



Peace and Retrenchment: The Prime Minister's Call to the Nation (Classic Reprint) (Paperback)

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Forgotten Books, United States, 2015. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****. Excerpt from Peace and Retrenchment: The Prime Minister's Call to the Nation Nay, more than that, that things should be even better than before the War, and that immediately on the click of the switch of Peace everything would leap back again to the normal, and be exactly as it was in 1914. No man who imagines that can have realised for a moment the magnitude of the disturbing events of the last five years, and certainly he can never have read the lessons of history. If a house is shaken or demolished you may build a better structure, but the new structure does not pop out of the ground like Aladdin's Palace on the rubbing of Aladdin's lamp; you have to build it. The direct cost of the War to the world was 40,000,000,000, spent, not in reproductive enterprise, but spent largely in destruction. If 40,000,000 of able-bodied young men were to take a holiday for four years, and were withdrawn from the task of reproduction and wealth-creation in Europe and America, and for that period, they...



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