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TO MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY

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If one could sit on the moon, and gaze upon the events of this mundane sphere from the bird's-eye perspective of a disinterested spectator—one can hardly conceive of a more amusing pastime. Unfortunately, we cannot live high up in the rare atmosphere of other worlds, but are condemned to stand, as more or less active participants, in the midst of the turmoil and carnival called life.

Consider, for instance, how ludicrously funny it must seem to the man in the moon to watch the masters of the most progressive nations instilling into the hearts of their subjects a deadly hatred against their fellow men, whom they have never seen; a hatred that is so general, and, at the same time so intense that it makes whole nations blind to the insanity of killing and maiming men with whom they have no quarrel, of sacrificing the flower of their own manhood in its cause.

To be sure, each nation has its "very sufficient" reasons. They are all pathetically eager to offer excuse upon excuse to palliate their role in the horrible business of war. And still it has never been so unmistakably apparent as in this world war, that the figleaf with which rulers and subjects both strive to cover up their bestiality, is the product of a policy of bare-faced romancing and infamous hypocrisy. The boldness with which new and more attractive "justifications" are substituted