

POINCARÉ PROCLAIMS WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE OPEN

FRENCH EXECUTIVE URGES FORMING OF LEAGUE FOR PEACE

President Poincaré, in Speech Opening Paris Conference, Sees Need for World Union.

FUTURE DECLARED AS STAKE

President Wilson and People of America Are Lauded; Total Victory Held Proper Object.

Paris, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Warning the peace delegates that the destinies of the world are in their control, President Poincaré today opened the conference of Paris with a speech in which he urged establishment of a league of nations to safeguard humanity from further suffering.

Poincaré declared the nations which made sacrifices in defense of right would lay down the rules for the league. Its aims, he said, would be to prevent wars and gain respect for the righteous peace the conference is to establish.

Calling attention to the fact that the German empire was born 48 years ago today, President Poincaré said it had ended its career in disgrace and had sunk into oblivion, perishing by the sword it unheeded.

President Poincaré said: "France greets you and thanks for having unanimously chosen as the seat of your labors the city which for more than four years the enemy has made his principal military objective, and which the valor of the allied armies has victoriously defended against unceasingly renewed offensives."

Allow me to tell you that in your decision rests the honor of all the nations that you represent and that of a country, which, still more than any other, has endured the sufferings of war, of which entire provinces have been transferred into vast battlefields, have been systematically wasted by the invader, and which has paid the tribute of humanity to death.

France has borne these enormous sacrifices without having incurred the slightest responsibility for the frightful catastrophe which has overwhelmed the universe, and at the moment when the cycle of horror is ending, all the powers, whose delegates are assembled here, may acquire themselves of any share in the crime which has resulted in so unprecedented a disaster.

Trap of Central Powers Proved
That gives you authority to establish a peace of justice is the fact that none of the people of whom you are the delegates has had any part in injustice. Humanity can place confidence in you because you are not among those who outraged the rights of humanity.

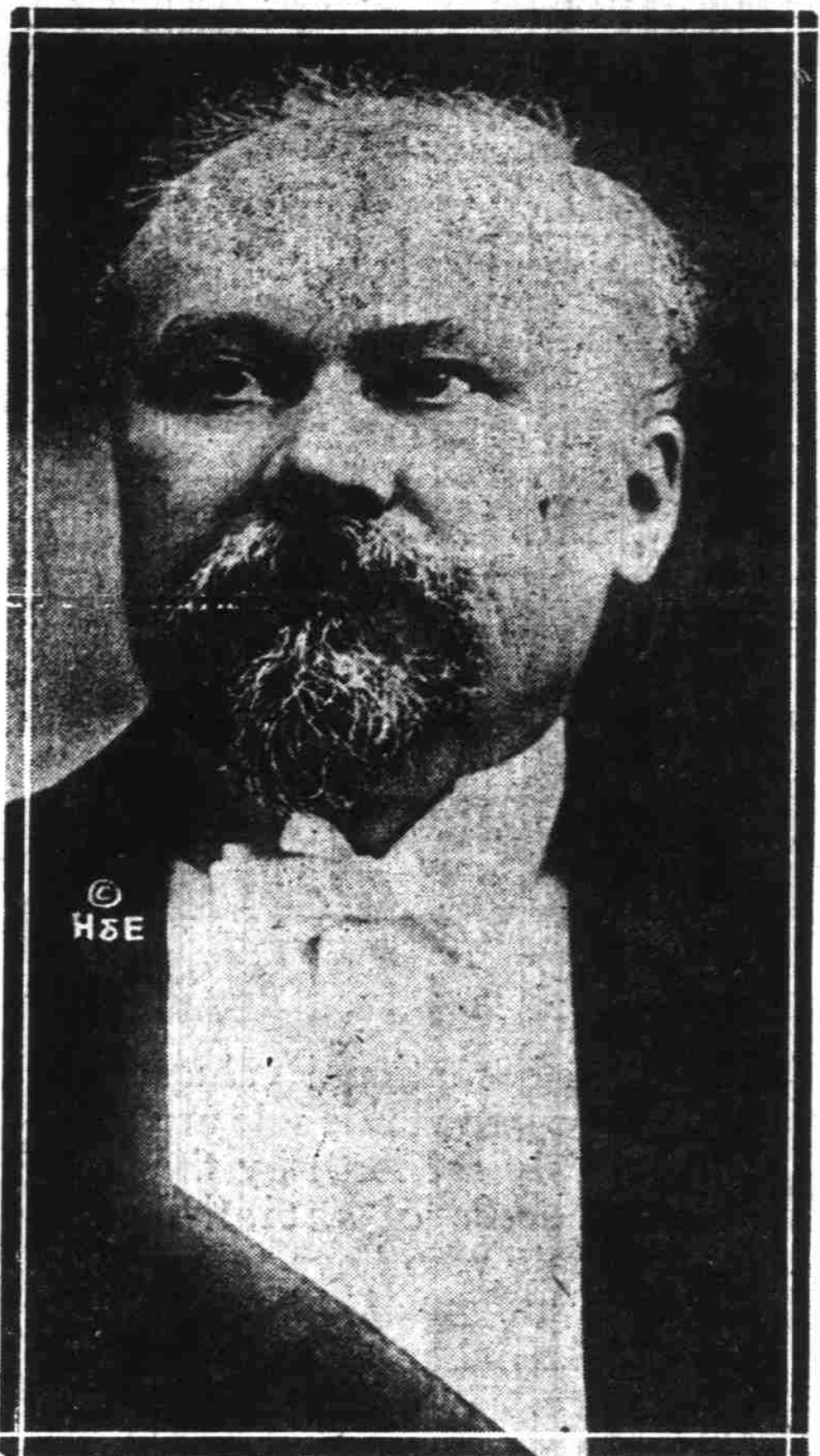
There is no need of further information or for special inquiries into the origin of the drama which has just shaken the world. The truth, bathed in blood, has already escaped from the imperial archives. The premeditated character of the trap is today clearly proved.

In the hope of conquering, first the hegemony of Europe and next the mastery of the world, the central empires, bound together by a secret plot, found the most abominable pretext for trying to crush Serbia and force their way into the east. At the same time they disowned the most solemn undertakings in order to crush Belgium and force their way into the heart of France. These are the two unforgettable outrages which opened the way to aggression. The combined efforts of Great Britain, France and Russia broke themselves against that man-made arrogance.

Shameful Offers Are Cited
If after long vicissitudes, those who wished to reign by the sword have perished by the sword; they

GREET'S PEACE DELEGATES

PRESIDENT POINCARÉ of France, who addressed the delegates to the world peace conference at their first formal session Saturday.



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have but themselves to blame. They have been destroyed by their own blindness.

What could be more significant than the shameful bargains they attempted to offer to Great Britain and France at the end of July, 1918, when to Great Britain they suggested "allow us to attack France on land and we will not enter the channel," and when they instructed their ambassador to say to France, "We will only accept a declaration of neutrality on your part if you surrender to us Briey, Toul and Verdun." It is in the light of these glories, gentlemen, that all the conclusions you will have to draw from the war will take shape.

Your nations entered the war successively but came, one and all, to the help of threatened right. Like Germany, Great Britain and France had guaranteed the independence of Belgium. Germany sought to crush Belgium. Great Britain and France both swore to save her. Thus from the very beginning of hostilities came into conflict the two ideas which for 50 months were to struggle for the domination of the world—the idea of sovereignty, which accepts neither control nor check, and the idea of justice, which depends on the sword only to prevent or repress the abuse of strength.

Faithfully supported by her dominions and colonies, Great Britain decided that she could not remain aloof from a struggle in which the fate of every country was involved. She has made, and her dominions and colonies have made with her, prodigious efforts to prevent the war from ending in the triumph of the spirit of conquest and the destruction of right.

Japan, in her turn, only decided to take up arms out of loyalty to Great Britain, her great ally, and from the consciousness of the danger in which both Asia and Europe would have stood from the hegemony of which the Germanic empires dreamed.

Italy, who from the first had refused to lend a helping hand to German ambition, rose against an age-long foe only to answer the call of oppressed populations and to destroy at the cost of her blood the artificial political combination which took no account of human liberty.

Rumania resolved to fight only to realize that national unity which was opposed by the same powers of arbitrary force. Abandoned, betrayed and strangled, she had to submit to an abominable treaty, the revision of which you will exact.

German Ambitions Brought End
Greece, whom the enemy for many months tried to turn from her traditions and destinies, raised an army only to escape attempts at domination of which she felt the growing threat.

Portugal, China and Siam abandoned neutrality only to escape the strangling pressure of the central powers.

Thus it was the extent of the German ambitions that brought so many peoples, great and small, to align themselves against the same adversary.

And what shall we say of the solemn resolutions taken by the United States in the spring of 1917, under the auspices of the illustrious president, Mr. Wilson, whom I am happy to greet here in the name of grateful France, and, if you will allow me to say so, gentlemen, in the name of all the nations represented in this room?

What shall we say of the many American powers which either de-

clared themselves against Germany—or Brazil, Cuba, Panama, Guatemala, Nicaragua, Haiti, Honduras, or at least broke off diplomatic relations—Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Uruguay? From north to south the New World rose with indignation when it saw the empires of Central Europe, after having let loose the war without provocation and without excuse, carry it on with fire and pillage and the massacre of inoffensive beings.

Captive Nations Extend Help
In short, counting as naught the traditions and wills of peoples, the

lives of citizens, the honor of women and all those principles of public and private morality which we for our part have endeavored to keep unaltered through the war and which neither nations nor individuals can repudiate or disregard with impunity.

While the conflict was gradually extending over the entire surface of the earth the clanking of chains was heard here and there and captive nationalities, from the depth of their age-long jails, cried out to us for help. Yet, more—they expected to come to our aid.

Poland came to life again and sent us troops. The Czech-Slovaks won their rights to independence in Siberia, in France and in Italy. The Jugo-Slavs, the Armenians, the

Syrians and Lebanese, and the Arabs, all the oppressed peoples, all the victims, long helpless or resigned of great historic deeds, all the martyrs of the past, all the outraged consciences, all the strangled liberties, reviewed the clash of arms and turned toward us as their defenders.

Fall Fruits Are in Sight
War gradually attained the fullness of its first significance and became, in the fullest sense of the term, a crusade of humanity for right, and if anything can console us, in part at least, for the losses we have suffered, it is assuredly the thought that our victory is also the victory of right.

This victory is complete, for the

enemy only asked for the armistice to escape from an irretrievable military disaster. In the interest of justice and peace it now rests with you to reap from this victory its full fruits.

In order to carry out this immense task you have considered to admit at first only the allied or associated powers and, insofar as their interests are involved in the debates, the nations which were neutral. You have thought that the terms of peace ought to be settled among ourselves before they are communicated to those against whom we have together fought the good fight.

The solidarity which has united us during the war and has enabled us to win military success ought to

remain unimpaired during the negotiations for and against the signing of the treaty.

The first demands of a country when it has been violated are restitution and reparation for the peoples and individuals who have been despoiled or maltreated. In formulating this lawful claim, it obeys neither hatred nor an instinctive or thoughtless desire for reprisals. It pursues a two-fold object, to render to each his due and not to encourage crime through leaving it unpunished.

What justice also demands, inspired by the same feeling, is the punishment of the guilty and effective guarantees against an active

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- (2) Caprice Viennois (requested) Kriesler
- (3) Valse Lucien Becker
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