

Under what circumstances is war justifiable:

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a principle we are discovering — not any particular.

∴ if tonight the culture which present conflict is seen to be a means
to encroachment in which to bend too ready an acceptance of the principles
which are debatable, the accounts which we are daily receiving of the
loss of men, the despoiling of towns and plunder, and the loss of fruit
dear to many and the possible loss of others, with all of the saddest
of heart's throes which must follow in its train, there should ~~be~~
a sobering effect upon our words and ~~and~~ ~~to~~ ~~more~~ ~~serious~~
~~thoughtful~~ to our thoughts & contentions a more serious
turn than another occasion might demand,

Now mind I recollect you that it is not now in general that we
are called upon to defend, nay at the outset we may, we must
and are willing to concede that there are ~~human~~ ^{human} been many wrongs
which we would hesitate to justify, many that we would not
gladly condone. Now is national tragedy, describe it as
you will you cannot paint its horrors too blackly, picture
it as you may and you have still failed to take account of
all the pain & suffering it may entail, and justify it as
you can it still remains a record of destruction & devastation
a dark page ⁱⁿ ~~in~~ ^{the} history of a nation. Can
man ever be justified at all, - this is the principle we learn
to discern and understanding the magnitude of it we should
seek to do so in none but the whitest & most thoughtless
may.

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