## Words Poorly Used #73: Avoiding War

There were a post and a thread of discussion on Facebook today covering the POTUS-Elect's nomination for Secretary of State. Someone ventured that we (the USA, I suppose) would "avoid war with Russia." One, we never avoid war, it is the health of the state (per **Randolph Bourne**), and it is the wealth of the oligarchy. And it is the joystick of the powerful. Two, haven't every POTUS and SOS always avoided war with Russia, or did I miss an episode? Give a little, take a little, but don't break up the game.