

Question on everybody's lips - minds - why  
 is Europe seemingly on the brink - abyss?  
 Why does there <sup>what was going on</sup> danger - throats - fury,  
 desperation, fear. Why are so-called  
 enlightened . . . behaving . . . holocaust  
 . . . spell ruin civilization ?

~~One must be . . . childlike mentality~~

Certainly so one - penetration of  
 thought - illusions - devastating character  
 - war . . . One must be . . . childlike  
 mentality . . . fight - gets killed or  
 maimed . . . individ. or nation & more  
 significant - victor or vanquished - in modern war.

Certainly - millions - uncountable . . .  
 dangerous illusions - I don't wish  
 superior understanding . . . special  
 experience, but wish - one thing I saw -  
 peaceful, mellow . . . village of France -  
 church & houses - years old . . . inhabitants - experience  
 in simple but good things - life & spirit, own acres  
 - vineyards - - - this village -  
 brief period 30 min . . . crumbling ruins  
 - shells - ~~to~~ - stinking acid  
 fumes . . . sickly, cruelly deceptive sweetness  
 of poison gas. Desolation & death - spell  
 & surprise of thunderbolt.

Only one - 100's, 1000's such destructions  
 - yes modern weapons - sudden

desolation & death on large scale.  
And don't let ... optimistic lunatic tell  
... defensive devices ... puff face ...  
engines of destruction. Not true last war &  
... less so in another.

On the battle Somme ... strategi-  
cally placed machine guns ... score of men ...  
responsible for 3000 ... day ... British youth  
... battle ... continued for weeks. Only one example.

Of towns & villages ... by 1000 in  
last war ... engines relatively primitive & ineffi-  
how many more ... inhabited at the time ... will  
furnish proof of the ingenuity of man ... equip-  
ment ... dealing with death ... grand scale!

Why then ... ? ... must be  
reasons ... causes for all things ... the  
why ... race ... rearing ... distrust, abbre-  
hension, confusion & fear? Alternatives  
being us sore ... understating ... solution  
... world brother or annihilation. Is  
man torn with seeds of own destruction?  
Newspapers, public columns,  
professors lecture, we discuss ... more  
obvious causes ... crisis.

Not my purpose to talk about  
vicious circle ... French fear ... German  
fear of encirclement, nipwistom ... Versailles  
... necessity L. of W. effective utility ... unfairness  
in distribution of colonies & raw materials & markets

what change for a single warrior  
of old - the lion-hearted - hitting  
his courage & skill against  
others equally brave - now  
war is waged by mechanics  
- a matter of pressing  
buttons & pulling levers -  
nation will win - not  
by courage & devotion - but  
because little more  
clever in devising devilish  
gadgets or substances -  
not those who dash  
with reckless courage  
against men, but those most  
clever at technical & scientific work

where to ...  
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