

Barleycorn " had the freedom of the City, and I do not think I have seen a more jolly, better looking, and happy assembly of men,—even though they are lawyers,—than I have seen here to-night with " John Barleycorn " absolutely removed from their companionship. Things worse than this then might have happened.

Another notable event that took place was the serving of notice with unexpected suddenness that the economic blockade against Russia has been raised, and that the United States of America had issued orders for their soldiers to leave Eastern Russia and make an end to the intervention in connection with other great powers in that and in other parts of Russia. That is a momentous happening, when we come to think of all that it may mean. I leave that for the future. But there is another: Yesterday, in the Hall of the Clocks, in the historic City of Paris, was held the first representative Session of the League of Nations. Nine men sat about the table as representatives of the great powers belonging to the League; one place was vacant, the chair reserved for the representative of the United States of America. Now, I am not here to criticise the United States of America; I would be indeed rash if I attempted that, and it is not even in my heart to attempt it, but I cannot help expressing my deep regret for the fact.

I spent seven months and a half in Paris, mainly, in London partly, in attendance upon the Peace Conference, and I know the commanding position taken by the President as your representative in that Conference. President Wilson sat there in persona, but it was the United States which was represented in potentico, and whose power and influence, present and prospective, was the real representative at that Peace Conference.

I mention that simply, if it may be necessary, though I do not think it is, to recall to our minds that nations are responsible for their representatives. Some nations of Europe made