

This being the case, it is within our competence here, in calculating the losses and gains of war to pass in review its relation to morality and see and settle what value, if any, it has in this sphere. And first I may say that morality is so embedded in conscience, so identified with it and this again, is so completely reflected in conduct, whether of the individual or the nation, that in remarking and analyzing the latter one can quickly come to conclusions as to the general effect of war on the former. "All is fair in love and war" would seem to indicate that all morality in war passes by the board. Tactics and strategy are only other names for trickery. Chivalry was once a sort of superior code of honor or morality that combatants used with regard to prisoners and unfortunate and helpless enemies. The German doctrine of "frightfulness" has killed all that. And neither army now of the allies or the alliance can in justice to themselves employ either chivalry or morality. This is a very distinct and colossal loss. What with machine guns, aeroplanes, submarines and immorality or non-morality all the traditional glamor, glory, chivalry and romance have gone out of the bloody trade of war.

The disregard for treaties and pacts is another enormous misfortune and loss. And the doctrine of hatred which is openly taught and even sung in Germany negatives love which is the compelling law of both morals and religion. But in seasons of excitement such as one always finds in war men lose their heads as they do in ordinary anger, and preach doctrines and practice morals they would deprecate and deny when calm and peace is restored. If this were not the case what would be the use of pacts or treaties? And if the deep hatred raging down in every helligerent's breast did not disappear how would trade and commerce ever be carried on again? How would social relations ever be resumed? Then there is a degrading degree of dishonesty develops in every country at war the moment supplies are required. The confiscation of one-quarter of all profit over seven per cent. is a hard blow at boodlers and grafters. But will it do their honesty any good. The fact that such a multitude fall from grace when there is question of dealing with the government shows how weak men morally are and how necessary was that prayer "lead us not into temptation." If I canvassed this thing categorically and by the hook we should find how deep the depths of moral dereliction are in periods of war. There are the cardinal virtues, prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. The last shall be first for it is the long suit of war. Bravery is the virtue of Turk, the German, the Russian, the Briton, of every man in the fighting line. The man who faces the red mouthed cannon when it roars has fortitude