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By the terms of the Armistice signed on November 11, 1918, it was provided that on the western front there should be cessation of hostilities on land and in the air six hours after the signature of the Armistice and that there should be immediate cessation of all hostilities at sea. Nothing was said in that famous document, and nothing could be there said, about the cessation of hostilities in human minds and in human hearts. What causes this country today to suffer so greatly and what is bringing unprecedented distress to the whole world is the fact that the war is still going on. Hostilities, to be sure, are no longer military or naval in their expression, but they are none the less angry, bitter and selfish. How long must the war go on?

That which came to its tragic end in the years 1914-1918 was the system of armed and competitive nationalism which had been growing up in the western world for centuries. When it pulled down the roof of that world upon millions of innocent and once happy homes and sent to their unmerited death millions upon millions of human beings who had not the least notion of what the fighting was all about, its lessons were so plain that for a time it seemed as if the public opinion of the world had learned what they were and was prepared to act upon them. The League of Nations came into existence and began helpfully and with large promise to set about its noble task. The Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, creature of American example and American leadership, was constituted and quickly made a place for itself in the field of international relations. The Bank for International Settlements at Basel was brought into being, and there was quick promise through it of new leadership in all that pertains to international coöperation in the fields of economics and finance. The Pacts of Locarno, definite and convincing, were followed by the Pact of Paris, as definite and as convincing as any declaration of governments can possibly be. This Pact, under the