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PUTTING PEACE BACK INTO THE WORLD THE RESPONSIBILITY EXTENDS TO EVERY INDIVIDUAL

WHEN THE bloodsoaked world in the fall of 1918 came reeling out of the trenches, the sobered nations first began to check up on the losses in human life they had suffered. The next step was the tabulation of that which had been destroyed in physical and moral values. When the uncontaminated elements of every people realized to what extent the human virtues, which had slowly been molded and erected as monuments to the world's greatest forward movement of civilization, had been destroyed during the ruthless prosecution of the war, a cry of pain rent the air. To the extent our civilization had been impaired or discredited, to that extent they discovered that a recrudescence of the alloy of the primitive man had taken place. Again they beheld a recurrence of the primitive animal traits that had held him on a lower stratum through the long dark ages before the soul of man was awakened and became the enlightening force we call human conscience. This soul force has through the ages quickened the finer sensibilities reflected in the God-image and set in motion the machinery of man's emancipation. In due time it produced the civilization we knew in 1914 before the world plunged into the cataclysm that produced this recrudescence.

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Through the years that have followed since the civilized nations in 1914 went into the valleys of the past, man's ingenuity has been chiefly directed along channels of warfare inventions. The development of weapons of war, instruments so deadly that the inventors themselves shudder at the thought of the possible disaster and devastation they are capable of producing when scientifically handled and applied, has seemingly become an obsession among the leading world nations.

The human mind, somehow, seems to have attained a different level of reason than the prevailing level of 1914. This deduction is based upon its favor-

able reactions to the ancient creed of combative ability and ingenuity. The prevailing sentiment, despite all assertions to the contrary, seems to be to put faith and reliance on might, rather than on right; and the poisonous seeds of distrust are actually being cultivated in the soil which we had come to believe had been dedicated to trust and confidence, justice, right and good will.

The stage has retained its war-setting and "the next war" is being discussed everywhere as though its outbreak was impending, something in a sense to be looked forward to rather than something to be avoided.

War lords and generals, in line with ancient practices, have been allowed to occupy the high seats in the Councils of Peace. Their vindictive spirits have clashed and rendered almost impossible the hoped and prayed for return of peace. While these post-war maneuvers have held the world's attention, the spiritual morale, all over the world, has been weakened and a state of moral irresponsibility of far reaching proportions is discernible on every hand. When the spiritual morale of a people shows signs of receding the effect is immediately apparent in moral recklessness and an alarming abandon of right living on every hand.

Human delinquency always increases when the moral standards are impaired through periodic lapses of the spiritual morale of society.

Most noticeable in the scale of moral decadence is the tendency to outlawry, murder and thievery, immorality and indifference to the laws of state and society. These developments alone have gained such alarming proportions that all sorts of modern soothsayers, prophets and scientists are now engaged in trying to find the cause for these outcroppings of bestial traits which normal states of an advanced civilization had happily eradicated to an extent that its signs were so rare that civilized society was thought