June 8, 1905.

*My dear Mr. President:*

You have the ear of Dionysius, but you do not use it for the same purpose. The tyrant

<sup>1</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth give I unto you. John xiv. 27.

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of Syracuse used it to learn what his people did not wish him to know. You use it only to learn what your people wish you to know. There you have my excuse for trying to secure your attention for a few moments.

You will have observed that the day following the arrival of the news of the prostration of the Russian naval power on the Pacific the market value of all financial securities advanced throughout the commercial world. This advance was based upon the probabilities of an early peace which you are looked to as the *Deus ex Machina* through whom it is to be negotiated.

What I venture to suggest is that you be in no hurry to entertain appeals of that kind, from any quarter. The time for a peace of any sort, and especially for a durable peace which would unite the people and government of Russia, the only kind of peace with the negotiation of which you can afford to have anything to do, is still, in my judgment, quite remote.

There is no evidence that either of the belligerent governments or their people desire