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The small countries lacking in military power constitute at all times a power for the good of peace and international justice, because they depend entirely on law and must inevitably abolish aggression, threats of aggression, and violence. The sword of the conqueror and the ax of the executioner are banished by them. Consequently, in the future organization of the world these peoples without vanity and without aims of conquest can and must be considered as a great new power at the service of peaceful living among the nations, the rule of international law, and the ethical and juridical principles of civilization. Between the just and the unjust, they have always declared themselves for justice; between the lawful and the illegal, they have always decided in favor of law; between violence and security, they have always struggled for the maintenance and strengthening of the realm of peace. To assure the participation in international society of countries small in size and military strength, the enforcement of their rights, and the natural sway because of their large proportion in the earth's population, their spirit, their moral orientation, their wealth, and possibilities in international trade, would be equivalent to establish and consolidate an effective and unshakeable guarantee for the fulfillment of the essential and supreme purposes of the organization for solidarity and peace which is to arise out of the historic deliberations in San Francisco.

The Latin American countries constitute an eloquent proof of all that I have said. They had not been attacked directly in the First World War, nor in the present war; they had no territorial problems or boundary disputes with the aggressor countries; they did not entertain plans for expansion nor did they covet territories; but in both cases they did not hesitate in deciding in favor of liberty against oppression, of justice against iniquity, siding strongly with the nations which defended in the world what Woodrow Wilson aptly called "the treasures of law".

Uruguay, in whose name I speak, has kept and still keeps unswerving fidelity to that spirit. It has not come to San Francisco to defend private or selfish interests, nor to discuss preeminences or win honors, nor to hinder with trivial obstacles the fundamental agreements on which will rest the solemn and greater function of the maintenance of peace after the approaching final victory. Uruguay has come to San Francisco to collaborate loyally in the organization of the world and of international security with constructive aims, without prejudices or illusions contrary