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Foolishness of War

I always thought, and  
I always will think,  
that war is a foolish,  
unnecessary thing, it  
never settled anything,  
and it never will  
settle anything that  
cannot be settled peace-  
fully. Men fight to get  
more land, but do they  
really get more land?  
No there's not only limited  
land on this earth's  
crust? Yet, even though  
I think war is foolish,  
I think there's always  
will be war as long as  
there is mankind on  
this world.

Probably you'll think  
that I am against the  
idea of the United States  
going to war, but as all  
loyal Americans, I am one  
hundred percent behind  
the government. I had

hoped that this trouble  
might have been settled  
peaceably but now with  
dictatorship predominant  
in Europe, I fully realize  
that we must fight  
to protect the rights and  
privileges we hold so dear.

This war has brought  
over us as all wars bring  
over us. It will cost the  
people billions of dollars  
which could be used for  
better things, millions of  
people killed and crippled,  
and precious time will  
be wasted which will  
be gone forever and might  
have been used to make  
a better world. This I  
call foolish and unnecessary.

I hope for a quick  
victory, so free men  
can walk all over this  
wide world.