

gency, and it is for isolation, for reciprocal exclusion and for difference, whereby the general suffering can but grow.”

These few words are pregnant with meaning and are profoundly true. How long must the war go on?

No one who faces the facts can deny that the treaties which followed the Armistice were built upon the foundation of that old order of armed and competitive nationalism which, if the lessons of the great war had been learned, would have been seen to have reached its end. The dictated treaties, built upon this foundation, were, and could only be, abundant in causes of difficulty, of friction and of dispute. To reconsider their provisions within any brief period of years is a psychological impossibility, but to overcome and to minimize the new difficulties which those treaties create is by no means impossible, leaving readjustments in the treaties themselves to the slow process of time. If only the fact be grasped that economic boundaries no longer bear any relation to political boundaries and that, if national prosperity is to be restored and to continue, new and natural economic unities must be created by overleaping political boundaries, now in one direction, now in another, and now in many directions at once, the new day will begin to dawn. If trade and industry and transportation can be restored in central and western Europe, in eastern Europe and in the Balkan States by the creation of new economic unities, with simple and helpful administration of laws of inspection and taxation at a political boundary, the whole world will begin to revive and then to move forward on a new and higher plane. But the United States must play its part and must go and do likewise. It must recognize that in these days no nation can be an end in itself but that each plays its part like a brick in a wall, like a stone in a monument, like a link in a chain, like a citizen in a state, as a member of that commonwealth of free and independent nations which is just now being born. Far-seeing statesmen and wise economists have seen all this and have projected or proposed it, but every