

you declared that you would like to discuss matters with me "for a couple of hours". Well, I am sure you can read all I am enclosing, - when, and if you feel like it, - in much less than one hour. Please do not feel obliged to answer. I realize the terrific pressure you are always under.

Believe me, dear Sir Arthur,

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P.S. The only direct objection I heard raised to the ideal of a strong League, was that the French and their friends would get hold of "the machine". In the first place I suggest no "machine". In the second, it is evident that in a Council bound by the rule of unanimity nothing important could ever be done without the approval of Great Britain. Usually a British Dominion will also be there. In the Assembly the British Commonwealth has, with its six votes, a highly privileged position. If the League in general and its Council in particular were now to be strengthened in response to the lesson taught by Japanese behaviour in Manchuria, the British Commonwealth would have a decisive voice in its decisions.

Even in New York such former "bleating pacifists" as "The New Republic" and "The Nation" are swinging around. "The Nation" of December 2 (page 588) says: "We still feel that the