

If a rescript of the Czar of Russia looking toward reduction of armaments or, however indirectly, toward preventing war, should now be presented to the populace in front of Cologne Cathedral, would they all smile a smile of indifference? Would it be looked upon as "another piece of sentimentalism, another exploit of imperial impulsiveness?" And would the diplomatic world treat it with "quiet, courteous disregard?"

What does it mean when the Chancellor, no doubt with the full approval of his Imperial Master, says: "If at and after the end of the war, the world will only become fully conscious of the horrifying destructions of life and property, then through the whole of humanity there will ring out a cry for peaceful arrangements and understandings which, as far as is within human power, will avoid the return of such a monstrous catastrophe. This cry will be so powerful and so justified that it must lead to some result."?

And what mean the words of Lord Grey?

"I think public utterances must have already made it clear that I sincerely desire to see a league of nations formed and made effective to secure future peace of the world after this war is over. I regard this as the best, if not the only, prospect of preserving treaties and of saving the world from aggressive wars in years to come. If there is any doubt about my sentiments in the matter, I hope this telegram in reply to your own will remove it."

Of Lord Bryce?