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PEACE!

The war of 1914 virtually came to an end on November 11th, 1918, when the armistice was signed by the Allies.

The Treaty of Peace, which followed in due course, was signed by representatives of the Allies and of Germany on June 28, 1919. We join with those who, in this month of July, at the King's request, voice their thanksgivings to Almighty God for victory vouchsafed and for making this awful war to cease.

It is a misnomer to speak of the elaborate document, signed in the Salon de Glaces at Versailles, as a *treaty*. It was simply, and nothing more than the expression of the views of the conquerors, as to what was best to be done, under the circumstances, to put an end, for a time at least, to the awful carnage, devastation and horrors of the most terrible war that has ever cursed humanity—so to manacle a murderous ruffian, drunk with insatiable ambition, lust of power and devilish ferocity that, for a time at least, the world might have a measure of peace—to force the wrongdoers to make some monetary amends for the awful havoc they wrought, and finally to bring to the bar of justice some of those who used war as an excuse for actual crimes, blacker, baser and more ferocious and fiendish than ever were charged in any court of justice since the world was.

This is all as it should be, but it is only a makeshift. It will do nothing for humanity in the future, and sadly little for the world in the present.

The hatred of France for Germany in 1871 (and good cause for it) is exceeded a hundredfold by Germany's hatred for France and her friends in 1919. To this is added a deep and abiding spirit of revenge, and hope for vengeance, by Germany in the years to come.