

business man in making the aspirations of the prophet materialise in hard concrete fact. It appears to me that when this war is over the task before this British Empire of ours will be very difficult. Germany has given us the spectacle of a central bureaucratic autocracy organising its people in domestic matters for business and commerce and in international matters for diplomacy and war. It has organised them—do not let us underrate our enemy in this respect—with quite uncommon skill and ability. Now we have got a much harder task. We have got to see that a democratic people shall be able to organise itself with the same efficiency as an autocracy organises in Germany. Each of us in our own Dominions has to organise our internal affairs and our industrial relationships, so that nobody can say of us that we have gone through a great war simply in order to have the same internal struggles and squabbles over again. We have also to organise our inter-Imperial relations, and we have to do what I believe no democracy has properly done up to now—to bring a real understanding and judgment to bear on international relations and international problems.

Mr. Hearst has referred to emigration. It was, he said, no longer a question for private individuals but for governments, and I quite agree. It is, of course, going to be a matter of very considerable difficulty, and what I often find in political life is I fancy true elsewhere—that sometimes people with enthusiasm won't face the hard facts, and that people who can face the facts have not always got the necessary enthusiasm. We have to combine the two. In the first place no one can say with precision what the state of affairs is going to be at the end of the war. It seems, however, whatever the care with which we may strive to adjust matters, as though there must be some period of dislocation, of a greater or less degree, during which vast numbers of men will be thrown upon and gradually re-absorbed by the labour market, to be followed probably by a demand for labour, perhaps as great as there has been at any time during the past two or three decades. No one would be rash enough to prophesy, but we must all estimate possibilities, and such a forecast seems at least