

UNITED STATES IN SORRY POSITION IN WORLD AFFAIRS

Most Disliked Nation in the World, in Contempt of 40 Countries.

Is Paying the Price—Shipping and Trade are Suffering—Use of Allied Debts as "Big Stick" Increases Unpopularity.

Special Cable to the New York Times and Montreal Gazette. Geneva, Sept. 11.—The first week of the second assembly of the League of Nations has brought into bold relief the gigantic anomaly which exists in interna-

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tional relations today by which a vast majority of the nations of the world bound together in an undertaking whose plan came largely from America—for certainly the League as it exists as part of the Treaty of Versailles, is the result of American participation in the Peace Conference—find their efforts to make this plan work almost hopelessly paralyzed by the fact that America will have nothing to do with it. Where in history is there a parallel for such a state of affairs? It is all very well for American states-

men in power today to talk about Europe's mistake in taking Wilson at his face value. But just at the Politi who sleeps beneath his tricolor bedecked cross on the battlefields of France never knew the Doughboy who rests not far away beneath a little white cross, so the interior political events of the United States, although known and understood, by a limited number of statesmen, mean little to the peoples of the other nations who expected so much of the league, and up to the present have seen so little materialize. And today the peoples of forty nations are being told by their newspaper correspondents at Geneva that the league is paralyzed by America. They are being told that the league cannot make progress with disarmament because America won't work with the league; they are being told that the league cannot put its mandate system into effect because of what America has done on has not done; they are being told that the success of the world court is being put in jeopardy by America. They are being told that America is responsible for all this.

Most Disliked Nation. Such are the impressions that are being scattered all over the world and which in their reflection may help bring home to the United States the fact, unpleasant enough, that today it occupies a very disagreeable position in international relations. The conduct of America's foreign policy has, to put it bluntly, had the effect that whereas three years ago America was the most loved nation on earth, it is today perhaps the most disliked nation. Where are America's international political allies today? She has but two diplomatic friends, France and China. Germany's diplomatic support is in the market and she may be able to get that, but as matters stand today China, who sees in America an ally against Japan, and France, who would be a friend of the United States in any showdown, are our best bet. England is an ally of Japan, our greatest international opponent. Italy still smarts from what she regards as unfair treatment from the American delegates at the Peace Conference. The Scandinavian countries included, see America as a nation trying to dictate to the whole world. On top of all Washington must count on the feeling of jealousy that several large South American countries hold towards the United States. The new nations of Central Europe look upon America somewhat as a stepfather who has abandoned them, and all the countries of the league are being told that America is killing the league because she wants her own league. Altogether the United States has a sorry international reputation. There is more than one way to look at this truth. One is that America is a great and large country and self-sufficient; Europe owes her billions, she has most of the available gold supply of the world, and, to put it in slang, "we should worry." There is another way to set it. In addition to the fact that United States trade is suffering from the unstable conditions in Europe for which Europe likes to blame America's isolation, President Harding has called an international conference in Washington. Although called a disarmament conference it would be a great surprise to the majority of those diplomats who will attend it, if it does not turn into an occasion of international bargaining in which America will seek to better her position vis-a-vis Japan. That being so, America may need the diplomatic support of other nations. America holds the trump card of the Allied debts, but the very report that that card would be played arouses a resentment which may well measure the stability of any diplomatic edifice Secre-

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European diplomats the coming Washington conference when someone mentioned the possibility of open sessions because that was the kind of diplomacy Americans like. "What good jokers the Americans are," said a certain statesman. "Here is such talk coming from Washington a week after Washington has finished negotiating a treaty with Berlin in a secrecy none of us has ever excelled. Talk about open diplomacy and publicity for your disarmament conference does not fool anyone." And he added: "We are getting your number." Now this able diplomat may have been all wrong, but his ideas represented the ideas of a vast majority of the European statesmen of today. They believe America now wants to play "You scratch my back and I'll scratch yours" politics, and if that is true then it is important to know that America's international friendships are not so numerous as they were. Perhaps, as Mr. Borah sees it, from Idaho, it does not make any difference. It is to help American readers to form their own conclusions that I have set down these impressions, those of a writer who has been in fairly close touch with the attitude of other nations towards America from the day the Fifth Marines marched up Chateau Thierry road down to the end of the first week of the second assembly of the League of Nations.

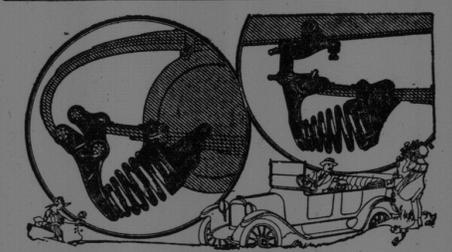
Father Mallett in Sussex. Sussex Record: Rev. Father Mallett, who succeeds Rev. Father Fraser, as assistant to Rev. Father McDermott of St. Francis Xavier's, officiated for the first time at Sussex on Sunday. He came here from St. Bernard's parish, Moncton. Father Mallett is a young man of recognized ability and activity. Father Fraser left for Duxton on Saturday, and assumed his duties there.

Robbed of Gratitude. America is the greatest nation in the world from a material standpoint. From a moral standpoint she does not occupy the position she did at the end of the war. She is seen today in a different light. She is viewed with the respect due a nation of such power, but the idea helped along by the supposed spokesman for the present administration that after all America went into the war for her own selfish purposes, has served to rob her of the feeling of gratitude which used to exist. America as a source of high international political ideals has vanished for the present. Just an instant—less than three years ago—she was regarded as an exponent of open diplomacy, a criterion of a new regime in international affairs. Just the other day I was discussing with a group of

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