

I doubt if any great reform in the history of the world has not been brought about by war, self-sarrifice and suffering. The U.S.A. protested against taxation without representation. The pen failed, but by force of arms they started one of the greatest nations on earth, (a doubtful blessing I will admit), but no one can deny their status. Italy has not suffered under the big stick. She has improved. France was never as prosperous in her existence as she is today, and all over the world, despite the grumbling, never were the general public as well off. The war brought out hoards of money that had been out of circulation for years. Prices and wages soared to unbelievable heights, and people became drunk with money. Hundreds bought motor cars instead of homes and played the goat generally. The drunk is over and the headache is on, and the same people blame the war for their troubles. Money is not destroyed by war, it is simply diverted into other channels, and benefits all instead of a few.

Mr. Sheppard, in his zeal for his cause, threatens us like the Methodist parsons, with fire from heaven unless we repent and join the disarmament cause. I have faith enough in my fellow countrymen to believe that if an enemy tries to put the British Empire out of business with poisonous gas or anything else, that we have brains enough to give him a bit of his own back, unless our Government is under the control of a few choice imbeciles who will not give us the weapons to strike back when attacked.

The danger to the British Empire today is not an