

## The Supreme Question

There is but one supreme question for the country to decide. Shun it as we will, smother it in partisanship, in quibbles, in lesser and selfish matters, the great insistent call is to decide the part this country is to take in working out the problems of this tormented world. Escape the decision? We can no more do that than we can escape breathing the air that envelops us.

The world is one, its troubles one. How long are we going to wilfully ignore the fact, repeatedly proved, even in the lifetime of us all, that a wrong on the other side of the globe may bring untold catastrophe upon our own nation. An opportunity has come to help work out with our fellows on the earth, those other nations from whose affairs we cannot, however much we may wish it, escape, a new method of procedure,-- a method of cooperation, actuated by a new spirit--one of adjustment instead of force, one tempered by some recognition of the other man's needs and ambitions, not solely absorbed with our own.

It would be childish to deny that this plan of cooperation of the nations for peace in which we are asked to join means sacrifice. Like every upward step it involves effort, pain, perhaps severe struggle. To shirk it because

