

marine may not think it a grievance that their lives are hourly risked in the duty of keeping us fed, though they may regard it as somewhat unfair that those who are fed by their peril should think more of profits and war bonuses than of their grateful obligations to their protectors.

'If the disaffection and indifference of workmen and employers in the essential industry of the war forces us into a peace dictated from Berlin, or a peace based upon some diplomatic compromise, there will be a very profound grievance for all classes to suffer. The hour it is signed will mark the beginning of preparations for another struggle bloodier and more remorseless than this. There is not a Pacifist advocate who does not understand it.'

It is well, when we plead for 'Peace in our Time', to remember that the mentality to which we appeal is the product of the conditions of life and labour during the war to an important degree. The influences which were at work during the momentous year in which we nearly *lost* the war have never been excused or condoned by me. I have fought these resolutely and shall continue to fight them. I despise the frothy agitators who fomented the munitions strikes, but I cannot refrain from censuring the capitalists who were often guilty of a worse form of malingering than their workpeople. For payment by cost instead of production gave opportunities of profiteering which were notoriously accepted in many instances.

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