

"The only permanent safeguard of peace will be a union of nations, or, as President Wilson expressed it, 'a feasible association of nations'. In whatever form it comes, it must first be submitted to the people. This would be accomplished by the above resolution. If there is any means that offers even the slightest promise of shortening the horrible conflict now going on, it should not be neglected. It seems to us that this resolution could not possibly do any harm, and might be productive of great good. We understand that the purpose is not to secure Congressional action in the near future, but to start a campaign of education.

"The sufferings of war fall mostly on the working people; hence it is fit that the labor organizations should take the lead in the movement for permanent peace. It is to their interest that the guardianship of peace be entrusted to the four great democracies of Britain, France, Germany, and the United States, in which the labor element possesses the greatest power. Moreover, the union of these four nations will practically mean the union of the entire white race, and will thus put an end to the danger of Asiatic immigration."

(57 signatures.)

Proposed Joint Resolution To Prepare the Way for Mediation in the Present European War and to Establish Permanent Peace.

Voici les termes de la proposition:

Whereas permanent peace is not possible without an irresistible power to enforce it, which power must necessarily consist of a preponderant and well-united league of nations; and

Whereas international agreements aiming to maintain the world's peace cannot safely be trusted to bear the test of trial in time of stress, unless they are primarily designed to promote the self-interests of the contracting parties; and

Whereas the true self-interest of Britain, France, Germany and the United States, the most democratic, most enlightened, most progressive great nations, comprising by far the larger part of civilization, are most nearly identical, and therefore most apt to be promoted by union, being at the same time most nearly identical with the best interests of all humanity; and

Whereas a league of those four nations, though primarily designed for their own benefit, would by its overwhelming strength be enabled, and by sheer self-interest be compelled, to enforce the world's peace; and

Whereas such a league of civilization, cemented by common interests, would constitute a solid, reliable, preponderant nucleus, whose magnetism would quickly attract the Scandinavian States, the Netherlands, and other free States, and thus afford the easiest and surest path to a world federation which would not be in danger of deadlock and disruption; and

Whereas the union of the four great democracies into an irresistible power would be the surest and quickest means to democratize the world—to bring liberty, enlightenment, and progress to oppressed and backward nations; and