

After a sympathetic account of the proposed court, of the services it would render, and of the proceedings of the Conference in regard to it, and expressing the hope that the court would be shortly established, the French delegation, in its official report, insists upon the duty of the various states to carry to completion the work begun at The Hague. Thus:

Each of the states must exert special efforts to carry out, as far as possible, the *vœux*, resolutions or recommendations by which the Conference, in matters upon which it could not reach a conclusion, has emphatically signified its desire to see the governments complete its work. It will suffice to refer to the negotiations requisite to give definitive form to the permanent Court of Arbitral Justice, whose operation depends upon an agreement regarding the manner of selecting the judges.

The official report of the British delegation voices its regret that the Arbitral Court was not constituted at The Hague and expresses the hope that it may be instituted. "We can not but hope," it is said, "that the difficulties which we have been unable to overcome may in the end be surmounted, and that our labor as pioneers may in the end not prove entirely fruitless."

Finally, and for the sake of completeness rather than for any doubt as to the attitude of the United States, the following paragraph is quoted from the official report of the American delegation. After briefly explaining the nature and importance of the proposed court and commenting upon its important provisions, the report proceeds:

It is evident that the foundations of a permanent court have been broadly and firmly laid; that the organization, jurisdiction and procedure have been drafted and recommended in the form of a code which the powers or any number of them may accept and, by agreeing upon the appointment of judges, call into being, a court at once permanent and international. A little time, a little patience, and the great work is accomplished.

It is unnecessary to set forth in detail the various propositions made for this purpose by the United States. In his first annual message to Congress, after the adjournment of the Conference, the President said:

Substantial progress was also made toward the creation of a permanent judicial tribunal for the determination of international causes. There was very full discussion of the proposal for such a court and a general agreement was finally reached in favor of its creation. The Conference recommended to the signatory pow-