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SINO-JAPANESE CRISIS

"CTATESMANSHIP at Geneva has again asserted J itself," declared Hon. Vincent Massey last night, as he launched the plea: "Let us not lose faith in the League of Nations.'

The former Canadian Minister to Washington addressed the Border Cities branch of the League of Nations Society in the Prince Edward Hotel.

Indecision and faltering, which had marked the course of the League Council for many months in dealing with the Sino-Japanese crisis, has given way to a reassertion of the League's authority, as evi-denced in the Assembly declaration last Friday, reserving the right to outlaw any treaties in the Orient which violate existing covenants, he explained. explained.

analogy between the two sets of circumstances is fairly close. There was no League of Nations then to express world opinion. The only check on Japan came through the ambitions of rival powers—notably Russia—which made use of the troubled waters to fish as best they could ond the imme

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"Now, however, the mobilization of world opinion through the League, and the resulting focus of attention on the Eastern theatre, make such a situation

Eastern theatre, make such a situation impossible. Again I think it is fair to say that in the first few weeks of this conflict in the East, the League operated as a definite deterrent on both parties to the dispute. It was only after a period of two months or so that the resort to force became less and less restrained, and this, as I shall try to show later, was in part at least due to the none too happy handling of the situation by the Council of the League, and the consequent temporary loss in its prestige. Even now, when as most of us think, force has taken the place of reason and the efforts of the League have been unavailing,

The Real Tragedy.

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advance which it means, any small lapses on the part of the League, are trifling indeed. The great choice is made, the great renunciation is over, and mankind has, as it were at one bound and in the short space of 10 years, jumped from the old order to the new, across a gulf which may yet prove to be the greatest break or divide in human history'.

"And we may agree too with Lord Grey when he said, only three months ago that, judged by the amount of progress which it has made in the last few years "the institution of the League of Nations and the work it has already done are perhaps the greatest landmark of progress in the history of "The League represents the greatest

effort in human history to replace in international life the law of the jungle with decency and order. Let us not lose faith in the League. Let us hope with an unbroken confidence that those ideals will remain unsullied and inviolate, those principles, like truth itself, will ultimately prevail."

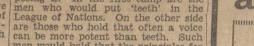
Consuls Speak

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Following the banquet which com-menced at 6:30 o'clock, Harry F. Haw-ley, United States consul in Windsor, and L. C. Hughes-Hallett, British consul in Detroit, spoke briefly. Mr. Hawley prefaced his remarks by commending Mr. Massey on his work in Washington, while he was Cana-dian minister to the United States, referring specifically to his efforts when immigration restrictions effect.







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with a disillusionment so universal and so fundamental. An English eco-nomist said not long ago that the present depression was different from many similar periods through which we have passed in recent years. The only depression which bears any re-set ald, was one which lasted four hun-dred years and was called the Dark Ages. Let us hope on this occasion an economist was found jesting. **Now a Nation** "The atmosphere of today is dif-ferent from that of five years ago in another and perhaps less obvious re-spect. Ninteen hundred and twenty-seven, as I have suggested, is a con-venient date to mark the completion

Wield Power "Today in Geneva, in dealing with the vexed question of the Far East, the smaller states have a share out of all proportion to their size or their reason to believe that the new Com-mission of nineteen which is appoint-

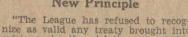
the process of mediation having bee found ineffective, the Council swur to the other extreme and issued a per emptory order without the force make it effective. The order to Jap to withdraw its troops, in the classic language of poker was a bluff and the bluff was called. Furthermore, Japan bluff was called. Furthermore, Japan, as a proud and sensitive people, took offense at the action of the Council and opinion in Japan, however divid-ed it may have been before, was con-solidated behind the war party. There are plenty of liberal-minded Japanese —I had the pleasure of meeting many of them both in Shanghai and Tokio —whose attitude to the League is both enlightened and co-operative, but, un-fortunately, as the weeks passed and the Council of the League seemed to the Japanese people both remote and unsympathetic, Japan seemed to fall more and under the influence of the military party, who are, as we know,

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when a war is not a war, she answers for herself. "The methods of her general staff would seem to us, in this instance, not only in conflict with international ethics, but contrary to common sense. When a community dislikes you so much that it will not trade with you, the persuasion of machine guns and high explosives would seem to be in-effective. In Canada we would not re-

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make an effective appeal to the mod erate element in each country or 'What can the League do? I think e League has enormously recovered its effectiveness. It is easy to say oply Article 16 against Japan'. This, invoked, would impose on all memwhich our hopes ultimately rest; that they are less likely to be respected when they are imposed on a recalcitif invoked, would impose on all mem-bers of the League, other than Japan, the severance of all trade or financial relations, the prohibition of all inter-course between their nationals and the nationals of Japan and the prevention of all financial, commercial or per-sonal intercourse between the nationals of Japan and the nationals of any



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