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Ex-President Taft, New Haven, Conn.:

Those working here on your lines send heartiest sympathy with and best wishes for your League's efforts.

BRYCE."

Of Premier Briand?

"In basing your effort on the fundamental principles of respect for the rights and wishes of the various peoples of the world, you are certain of being on common ground with the countries who, in the present conflict, are giving their blood and their resources, without counting the cost, to save the independence of the nations."

You may say that the utterances of one or of the other are wrung from him by the agony of a bleeding country and the bitter disappointment of defeat, actual or prospective. Be it so, if you will,—is it not a great thing, a splendid omen, that such words are said at all?

Let us not despair. I repeat what I said in another place before the war began: "No doubt the watchman on the tower will often hear the anxious question, 'Watchman, what of the night?' before, looking eastward he can say, 'The morning cometh,' without adding 'and also the night.' But that answer will be made. Weary hearts looking for world peace will again and again be saddened by wars and rumors of wars; but these must cease at length. Christ died upon the tree to save mankind, and nineteen centuries after his sacrifice but the fringe of heathendom has heard the good news; yet his kingdom is secure, his throne as the days of heaven."

. . . . Peace "must triumph or all moral governance of the Universe is impossible. Far, far back the