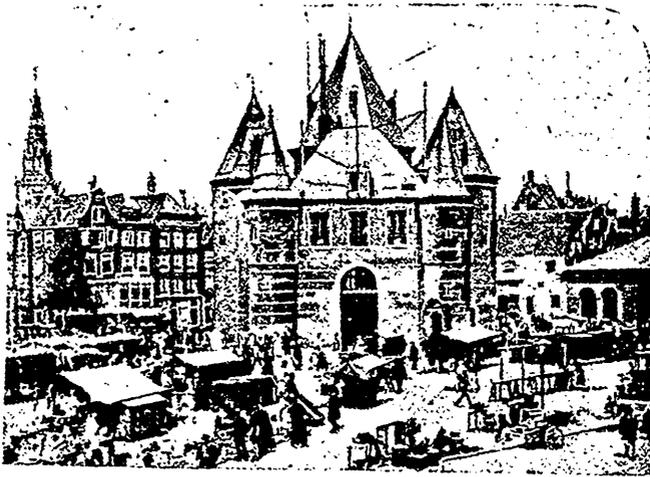


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The attention of the civilized world has been focused upon the capital of the little kingdom of Holland. Never before have the representatives of four-and-twenty nations been assembled at so important a conference as that which gathered in the old historic House in the Wood, amid the noble chestnuts of the Hague. While not all that the ardent lovers of peace desired or hoped has been secured, yet the meeting of that conference has marked an epoch in the history of civilization. Though universal disarmament is yet in the future, it may be in the far future, still the waste and want and woe of war have been emphasized as never before. The conscience of mankind has been

aroused to its enormous evils, and we believe that the maintenance of peace has been made more easy, and that the nation will more than ever outrage the moral sentiment of mankind that "cries 'Havoc!' and lets loose the dogs of war."

It was fitting that during the Peace Conference a wreath of honour should be laid upon the tomb of the great Dutch jurist, Grotius, the father and founder of the science of international jurisprudence, the prophet of a later day when the nations shall be bound in bonds of brotherhood. The establishment of an international court, representing the great powers, at the Hague, would make the capital of the Dutch