

QUESTION OF RUSSIA TAKEN UP AT PARIS

Supreme Council Prepares to Study Slav Problem.

FRENCH VIEWS SET FORTH

Leon Bourgeois Tells Conference That Military Force Is Needed to Back Up Peace League.

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provided for in the last articles of the covenant are similar to some which have existed already, but which were scattered through various parts of the world and which had never been brought together to form part of the common body of humanity.

"We have been unanimous in proclaiming these principles, and we have felt the force of these principles so much that we have no doubt that a strong light will penetrate even into the darkest parts; that the light radiating from those principles will find its way into lands that seem to be the least open to it."

"But it is not enough to proclaim such great principles. We must organize a system of guarantees and a system of action, both judicial and practical. The plan laid down is a clear and simple one. There is a council, where all the states are represented equally, each having only one vote, and there is an executive committee, which is constituted on a different principle. But even in this case, where it has been found necessary for purposes of action to give five votes to the larger powers, the principle of equality has been secured by giving as much as four votes to the smaller states."

"Respect for the decision given by that body will be assured by definite rules, the violation of which will be considered as an act of war against all the contracting states. If one state—it may be the smallest and most remote of all—the states—in attacked without justification, then the whole of the league of nations is being attacked, and will resist."

"But we go further. In order to secure the execution of international sentences, there must be a limitation of armaments. This has been the wish of the league of nations for many years. What was formerly so difficult has today become possible. Our victory has made it possible, because it has enabled us to disarm the barbaric forces that were in the way of such an improvement."

"France Fears Future. That limitation must be such that no state can be capable of prevailing against the will of the law of nations, but at the same time each state should be strong enough to contribute to the force that will impose its will. There has been unanimity upon all these points."

"There are one or two points upon which I wish particularly to insist, because they are connected with dangers that may be of special moment to some of us. There are special dangers for countries like France, Belgium, Serbia and the new states that are in the stage of formation in central Europe. It is necessary to give them special guarantees and this has been recognized by the committee when it states that special account should be taken of the geographical situation of, and the mode of application to, each state in the scale of armaments. Where the frontiers are more exposed it must be possible to have stronger systems of defense and possibly, also, greater armaments."

"This is all right, but there is no doubt that it will put on the shoulders of the nations that will be called upon to maintain a special burden. It will hamper them in the peaceful competition that is the life of the world."

"Herbert Spencer's Triumph. And here again two practical questions must be put. To give all nations necessary security, the principle of the limitation of armaments, must not only be executed, but executed very fast. It has been said—and no one has said it more forcefully than President Wilson—that modern war has become a war of material; that in such a war, as we have just seen, and as we hope never to see in the future, what has triumphed has been science turned into barbarism."

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"Sudden Attacks Feared. Here is a second point. Take a state that violates the international covenant. That state is supposed to be in a state of war against all the members of the league, and all are prepared to compel it to execute its obligations. But war is not something that can proceed at once, especially when the question is how to bring together forces belonging to states which are very different from each other and may be at the four corners of the world. Each nation will have to wait in order to act until a certain proped-

"FRITZ TOLD TO BE CAREFUL WHOSE OCEAN HE DEFILES. (Copyright by the New York World. Published by Arrangement.) PARIS, Feb. 15.—(Special Cable.)—The best story the peace conference has brought out is this: When the German fleet surrendered to the British, American and French squadrons the captive crews were taken aboard British battleships. One big round-headed German was plainly disgusted with the way things had gone and showed it. "I'm up to a group of British sailors, he spat overboard and said: "That's what I think of your verdamm't fleet, and as for Admiral Beatty, why"—and he spat over the rail again. Then he spat a third time by way of expressing his opinion of the whole British nation. As he finished, a big British sailor hit his breeches and said: "Look here, Fritz! You can say what you please about the English fleet—and not as you wish toward Admiral Beatty—and think what you want about the British. But you be damn well careful whose ocean you go spitting into!" The story goes big over here, and biggest with the English."

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LONDON, Feb. 15.—The London newspapers generally praise the draft of the league of nations. Many hail it as the most important and most memorable document in history, and congratulate the framers, especially President Wilson.

The morning newspapers express satisfaction over the "sound start" made, though several point out that considerable work has yet to be done before the ideal of the league can be fully realized.

A few provisions are criticized, namely, the omission of a provision for a "general conference," as included in the league of nations plan of General Smuts. In deploring the absence of this feature, the Manchester Guardian, long a champion of the league, says:

"We stand a good chance of getting the league of nations run, not by the peoples, but by officials. The defect is that the framers have overlooked, and when President Wilson comes back from America we trust that the constitution of the league may be subjected to a somewhat searching revision."

But apart from this the Guardian finds that the document "corresponds with all the hopes that have been grounded on it." It says that the draft covers not only the question of boundaries, but also of religious liberties and local autonomies, and declares that the care of backward nations is a matter which cannot be neglected, "and it comes within the province of the league."

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Constitution Proposed at Paris Is Deemed Abhorrent to U. S.

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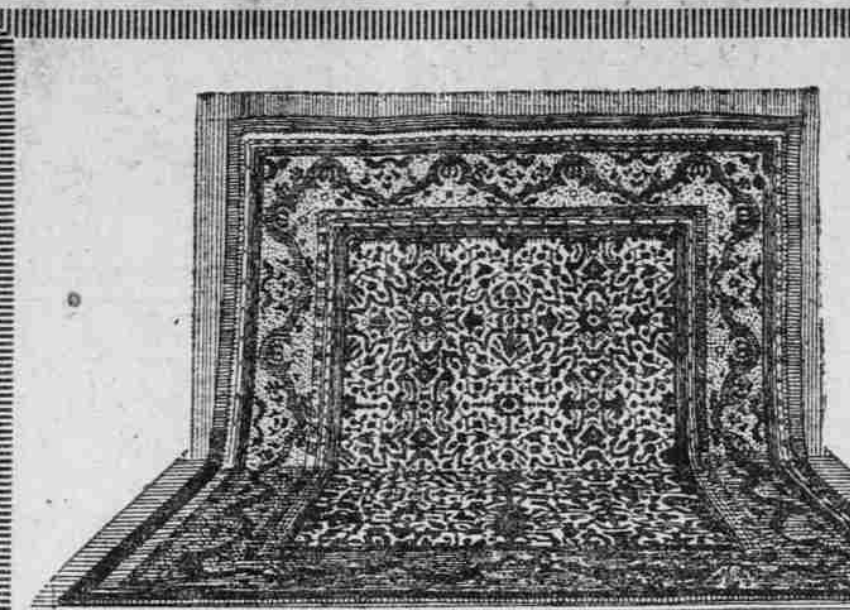
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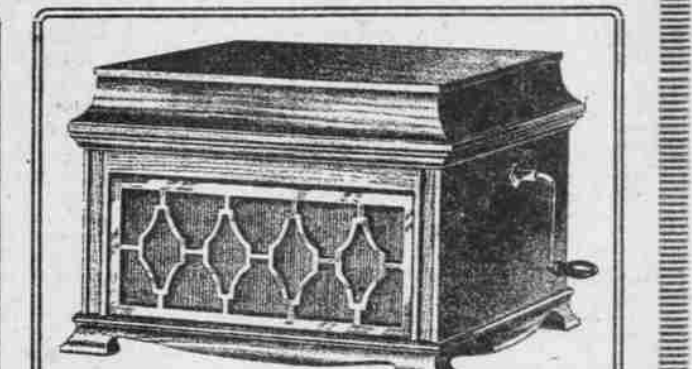
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