

# U. S. in Position To Lead Others

## Canadian Corps Commander Sounds Note of Warning at New York Disarmament Meeting

### ATTITUDE OF FEAR MUST GO

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—(C.P.)—A plea for a bold, sincere and unified move by the nations of the world to bring about lasting, universal peace was sounded here today by Sir Arthur Currie, Commander of the Canadian Corps in the Great War. He made his appeal as one of the principal speakers at a meeting on disarmament, called by the National Republican Club of New York.

After recounting the suffering and futility of the last war, Sir Arthur stressed the horrors which would attend a modern holocaust—a war which he declared defied imagination in its scope and ruthlessness.

Unless the sentiments of peace permeated the thoughts of mankind and war became unthinkable, the world was doomed to destruction, he said.

"Today the nations live in an atmosphere of fear, in a shadowy haze of insecurity. They are suspicious one of the other. They seem ever to be on the alert, to be 'standing to' as it were, each watchful of the other, as if expectant of a treacherous move.

#### FEAR MUST DISAPPEAR

"This attitude of fear must disappear," Sir Arthur declared. "Its disappearance will be hastened by disarmament because that cannot be immediate and complete does not mean that it can never come, or that we should not strive for its achievement."

Disarmament, the speaker maintained, was not a question for any one party or for any one country; it was a question for the world. "As long as each nation seeks only to make herself secure against any possible combination of attack, as long as the present wasteful competition in armament continues unabated, as long as only a selfish nationalistic mentality sways the minds of nations, just so long will it be futile to talk of national disarmament," Sir Arthur said.

The United States, proceeded, was in the best position to lead the way along to paths of peace. Since the war certain steps had been taken and certain agreements made by which it was fondly hoped to lessen the possibility of hostilities, but most of this peace machinery had lacked certain elements of strength from the beginning. Those who fearlessly faced the facts realized that all those treaties, peace pacts, promises, could not save the world, as long as the nations were bent on piling up guns and ammunition against each other.

It would be poor policy, however, Sir Arthur said, to advocate anything like total disarmament at the present time. That could not be accomplished in the twinkling of an eye. But civilization could unitedly set its face in the opposite direction and try by every practical means from now on to remove all existing

## GHASTLY PICTURE OF WAR IS DRAWN

### Armageddon of Future Horrible Beyond Man's Wildest Fears

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—(C.P.)—The ghastly toll of past wars and the possible result of modern Armageddon were pictured here today by Sir Arthur Currie, who commanded the Canadian Corps during the Great War, in an address before the National Republican Club.

He catalogued the toll of the war that ended in 1918 as follows:

Eleven million dead; if they were buried side by side the graveyard would extend almost across the continent; 9,000,000 war orphans; 5,000,000 war widows; 20,000,000 helpless, wounded, broken men; and 50,000,000 starving unemployed. In the background of this picture were ruins of churches, buildings and human institutions which had been constructed by the toil and sacrifice of centuries.

In a war of the future, Sir Arthur declared, there would be no use whatever to say that we must not use poison gas, we must not spread disease germs, we must not kill civilians, we must not have submarine warfare, we must not destroy hospital ships, we must not bomb hospitals, we must not drop bombs on undefended towns.

"All these things will be done, and the people who live in the remote parts of countries will be killed just as horribly and cruelly as those in the war zones — and more frightfully, because they will have no protection."

Statesmen and politicians, Sir Arthur appealed, particularly those selected for the disarmament conference, should conjure up that ghastly spectacle.