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Canada at Geneva

IT IS an extravagant interpretation The Daily Express, London, put on Mr. King's speech at Geneva. But then The Express does not like the League and any stick is better to shake at it than none. From Mr. King's having said that Canada will not be committed through the League the Express reaches the conclusion that Canada is leading the way out of Geneva. In the paper's phrase, it leaves only the rags and tatters of collective security.

It seems to us The Express has jumped to a conclusion. Mr. King made it clear, to be sure, that regarding such ideas as sanctions Canada would be committed only after consultation with the Dominion's parliament. But he did not say Canada would not participate. The League itself has failed as an instrument of collective security. The time for trying to repair the lost prestige or restore the lost power is not yet nor will it be while such powers as Germany, Italy, Japan, the United States are free of obligation to Geneva. It can only attempt to carry on as an instrument of conciliation and Canada has shown no unwillingness to take part in such a mission.
