

HARVEY SEES TEST OF FAITH ON ARMS

Governments on Trial, Not Security of Peoples, U. S. Ambassador Says

LLOYD GEORGE WAS EAGER

By the Associated Press
London, Nov. 1.—George Harvey, the American Ambassador, speaking last night at the dinner given by the "Lloyd George Society" to the British delegates to the Washington Conference on Limitation of Armaments and Far Eastern Problems, heralded the coming conference as "an ordeal not of battle but of faith," the underlying purpose of which was not more a challenge to the League of Nations than it was to the Monroe Doctrine.

The real question confronting the conference is not whether the nations of the earth can be brought into agreement upon all things, but whether they can reach an understanding with respect to anything," he said. "It is to be a great test, not of the sincerity of peoples, but of the capacity of existing governments to satisfy the universal longing for peace, prosperity and happiness."

How Lloyd George Accepted

Ambassador Harvey opened his address by alluding to the circumstances in which the invitation to the Washington conference was accepted by the British.

"I cannot permit to pass this opportunity to make on behalf of my country due acknowledgment of the greatly generous way in which unfailingly and with characteristic promptitude the decision of the Prime Minister accorded whole-hearted support of the brave initiative of the President," he said.

"Never can or would I forget that peaceful Sunday afternoon in July when I found Mr. Lloyd George seated under the spreading branches of the trees on his country place engaged in animated conversation with the Premier of the dominions. Quietly he asked: 'What is it?' I drew a telegram from my pocket and held it to his eye."

"Read it," he said. "I did so slowly and carefully. It is needless to inform you that it was the message of the Secretary of State announcing the intention of the President to summon a conference of nations and asking if such a move should meet with the approval of the British Government."

Premier Almost Shouted

"In a flash the Premier was on his feet."

"We accept," he almost shouted. "We accept gladly, we accept gratefully. I do not need to read the telegram. It is all right. We will do everything in our power to make the conference a great success."

"That is the pledge he gave and which he has kept to this evening, when, as we all regretfully realize, his heart is heavy from apprehension that the performance of a more arduous duty may prevent him from affording at the beginning the helpfulness of the great and unexampled prestige which can be fully rendered only through the actual presence of so vivid a personality."

The Ambassador told of the delivery of the invitation to the conference to Lord Curzon, Foreign Minister, and the Ambassador's call for the reply which had been drafted with the conventional optimism: "The British Government confirm their acceptance."

"Lord Curzon," said Colonel Harvey, "read the answer and remarked: 'This does not suffice.' Then he wrote in: 'With the greatest satisfaction the performance of a more arduous duty may prevent him from affording at the beginning the helpfulness of the great and unexampled prestige which can be fully rendered only through the actual presence of so vivid a personality.'"

Ambassador Harvey said that when Lord Robert Cecil received in this conference no challenge to the League of Nations he cried "magnificent achievement," and the Ambassador echoed Lord Bryce's assertion that it was impossible to overrate the fervor and loyalty with which the conference was regarded in America, and that America was not

disposed to stand aloof from Old World affairs. Viscount Grey was no less generous than he was just, the speaker continued, when he declared his belief that the American Government was absolutely sincere and single-minded and worthy of the absolute trust of all the other nations. He quoted King George's message to President Harding and the latter's reply, and added: "Back of all their statements and publicists stand in steadfast hope the entire peoples of our common race."

"Our own position is plain," he continued. "America does not fear war. Why should she? Geographically she is self-contained and self-supporting in all respects."

"Her long coast lines are inadequately protected. Some of her most splendid cities would appear as tempting targets to the warriors of the sea. But the circumstance is relatively trivial. The greatest guns in the world could not create the havoc of an earthquake such as that from which San Francisco rose like a phoenix from its ashes, more resplendent than ever, in a bare season of the most recent past."

An Unshakable Defense

"It is a matter of most casual observation that we rebuild New York every thirty years, and back of the cities and the coast lies a great country which constitutes the real America with a registered total of more than 24,000,000 men between the ages of seventeen and forty-five capable of bearing arms."

"To pronounce such a land unapproachable is to utter the merest truism. No, America does not fear war, she simply hates it."

"But the security of the United States does not rest upon her physical resources alone. Her moral position is impregnable. Not only will she never seek additional territory by conquest, she would not accept it as a gift."

"Within her borders the unoccupied lands sufficient to sustain a population double that which she now has. Well, indeed, may she rest content a friend to all nations and, so far as her people are aware, without an enemy in the world."

"The coming conference, therefore, presages no arbitration of the sword. It is an ordeal not of battle, but of faith."

Press Indorses Speech

Mr. Harvey's hopes for the success of the conference on the limitation of armaments were indorsed by every newspaper in London, which reiterated expressions of approval previously made whenever the conference has been under discussion.

"This eloquent fact," declared the London Times in discussing Mr. Harvey's statements relative to the cutting down of the building of war vessels, "is proof of a security which should be regarded as an example which should be imitated where and when it is possible."

The Morning Post called it a "vivid and convincing guarantee of America's good will," while the Chronicle said the whole speech was an "admirable expression of the spirit of the American people regarding the approaching conference in Washington."

TAX BILL DELAYED BY SOLDIERS' BONUS

Postponement of Final Vote on Revised Measure Again Forecast

AMENDMENTS BLOCK WAY

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Washington, Nov. 1.—Possibility of a postponement until Saturday, or later, of a final vote on the Tax Revision Bill through continued discussion of the soldiers' bonus amendment confronted the Senate today on resuming consideration of the bill.

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