

we thought we had developed a fairly effective type of poison gas. In the last thirteen years, however, our laboratories have not been idle. Today we have a gas that is infinitely more deadly than anything we dreamed of in 1918. They tell us that fifty tons of this gas dumped on a city of the size of London will wipe out every living thing in thirty minutes. Two hundred planes can carry the fifty tons. France at the present moment has two thousand military planes that can be marshalled in an hour's time at the call of the radio. This is what modern war is. This is what will happen under Senator Borah's reservation.

A Way of Escape

In the thirteen years that have elapsed since the Armistice, the whole world has been looking for a way of escape. Surely there must be some exit from this blind alley into which the human race has so unwittingly wandered. Surely the social sciences can make a contribution in constructive effort to match the destructive contributions of the natural sciences.

The first thing we have thought of is an International Court of Justice. If only we could have an institution which would determine between nations the same kind of issues that arise between the states of our Union, obviously here would be a first step forward in our search for a way of escape. Whatever mistakes we have made in these thirteen years, at least we have erected such a court. It is now in existence. Its judges sit on the bench at The Hague precisely as the judges of the United States Supreme Court sit on the bench in Washington. It is the fulfillment of an American ideal. At The Hague Conference in 1899 it was the American delegation that urged the creation of such a court. Again at the second Hague Conference in 1907 it was the American representatives that argued without avail for such an institution. Now we have it—built in accordance with American specifications, the result of influences which America herself initiated.

But oddly enough, America is not yet a member of this Court. We have shilly-shallied back and forth from one position to another. We have found a dozen objections to it. We have adopted it with minute reservations and then have claimed that the acceptance of these reservations by the other powers did not meet the points we had in mind. Recently a new argument against the Court