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## INTRODUCTION

### PEACE AND ITS CONDITIONS

RECENT utterances of the German Chancellor and the British Prime Minister have inclined the discerning public to the belief that the chief men of the warring nations in Europe would now give more hospitable consideration than they have shown in the past to proposals embodying the broad general principles upon which peace must be concluded. Sharing that belief, *The New York Times* invited, from a source the competence and authority of which would be recognized in both hemispheres, a series of contributions in which the terms of peace should be discussed.

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terests are so far as may be conciliated, and a settlement compatible with the demands of justice, with the rights of small and great nations, and giving promise of freedom from the calamity of war is submitted to the public judgment.

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