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Mr. King Startles Geneva

PRIME MINISTER KING has startled Geneva and the League of Nations by suggesting that the nations of the world get together on a basis of confidence and goodwill.

The very simplicity of Mr. King's cure for war appears to have taken the breath from some of the sword-rattlers in Europe. While a lot of them like to render lip-service to peace, they are not so prepared to suit their actions to their words.

Mr. King also gave Europe something to think about when he said Canada is not going to be plunged automatically into any European war. He emphasized that this Dominion will not go to war until the Parliament of Canada has weighed the issues and decided that war is the only proper course to follow.

It will do the Europeans good to hear such sentiments boldly expressed. The people of Europe are no more anxious for a general war than are the people of Canada. But ambitious leaders keep moving recklessly towards conflict.

Let them get together in confidence and goodwill as Mr. King suggests. That is a simple formula for avoiding war,—so simple few have thought to try it.

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