

May I read Senator Borah's statement once again?

There are some things in this world more to be desired than peace, and one of them is the unembarrassed and unhampered and untrammelled political independence of *this Japanese Empire*—the right and power to determine in every crisis, when that crisis comes, untrammelled by any previous commitments, the course which it is best for the people of *this Empire* to pursue. If peace cannot be had without our surrendering that freedom of action, then *we Japanese* are not for peace.

The trouble with Senator Borah is that his feet are caught in an ancient tradition. Part of his brain is living in the eighteenth century. His narrow conception of nationalism no longer fits the facts. Today it has no more relevance than the old doctrine of the divine right of kings.

Senator Borah Abhors War

Senator Borah says that he abhors war. But there is one kind of war he does not abhor, and that is war waged to maintain the right of this country to pursue its own course under any and all circumstances.

The difficulty with Senator Borah is that he does not understand the nature of modern war. For war, like everything else, has been completely altered by our machines and our new industrial setting. War today comes as an explosion in the midst of delicately adjusted mechanism. It blows to pieces the intricately woven commercial and financial structure which constitutes the basis of our machine civilization. Consequently, under modern conditions, there is no such thing as any nation really winning a war. Everybody is defeated. Both sides—all sides—go down in one common cataclysm of ruin.

But what about the last war that came to its end thirteen years ago today? Surely there were victorious nations in that struggle. There was Great Britain for example—Great Britain under the brilliant military leadership of Haig; Great Britain led by Lloyd George and backed through four heroic years by a united loyalty such as the world has seldom seen. Surely Great Britain came out of the war a victorious country.