



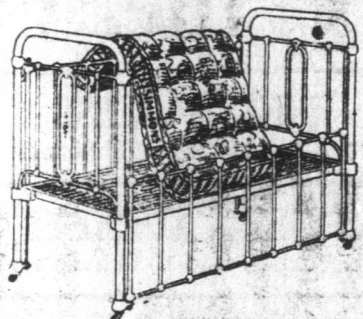
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Speeches of Europe's Statesmen at the Signing

Speeches emphasising the spirit of pacification and reconciliation embodied in the Locarno Treaties were delivered by the distinguished European statesmen at the Foreign Office yesterday, both before and after the signing of the pacts.

The following are the main passages of those delivered before the signing:—

SIR AUSTEN CHAMBERLAIN.

We very much regret that Signor Mussolini has been unable to come to sign with his own hand the Treaty which we initiated at Locarno, but we are happy to greet, in the person of Signor Scialoja, the representative of the Kingdom of Italy, a guarantor, like ourselves, of this work of pacification.

His Majesty's Government entirely identify themselves with the wishes which his Majesty has charged me to express to you in his name.

The conference of Locarno, while strengthening former friendships, has been the basis of a reconciliation with Germany—a reconciliation which we are convinced will assure us henceforth yet another friend.

We are fully aware that there is much still to be done so that these hopes may be realised. We shall all meet with many difficulties on our paths—prejudices to be overcome, suspicions to be allayed.

But, for our part, we are unshakably resolved to pursue this work of pacification in the same spirit which inspired our negotiations at Locarno. Having put our hand to the plough, we shall not look back.

His Majesty's Government will do everything that lies within their power to ensure a successful issue to our labours, to bury the hatreds and suspicions of the past, and to spare future generations from a repetition of the misfortunes and the sufferings of which the world of to-day has been the witness and the victim.

DR. LUTHER (German Chancellor).

I am certain that I am speaking in complete agreement with all the nations represented here when I express the sympathy which we all feel for the heavy loss which the British Empire, together with the Royal Family of Great Britain, has suffered through the death of the Queen Mother.

I welcome from my whole heart his Majesty's conviction that Locarno will be a work of pacification and reconciliation as the foundation of a real friendship between the nations represented here; that, further, it will assure that peace which all peoples so urgently need as a basis for their recovery.

We earnestly hope, moreover, that the wishes expressed by the British Foreign Secretary may be fulfilled, more especially as regards the relations between my country and the nations represented here. He has rightly emphasised that there are difficulties to be overcome on the road to this reconciliation from which new friendships will spring. We speak of prejudices which we must conquer and of mistrust which must be overcome.

All peoples must unite to relegate these prejudices and this mistrust to the past to open the way to a future development in which we must all collaborate. To this end, everything must disappear which has its causes in the after-effects, now no longer justified, of the war period.

The fact that districts of my Fatherland have to suffer still longer from the consequences of that war must within a measurable period also belong to the past as also the feelings of distrust which we desire mutually to renounce.

The plough to which we wish to put our hands must create new values, must give to a free soil the possibility of the harvest which our people need after their long sufferings from the visitations of the past.

Even more important than the contents of the treaty, which denotes new relationships in the world, must be the unity of purpose to work peacefully together, which finds expression in the work of Locarno. Germany to-day gladly once more identifies herself with this work in harmony with her previous attitude and her own initiative.

M. BRIAND (French Premier).

His Majesty's message enables me respectfully to express the deep regret felt in France for the cruel loss which the Royal Family and the whole British nation have sustained.

I thank both the King and his Majesty's Government most sincerely for their words of welcome and for the generous hospitality which has been offered to the delegates. An agreeable occasion thus presents itself for me once more to render homage to the noble and generous spirit in which Mr. Chamberlain presided over our meetings and to the preponderating part then played by him.

It is not without emotion that I shall sign the great treaties which are destined to draw the nations of Europe closer together and to mark the inauguration of an era of peace which corresponds to the most profound feelings and to the desires of all the nations who suffered so terribly in the war.

SIGNOR SCIALOJA (Italy).

Signor Mussolini, the Prime Minister of our King, having at the moment under his direction several Ministries, has been prevented from leaving Italy and coming to sign the treaty as he would have wished. His regret is all the greater because he took special interest in initiating personally the texts approved at Locarno to stress the fact that he, in common with us all, believes them destined to be the basis of new relations between the States of Europe, relations inspired by a broad spirit of conciliation and mutual confidence.

Italy is proud to have participated in this great work of peace and to afford her disinterested guarantee with the sole object of seeing the realisation of the opening of an era of fraternity between the nations.

M. VANDERVELDE (Belgian Foreign Minister).

May a new era be dated from this day, wherein the nations who suffered the scourge of war may work together in a spirit of mutual confidence and prepare for the disarmament of hearts for the disarmament of hands.

DR. BENES (Czechoslovak Foreign Minister).

I have come with the conviction that by our signatures to-day we shall inaugurate a long period of peace. I am deeply grateful to the British Government for the great part which it played before and during the negotiations at Locarno and I trust that this may bring peace, tranquillity, and happiness to Europe.

COUNT SKRZYNSKI (Polish Premier).

I am happy to be in London to affix to the arbitration between Poland and Germany and the instruments relative to the agreements of Locarno, the signature of Poland. This signature binds the future policy of my country, when once ratification has been made by the Chambers, in a way which is best adapted to the desires of its people anxious to preserve the integrity of their territory in peace and dignity.

We see in the agreements an ensemble and a unity of a juridical system, an effective and powerful guarantee of peace in Europe.

We express our hope that the agreements signed to-day may live in the spirit and in the letter. We hope that the great guardian spirits who presided over their inception will be able to watch over their future development.

I am especially happy to render homage to the spirit of nobility, loyalty, and honesty which is the attribute of the genius of the English race, of which the Secretary of State, Mr. Chamberlain, was the incomparable, representative and interpreter, and, by those very means, the powerful artisan of the great work which future generations will bless.

AFTER THE SIGNING A Mother's Apprehensions Removed

M. BRIAND

Among the numerous letters that I have received there is one which particularly touches me and which, by itself, would have made me regard the act with which I was associated at Locarno as the most important and the most moving of my already long political life.

It is a simple letter of a few lines from an unknown woman of the people.

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ple, who wrote: "Allow a mother of a family to congratulate you. At last I shall be able to look at my children without apprehension and to love them with some security."

In the past there have been associations constituted by affinities of temperament and most often of interests. In spite of all, they were bristling with difficulties, anxieties, and suspicions.

The Locarno Treaty which we have just consecrated by our signatures embodies an encouraging innovation in that it proceeds from another spirit. The spirit of solidarity takes the place of that of distrust and suspicion. It is not by an accumulation of strength that it is hoped to render war impossible, but by the bonds of mutual assistance and human solidarity.

"We Are Europeans Only."

Opposite me sit the German delegates; that does not mean that I do not remain a good Frenchman, as they remain, I am sure, good Germans, but, in the light of these treaties, we are Europeans only.

By our signatures we declare for peace. The particularism of our countries is blotted out by this agreement, and with it vanish unpleasant memories. If the Locarno agreements do not mean that they do not mean much. If they are not the draft of the constitution of a European family within the orbit of the League of Nations, they would be frail indeed and would hold many disappointments in store for us.

Our nations have often come into conflict on the battlefields, and they have often left there with their blood the flower of their strength. The Locarno agreements will have been worth while if they mean that these massacres shall no longer take place, and if they prevent the brows of our women from being overcast by fresh gloom, and our towns and villages from being devastated and ravaged again and our men mutilated.

We must collaborate in a common labour of peace and our nations which, on the battlefield, showed equal heroism, will discover, in other phases of human activity, means of emulation no less glorious.

It is in this spirit that, as French delegate, I shall sign the Treaties of Locarno. And here I make this solemn declaration, confident that I am spokesman for the immense majority of my compatriots: I am determined to extract to-morrow from those conventions everything they can provide against war and in favour of peace. I see in them the beginning of a magnificent work, the renewal of Europe, its investment with its true character.

By means of a general union, which all nations will be invited to participate each according to its special qualifications to ensure a definitive peace and to find, in that peace, the consecration of their intelligence and the genius while allowing them to advance each day further along the road of progress.

DR. STRESEMANN.

At Locarno we negotiated without a president. That, however, is the great thing in the wonderful tradition of your country, which can look back upon several centuries of political experience, that unwritten laws work far better than the formulae by which one supposes that affairs must be regulated. Thus the Conference of Locarno, which was so informal, has led to a successful issue.

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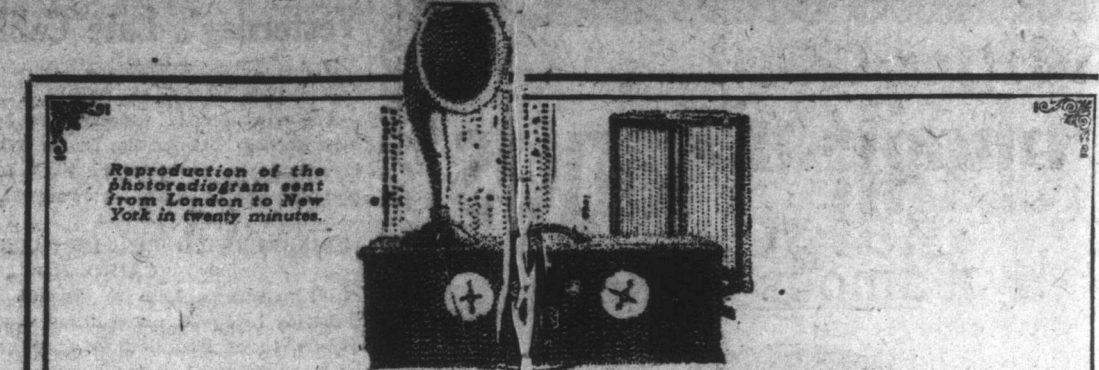
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DR. BENES

The diplomatic work which we have just signed signifies, to my mind, the end of a period of post-war foreign policy; they signify, at the same time, a beginning.

For our country, these acts signify, on the one hand, the confirmation of the amicable relations which it has had since its birth with the great countries of Western Europe, and, on the other, they emphasise and confirm our good relations with Germany by facilitating still further our peaceful collaboration with her in all domains of international life.

But they will have a beneficial influence, I am sure, on the other problems of Europe, notably on the conditions of Central Europe. Important duties await all the signatory countries, and the spirit in which we meet here to-day is certainly the greatest proof that we shall try not to falsify the great hopes that Europe has placed in the results of our work at Locarno.

COUNT SKRZYNSKI

The great work is just the treaties themselves; it is a great force which has just come to birth—the spirit of Locarno, the pride of modern diplomacy and the hope of the peoples.

MR. BALDWIN.

I take this opportunity to say once more how warmly his Majesty's Government welcome the presence of the distinguished representatives of the six nations who have signed with the representatives of this country in the historic act just completed.

I have desired to place my signature on the treaty as well as that of the Foreign Secretary to mark the importance which the Government of his Majesty attach to its conclusion.

I am confident that it is the firm intention of all the nations represented here—just as it is the firm intention of his Majesty's Government—to carry out scrupulously and loyally the solemn obligations which they have here undertaken. In this spirit we shall not disappoint the hopes of our peoples that the agreements now signed will lay the foundation of that peace which the world has



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