

war are not willing to make more millions from another and are using all their influence to further their own selfish aims. Millions of men throughout the world are unemployed desperate with want and enraged against the society which cannot, or will not, help them. War would find them all jobs. Nations may be faced with the choice between war and revolution. So long as they are armed they will choose war.

Excessive armaments are the outward and visible sign of a mind which regards war as normal. If that is the mind of the greater part of humanity, then our civilization must be accepted as based on war and it is only a question of time before a new and fiercer conflagration bursts out, until the new and frightful engines of death are set going. When this occurs whole cities, whole provinces, whole nations will be utterly destroyed and the clock of civilization will go back a thousand years.

The next disarmament conference must succeed. If it fails - that is if it does not ensure an honest and universal reduction in the actual killing and wounding power of arms - we shall see the downfall of our institutions and the end of western civilization. Let me repeat that disarmament must be honest, must be mutual and must be universal. I appeal to the veterans of the Great War, to the youth of the world, to see to it that your governments determine on disarmament now, for there will be no other chance.