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the time of many whom I am now addressing. But evidently and notoriously all the statesmen and all the publics in the world did not foresee the character of the post-war calamities from which we are still suffering, and the machinery of the League contrived by them was not intended and was not calculated and was not capable, as I think, of either settling the terms of peace or itself putting an end to the Great War. This miserable, wretched, unhappy and calamitous struggle now going on in the Near East is the last phase and episode of that Great War. It is what remains of the ~~horror~~ ^{horrors} of war from which we have suffered since 1914, and

though we are bound in this Assembly to do everything we can to alleviate this and all other calamities we must remember that it was not to deal with this particular kind of crisis that we were brought into existence, and that whatever our machinery may become in the development of years, at this moment we are very ill-equipped for taking a decisive part in dealing with this terrible scourge.

And may I point out to you that even as regards the duties which clearly do lie before us, as regards the functions for which we were equipped by those who created us, we are very imperfectly equipped, and that though I think our moral position is improving, though I think our authority is greater than it ever was, however much less it is than it is some day destined to be, we are still miserably equipped, as I have already indicated, by our mere want of money, for doing many of the things effectively that might otherwise be within our power. I do not like hearing speakers who get up do, perhaps, what I myself have been doing, which is conveying to the world so far as the world will listen to me what the League of Nations is capable of doing and what it