

"The adherence of the United States to the group of powers bent on maintaining the peace of Europe would give such overwhelming preponderance of force against the powers bent on disturbing it that peace would be secure for at least a generation."

The foreign policy of the Roosevelt administration has been as futile and feeble as that of its predecessors. In his message to the governments of the world in May, 1933, Mr. Roosevelt could venture on nothing more forcible than a recommendation that all nations "should enter into a solemn and definite pact of non-aggression; that they should solemnly re-affirm the obligations that they have assumed to limit and reduce their armaments and, provided these obligations are faithfully executed by all signatory powers, individually agree that they will send no armed force of whatsoever nature across their frontiers." This is a mere continuation of the tactics of "I will write it out ~~one~~ this line if it takes all summer," by following which tactics James Madison, James Buchanan, and Woodrow Wilson allowed the United States to drift into three great wars.

But only an idealist, protected by blinkers from all consciousness of political realities, can blame Franklin Roosevelt for not trying to be Woodrow Wilson. Woodrow Wilson united the highest ideals for mankind with an almost complete ignorance of men. Franklin Roosevelt knows his people and his politicians. Roosevelt walks on the clods with real men, while Wilson walked on the clouds with ideal men.

As an inpenitent Wilsonian I can only offer another counsel of perfection: America should join the League of Nations, assume in it the position of leadership and responsibility to which its rank as the mightiest of the powers entitles it, and make of it a league that can and will keep the peace in Europe.

"The present chaotic conditions in Europe are due to the absence of the United States from the deliberations of the League of Nations." I quote this from no European, but from a fellow North American, Senator Dandurand, delegate of Canada to the League of Nations. That reproach the United States cannot refute.

If we are to continue chary of aid and prodigal only of advice, let us for very shame discontinue the mockery of keeping Armistice Day as a national holiday. If we had followed Woodrow Wilson, the eleventh of November would commemorate the first day of world peace. Now it merely commemorates the day when one war ended, and the period of preparation for the next war began.