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peace cannot stand a generation unless they are guaranteed by the united forces of the civilized world. And if we do not guarantee them, cannot you realize that the picture? Your hearts have instructed you where the burden of this war fell. It did not fall upon the national treasuries, it did not fall upon the instruments of administration; it did not fall upon the resources of the nations; it fell upon the victims of the war. But I talk as if there were any question. I have no doubt of the verdict of America in this matter that I have doubt of the blood that is in me. "And so, my fellow citizens, I have come back to report progress, and I do not believe that the progress is going to stop short of the goal. The nations of the world have set their heads now to do a great thing, and they are not going to slacken their purpose. And when I speak of the nations of the world I do not speak of the governments of the world. I speak of the peoples who constitute the nations of the world. They are in the saddle and they are going to see to it that if their present governments do not do their will, some other governments shall. And the secret is out and the present governments know it. Harmony in Knowledge. "There is a great deal of harmony to be got out of common knowledge. There is a great deal of sympathy to be got out of living in the same atmosphere and except for the differences of languages, which puzzled the nations of the world, I could have believed I was at home in France or in Italy or in England when I was on the streets, when I was in great halls where men were gathered together irrespective of class, to realize that you all understand the same things. I feel about you as I am reminded of a story of that excellent and good artist, Oliver Herford, who one day, sitting at luncheon at his club, was slapped vigorously on the back by a man whom he did not know very well. He said: 'You're a lot better than you look. He looked at him rather coldly. He said, 'I don't know your name, I don't know your face, but your manners are very familiar.' And I must say that your manners are very familiar, and let me add, very delightful. It is a great comfort for one thing, to realize that you all understand the language I am speaking. A friend of mine said that to talk through an interpreter was like witnessing the compound fracture of an idea. But the beauty of it is that, whatever the impediments of the channel of communication, the words are the same; it gets registered, and it gets registered in responsive hearts and receptive purposes. "I have come back for a strenuous attempt to transact business for a little while in America, but I have really come back to say to you, in all soberness and honesty, that I have been trying my best to speak your thoughts. "When I sample myself, I think I find I am a typical American, and if I sample deep enough and get down to what is probably the true stuff of a man, then I have hope that it is part of the stuff that is like the other fellow's at home. "And, therefore, probing deep in my heart and trying to see the things that are right without regard to the things that may be debated as expedient, I feel that I am interpreting the purpose and the thought of America; and in loving America I find I have joined the great majority of my fellowmen throughout the world. "As the president concluded, Mayor Peters called for three cheers, which were given, the audience standing. Immediately after the presidential party left the hall and drove to the south station for the train which awaited them for Washington. Judge Fines Soldier—Advising him that his fighting days were at least temporarily over, Judge Fitzgerald fined Aleck Lesocovick, a discharged soldier who had seen four and a half months of fighting in France, \$2.50 and costs on the charge of drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

anguish, they were the tears of ardent hope. "And I don't see how any man can fail to have been subdued by these pleas, subdued to the feeling that he was not there to assert an individual judgment of his own, but to try to assist the cause of humanity. "And in the midst of it all every interest seeks out, first of all, when it reaches Paris, the representatives of the United States. Why? Because, and I think I am stating the most wonderful fact in history—because there is no nation in Europe that suspects the motives of the United States. "Was there ever so wonderful a thing seen before? Was there ever any fact that so bound the nation that had won that esteem forever to deserve it? "Clashed Many Times. "I would not have you understand that the great men who represent the nations at this conference are disinterested by those who know them. Quite the contrary. But you understand that the nations of Europe have again and again clashed with one another in competitive interest. It is impossible for men to forget those sharp issues that were drawn between them in times past. It is impossible for men to believe that all ambitions have all of a sudden been foregone. They remember territory that was coveted; they remember rights that it was attempted to exorbitate; they remember political ambitions which they were not willing to give up while they believe that men have come into a different temper, they cannot forget those things, and so they do not resort to one another for a dispassionate view of the matters in controversy. They resort to that nation which has won the envious distinction of being regarded as the friend of mankind. "Whenever it is desired to send a small force of soldiers to occupy a piece of territory where it is thought nobody else will be welcome, they ask for American soldiers. And where other soldiers would be looked upon with suspicion, and perhaps met with resistance, the American soldiers are welcomed with acclaim. I have had so many grounds for pride on the other side of the water that I am very thankful that they are not grounds for personal pride. I'd be the most stuck up man in the world. And it has been an infinite pleasure to me to see these gallant soldiers of ours, of whom the constitution of the United States made me the proud commander. You may be proud of the Twenty-sixth division, but I commanded the Twenty-sixth division and see what they did under my direction. And everybody praises the American soldier with the feeling that in praising him he is subtracting from the credit of no one else. Searches for Fundamental. "I have been searching for the fundamental fact that converted Europe to believe in us. Before this war Europe did not believe in us as it does now. It did not believe in us throughout the first three years of the war. It seems really to have believed that we were holding off because we thought we could make more by staying out than by going in. And all of a sudden, in a short 18 months, the whole verdict is reversed. There can be but one explanation for it. They saw what we did—that without making a single claim we put all our men and all our means at the disposal of those who were fighting for their homes, in the first instance, but for a cause, the cause of human rights and justice, and that we went in not to support their national claims, but to support the great cause which they hold in common. "And when they saw that America not only held ideals, but acted ideals, they were converted to America and became firm partisans of these ideals. "I met a group of scholars when I was in Paris—some gentlemen from one of the Greek universities who had come to see me, and in whose presence, or rather in the presence of those traditions of learning, I felt very young, indeed. I told them that I had one of the delightful reveries that sometimes comes to a man. All my life I had heard men speak with a sort of condescension of ideals and of idealists, and particularly those separated, encloistered persons whom they choose to term academic, who were in the habit of entertaining ideals in the free atmosphere when they clash with nobody in particular. "Won By Inspiration. "And I said I had had this sweetest revenge. Speaking with perfect frankness in the name of the people of the United States I have uttered as the objects of this great war

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To go forward and find some glib word of greeting, to master herself and hide the rushing consternation which swept over her seemed impossible, and yet she did it. The shock was too unexpected, the situation too inexplicable for her to comprehend it. What she did comprehend was that she was in the midst of 100 acquaintances who were watching her and that a false step meant a public scandal. She felt the leaping heat in her cheeks and her voice sounded strange to her ears, but she went on, and said cordially. "Well, this is a surprise! Then she added incoherently, "How are you?" Irma Dellabarre was quite self-posessed. "It looks terribly dramatic, doesn't it?" she said, smiling, "but it's quite simple. I came in, after all, and the first person I should meet was Andrew."

Owen Johnson's Sparkling Society Novel, which is making such a hit in the movies. alarm, seeking some remembered indications which could clarify the present unbelievable revelation. Andrew—Andrew of all men! She could believe all things but that! "I'm afraid the others have gone off on their own boat," he repeated. "What do you want to do?" She passed her hand hastily over her forehead, touched her lips to a glass of cold water, and said: "If you don't mind, Monte, I think I'd rather have a bite to eat now and go right home. I'm sorry to be so stupid." "Do anything you like," he said hastily, moved by the suffering in her eyes. "We can dine here and go back by the train?" "By the train?" she said, perplexed. "And why not by the boat?" "I prefer not, Amy," he said kindly. "Oh, I see what you think," she said slowly. They ate their dinner rapidly. He saw her perturbation and refrained from addressing her. When the meal was ended, she said, out of a clear sky. "I prefer to return in the yacht." He shook his head. "You are not in a mood to decide," he said gently. "I don't want you to do a thing you'll regret."

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