

Judge Gary and the War

In talking to me of his speech at Duluth on June 12, 1918, he tells me how he was invited to a lunch by the Duluth Chamber of Commerce. Before he went there his host said to him that the boys were very much depressed about the war and wanted him to tell them what he thought. "Well," he said, "I had not thought of speaking and tried to beg off. He said, 'No, you ought to talk to them, they are so discouraged.'"

"Well, when I got there, it was a big room, crowded. The mayor was there and they introduced me, though I had not thought of talking. They have the talks before the lunch."

Then he said, "You must get this speech."

"So I got up and told them just about how I thought things were. And they were bad. I could see how depressed my talk made them, and then I said - but" - and he threw up his arms - "I am an optimist." Then he went on with what he evidently regards as a very effective description of how an athlete with his back to the wall pulls himself together and flings his opponent off and then prevails, that that was what the allies would soon do. "And that was what they did, you see." He is evidently very proud of the way he prophesied. He said, "It was wonderful how many right prophesies I made. In 1915 I made another good guess when I said that many kings and kingdoms would end before this war was closed."

His war work, particularly on the War Board should be carefully considered.

Judge Gary at the Industrial Conference is a nice little study. I see better than I have before why he would not play with men like Foster and why he will not trust Gompers. He doesn't believe that they play fair, that their operations are political, not based on principle but on oppor-