ARMY OF NEARLY 4 MILLIONS BROUGHT PEACE TO WORLD AFTER FOUR YEARS OF WAR

Germany and Her Allies Are Crushed and Forced to Accept Such Terms as Winners Dictate—United States Supplies Power That Turns Tide—President Wilson Joins Other Democratic Rulers of World in Great Peace Congress at Versailles—Old Nations Crumble and New Ones Are Formed—Russia Torn by Disorders.

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More history has been made in the year 1918 than in any year that has passed since time began. The momentous twelve months just closed came to a close with the world at peace at last after thirty-four years of the most sanguinary fighting of this or any other age.

During the year great nations have vanished, new nations have arisen into being, thrones have tottered and fallen, monarchs who once ruled hundreds of millions of people—rich and poor alike—have fled for their lives or have fallen victims to the wrath of people determined by their sufferings never to be enslaved again.

The dawning of peace finds America and her allies strong and fully able to meet the responsibilities that come with victory. On the other hand it finds the nations responsible for the world calamity exhausted and torn by civil dissension that are a result of defeat. Inside the more progressive of the countries agitators are trying to overthrow the existing order and establish governments based on the principles of Bolshevism.

The end of the war finds Russia in the throes of civil war, torn by internal strife and fighting for her very existence in the face of the most serious situation in the history of the country, but finds Germany in a more terrible state of anarchy and misery—a state in which thousands of persons have perished, starving to death or being murdered by the bloodthirsty leaders who caused a large part of the woe great empire. From the ruins of autocratic militarism are springing the banner of democracy, which is attempting to succeed its autocratic predecessor throughout the world.

But amid all the destruction that the war has brought, the world rejoices at the last shade of misery has passed away before the ruling title of peace. Those who died upon the field of battle did not die in vain. Brighter days all mankind have dawned with the passing of the year 1918.

THE WAR WAS WON

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