

NECESSITY OF A LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Could Eliminate War in Nine Nine Out of One Hundred Cases.

I wish to maintain the proposition that a League of Nations is not only desirable but an absolute necessity, and for three reasons, any one of which would be sufficient to justify that phrase.

First, it is a necessity for winding up the war. We must not forget that this war has unsettled almost everything: has destroyed nations, and has created new nations on paper, such as Finland, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Jugoslavia, the Ukraine and the Balkan States and some semi-independent bodies like Armenia, the Caucasus, and Palestine. These small states will be even more at the mercy of the great states than Belgium was, if we do not guarantee in some way their independence.

Then there are the great problems of the landlocked countries, which must have an outlet to the sea, and of certain international areas, like the Bosphorus, which must be administered by a league of nations. Then there are the German Colonies, which need, for obvious reasons, to be administered internationally.

Finally, as Mr. Taft predicted, this peace treaty is as long as the moral law. It will require interpretation, and it will require enforcement, for both of which we need a league of nations.

Secondly, we need it in order to avoid a recurrence of what has constituted a veritable curse even in times of peace, competitive armaments.

International cut-throat competition in armies and navies leaves the nations in the end in substantially the same relative positions as in the beginning. Yet we must each in self-defense, keep up in this race. To Europe this will mean economic ruin; to us, high taxes.

There are business men who are fighting shy of the idea of a league of nations with the thought that it is going to unsettle trade internationally—afraid, perhaps, that the tariff will be disturbed in some way. But any possible gain that could be had by maintaining the status quo would be cancelled many times over by the loss from the taxes—enormously high—which would be required to keep up our end in this international competition in armaments. Our own country, in spite of its wealth, would be reduced a long way toward poverty. This would be scarcely fit to live in.

We have reached the parting of the ways as to our policy on armaments. Either we must compete with the rest of the world, or combine with the rest of the world.

The third and most important reason for a league is to prevent the recurrence of a world war.

A league should eliminate war in 99 out of 100 cases, because it affords another way than war to settle the inevitable disputes. A collective police force takes the place of national military forces. The national pride which so often leads to war will be transferred to keeping treaties. No longer will a nation need to go to war to "save its face" rather than recede from an untenable position; for the award of the third party will preserve its self-respect. Furthermore, whatever disarmament takes place will tend to diminish the danger of

war and reduce its scale, if it comes. Many people are indifferent to or scornful of the idea of a league of nations, chiefly because they lack the imagination to realize the horrible alternative.

In order then to wind up the war, to prevent oppressive taxes in times of peace and to prevent future wars, we need a League of Nations.

But besides these three reasons, which are surely sufficient, there is a fourth which outweighs them all. Irrespective of our interests, irrespective of the fortunes of any "axis of power," we are in honor bound to this thing. Our boys went abroad, to make the world "safe for democracy," and to do it forever. We owe it to them that their labors shall not have been in vain. We are talking about erecting monuments to these—memorial arches, and bridges, and buildings. Let us first erect a monument which will not only commemorate but perpetuate their work, the monument of a League of Nations.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON ON ADOPTION OF CONSTITUTION

During the years 1787 and 1788, George Washington in over 50 different letters expressed his hope that the Constitution for a League of thirteen states might be ratified; many of his remarks are extraordinarily applicable in the present discussion of our ratification of the Covenant for the League of Nations. "The Constitution that is submitted, is not free from imperfection, but there are as few radical defects in it as could well be expected, considering the heterogeneous mass of which the Convention was composed and the diversity of interests that are to be attended to. As a Constitutional door is opened for future amendments and alterations, I think it would be wise in the People to accept what is offered to them."

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A copy of Ben Franklin's "Cato Major" was found in a Chester county garret not long ago and was afterward sold for \$300, so Mr. Newton reports.

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All other best sellers have been backed off the map by that unique output of the Boston lad who some one wittily said "was born in Philadelphia at the age of seventeen."

The Airplane as a Decoy.
Ever since wars have been waged man has made use of decoys to outwit the foe. Even in the recent war a decoy proved to be useful once in a while. An instance occurred at a point on the western front where the British trenches faced a salient of the German trench system. At the time when the British staff determined to reduce the salient, the Daily Chronicle tells us, the Germans were expecting an ordinary attack with its primary bombardment. They promptly fell into the trap set for them.

Early in the morning a British airplane flew very low over the front

trenches and passed parallel to the German line, but 50 or 100 yards behind it. The Germans thought the plane a target that could be placed and turned their backs on the British trenches to fire on the machine. While they were engaging the airplane, the British infantry suddenly went over the top and in a few minutes captured the position and took a number of prisoners.

The machine returned to its air-drome riddled with bullet holes, but both the pilot and the observer were unharmed.

Industry Overdone.

The development of the coconut oil industry in the Philippines has been very rapid, due to war conditions. The exports of oil in 1918 amounted to 115,000 tons, as compared with 45,000 tons in 1917 and 16,000 tons in 1916. There is a scarcity of shipping to take coconuts to Hull, England, and Marseilles, France, which are the great centers for oil crushing, hence it is found more profitable to ship the less bulky oil to the United States. A number of new oil mills have been constructed in the Philippines in order to fill the demand for oil, but it is a serious question whether the present crushing capacity of the Philippine mills is not in excess of the normal supply of coconuts.

Philippine Tobacco.

The Philippine islands' tobacco exports increased greatly in 1918. In that year 25,700 tons of tobacco were exported, as compared with 6,800 tons in 1917. The bulk of this tobacco was shipped during the early months of 1918, and the later months showed a marked decrease. The exports of cigars, however, showed a steady increase during the entire year, the number shipped being 359,000,000, valued at \$7,000,000, as against 284,000,000 valued at \$4,500,000 in 1917. Most of this production was absorbed by the American market. The increase is

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