

wrongs into the new liberty of equality of opportunity. The full triumph of democracy means that predatory classes, as well as predatory nations, must be abolished.

The women have not escaped the high cost of war. They have paid the price equally with the men. What the women of Belgium and the women of northern France have suffered in the past three years, God only knows. It is said that the French government is considering in what way such women can best be helped to bear their almost unfathomable misery. The stories told concerning some of these innocent victims of Prussian hellishness are so horrible, so unspeakably devilish, that even men of humane dispositions, who have more than an average regard for the sanctity of human life, would consider it an honor to fire a gun that would blow to the place where they belong the men who are responsible for such outrages against womanhood and motherhood.

Whatever may be the glamor of war to the man of ardent temperament who has the spirit of heroic adventure, to women it is nothing but a hideous, monstrous evil, and to mothers it is hell. John Bennett in a poem<sup>6</sup> savagely realistic, entitled "The Accounting," gives an indictment of the warlords who have taken men out into the bloody shambles. The account is to be paid to the mothers.

<sup>6</sup> "Harper's Weekly," Aug. 29, 1914, p. 203.