

hands, and making what amounted to an unconditional surrender. The refusal of an armistice, when asked for under such circumstances, would have involved unnecessary bloodshed: it would also have been cruelty to a beaten and dispirited foe. The terms imposed on the Germans guarantee in advance the just and durable peace for which the Allies have been fighting. They know now what we meant by Resitution, Reparation, and Security. We have taught them that war does not pay, and that it cannot be used in the modern world as an instrument of national progress. In the midst of our rejoicings over victory, let us cherish the ambition to use the triumph we have won with a wise sense of responsibility for the good of those who are to come after us. With grave problems in front of us—national, imperial, and international—this is nowhere more likely to be deeply felt than in Britain and her oversea Dominions. Mr. Lloyd George has recognized the defeat of the enemy as a “judgement,” and most of us have a strong enough belief in divine justice to repeat, with reverence and conviction, the words used by the historian Gibbon when he said that “even in this world the natural order of events will sometimes afford the strong appearance of moral retribution.”

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ABLE IDEALS** Even while they are busily engaged in setting their new house in order, the Germans will have time to sit down and do a lot of thinking.

Additional evidence will no doubt accumulate, from now on, of the horrible atrocities of which they have been guilty in the course of their military and other operations. But why, they may well ask, had they so large a part of the world against them at the very start? It was because they stood revealed to all who had eyes to see as the disturbers of the world's peace. And the motive of their action was that they lusted after what did not belong to them. The rulers of Germany cherished the complacent conviction that the time had come for their country to assert itself as the real chief among the nations, both in and outside of Europe. How