

Nation should rise against nation, there should be wars and continual rumors of wars. The Apostle John, giving the last stroke in the picture, testifies that the spirit of war should go forth, pervade the whole earth, assembling the nations together, and inspiring them to prepare themselves as for a last and desperate struggle.

This prophecy is being fulfilled to-day.

Never since the world began has there been such a spectacle—the whole world under arms. Wherever there is a nation worthy to be called such, that nation is making enormous efforts to equip itself for the emergency of war. England, so long content to have a great navy and a small volunteer army, is now making a supreme effort to raise that army to an effective standard of 500,000 men. France is ready to respond in forty-eight hours with 500,000 soldiers, mobilized and fully equipped. Germany has under arms and ready to march at a moment's notice, 500,000, constituting the most perfect fighting machine ever put together. Spain has 100,000 veterans with the memory of Cuba in their hearts. Italy has ready nearly another half million. Austria a full half million, trained, disciplined and magnificently furnished. Russia has a million men under arms—not merely reserves—she has these besides—but a million of men in barrack and camp, ready to fight, as never before. Japan has more than half a million, practically in the