

With the world what it is today, I know that, like myself, you are troubled about the future. What I am thinking about is the future as it is related to war or peace. I am not referring to local conflicts in distant lands. I am thinking of the kind of war through which we have just passed, and which, should it ever come again, might bring devastation to every continent.

We are apt to believe that because war reached the dimensions it ^{did in} the last war, with its frightful atrocities, that a like war will never again take place. But let us not forget that that is exactly the way we all felt after the first world war. Let us remember that there have been two world wars within the lifetime of many here assembled. We know that, through amazing developments in transportation and communication, each part of the world is being brought daily much closer to every other part. We also know that scientific discovery has made possible the devastation and destruction, in no time at all, of entire nations.

It is the recurrence of another world war that, at all costs, we must all do our utmost to prevent. But you may say to me: "How can I help? Were I in your position, I might be able to do something; but, situated as I am, I am powerless to do anything. I have no influence of any kind."