

WORLD NATIONS IN CLOSER ACCORD AS OLD YEAR ENDS

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to nations who, in spite of the peace treaties, were still treated as enemies—the new method was to discuss on equal terms national appeasement. Germany, having no fleet in the Pacific, was not invited to the Washington conference, and Russia was excluded for other reasons. But at Cannes Germany was represented, and at Genoa both Germany and Russia had their delegates.

The Washington conference was in many respects the most remarkable international conference ever held. It was the first time great nations commanding powerful armaments had ever voluntarily limited their offensive and defensive forces. Restrictions and reductions have been often imposed in peace treaties by triumphant nations upon their beaten foes. The Versailles treaty is an example of that operation. But at Washington the victors negotiated mutual cutting down of navies built for national safety and strengthened by national pride.

RECONCILIATION WITHHELD

It is true that France and Italy have not yet ratified the arrangement arrived at. That is a disturbing factor; their attitude, if persisted in, may ultimately have the effect of upsetting a balance it took months of care and thought to adjust. We must, however, continue to hope that wiser counsels will prevail when wiser counsels are listened to.

Meanwhile, friends of peace have solid ground for their rejoicing in contemplation of the substantial reductions of the most powerful maritime countries in the world—Britain, the United States and Japan—as a direct result of the Washington negotiations. American friendship has given a lead of which it is entitled to boast, and 1922 when it departs is entitled to claim that this triumph of good understanding has brought a measure of glory which will give it peculiar splendor among the years of the earth's history.

The gatherings at Cannes and Genoa can also claim outstanding merit in the large and growing family of international conferences. At Washington the allies alone were gathered. At Cannes and Genoa nations came together which had only recently emerged out of deadly conflict with each other.

At each conference a met on both sides men who had just recovered from severe wounds sustained in this struggle. At Cannes, French, Belgian, Italian and Japanese, as well as British ministers and experts, sat down in council with German ministers and experts to discuss the vexed question of reparations without insult or recrimination. There was calm recognition not only of the needs of the injured countries, but also of the difficulties of the offending state. Outside and beyond the German problem there was a resolve to eliminate all the various elements of disturbance, political and economic, that kept Europe in ferment and made its restoration impossible.

It was decided to summon all late belligerent nations to a great conference at Genoa to discuss reconstruction. To these were added the neutral nations of Europe. It was a great decision.

SCOPE LIMITED

There were three obstacles in the way of realizing the program. First was the stipulation of France that specific problems raised by the treaty of Versailles should be excluded altogether from the purview of the conference. This was a grave restriction of its functions as an all-embracing assembly. Still, if the Cannes sitting had continued an arrangement might have been arrived at there together, and then with the Germans, which would have helped the deliberations of Genoa.

The second obstacle was the refusal of America to participate in the discussions. Why? There were probably good reasons for that refusal, but the recording agent alone knows them all fully and accurately.

The third obstacle was the fall of the Briand ministry and the substitution of a less sympathetic administration.

In spite of all these serious drawbacks Genoa accomplished great things. It brought together into the same room enemies who had not met for 10 years except on the battlefield. They conferred and conferred around the same table for weeks at conferences, committees and sub-committees. They broke bread and drank wine together.

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At the same time, before the conference, there was an atmosphere of friendliness which was in itself a guarantee of peaceable relations, for the delegates who represented the nations at Genoa were all men of real influence in their respective countries.

But however important the intangible result, there was much more achieved. Thirty nations represented in assembly entered into a solemn pact not to commit any act of aggression against their neighbors. When they entered the conference there were few of them who were not opposed with suspicions that these neighbors meddled with their neighbors. When they entered the conference there were few of them who were not opposed with suspicions that these neighbors meddled with their neighbors.

RUSS ARMY REDUCED

One of the most promising results of the pact and the improved atmosphere conditions out of which it arose was a definite reduction in the Bolshevik army. It has already been reduced to the dimensions of the French army, and we are now promised a further reduction of 50 per cent. That removes a real menace to European peace. If a reduction of arms in the east of Europe is followed by a corresponding reduction in the west, the reign of peace is not distant.

This is not the time to dwell upon the important problems which are at Genoa on questions of exchange, credit and transport. All the recommendations made depend for their success on carrying out on the establishment of real peace and friendly understanding between nations. Peace and good will on earth is still the only healing balm for idealists to preach and statesmen to practice. Without it, plans and protocols must inevitably fail.

Where does peace stand?

The weary angel is still on wing, for the waters have not yet subsided. She may perhaps find a foothold in the great west and Britain fairly safe—not yet Ireland. But the continent of Europe is still swampy and insecure.

The debate in the French chamber on reparations is not encouraging. The only difference of opinion in the discussion was that displayed between those who advocated an advance into the Ruhr and seizure of pledges, and those who preferred "developing" the left bank of the Rhine. Occupying, controlling, developing, seizing—all mean the same thing; that the province to the left bank of the Rhine is to be torn from Germany and grafted into France.

There is no peace in this talk. It is a sinister note on which to end the pacific music of 1922. You must interpret it in connection with another event of 1922—the Russo-German agreement. Since then, Chicherin—the spirit of mischief incarnate—has almost made Berlin his abode. The men who are devoting their ingenuity to devising new torments for Germany are preparing new torments for their own and their neighbors' children.

AMERICAN AID

The year ends with rumors of great American projects for advancing large sums of money to all and sundry in the hope of invigorating the vegetation of German reparations. The loan, it is surmised, will be accompanied by guarantees of the part of France not to invade further German territory. Some go so far as to conjecture that it is to be an essential condition of participation in this Christmas bounty of Madam's favor that France is to reduce her armies and to undertake not to exceed the Washington limits for her navies.

Nobody seems to know, and I am only repeating the gossip of the press. But if the \$50,000,000 pound sterling loan is likely to materialize, its projectors are wading the impossible conditions that would afford them some chance of receiving payment of the same interest in the form of the same generation. No prudent banker would lend money on the security of a volcano.

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comes in excess of \$500 will be mailed soon.

Married persons whose net income is \$5000 or less are allowed an exemption of \$2500 and for married persons whose net income is in excess of \$5000 an exemption of \$3000 is allowed.

SINGLE MAN UNLUCKY

The exemption for single persons is \$1000. Whether married or single the taxpayer is allowed an exemption of \$400 for each person dependent upon him for chief support, if such dependent is under 18 years of age or incapable of self-support.

The requirement to file a return is placed upon every married person whose net income for 1922 was \$2000 or more, or whose gross income was \$5000 or more, and upon every single person whose net income was \$1000 or more or whose gross income was \$5000 or more. The fact that by reason of exemptions and credits a person's income is not taxable does not nullify the obligation to file a return if the income equals or exceeds the amounts specified.

A person who supports and maintains in one household one or more individuals who are closely connected with him by blood relationship, relationship by marriage or adoption, is allowed the same exemption as a married person. Returns of married persons must include the net incomes of both husband and wife and dependent minor children. Husband and wife may make joint or separate returns.

They receive but one personal exemption, but if separate returns are filed the exemption may be taken by either or divided between them. Exemption of \$400 for a dependent may be claimed only by the one furnishing the dependent's chief support.

The taxpayer's status on December 31, 1922, determines the amount of his exemptions and credits. If married and living with wife or husband on that day the exemption is \$2500 or \$3000, according to the amount of the income. If single and without dependent on that day he may claim but \$1000 as his exemption, even though he may have been married and the head of a family during the greater portion of the year. Widows, divorcees and persons separated by mutual consent are classed as single persons.

AMOUNT OF TAX

The normal tax is 4 per cent on the first \$1000 of net income and 5 per cent on the remaining net income above exemptions. Surtax rates, which apply to incomes in excess of \$2000, range from 1 per cent on the amount of net income between \$2000 and \$10,000 to 50 per cent on the amount by which the income exceeds \$100,000. For the year 1922 surtax rates ranged from 1 per cent on the amount of income between \$2000 and \$10,000 to 65 per cent on the amount of net income in excess of \$100,000.

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