

thousand janizaries, reduced to serfdom of the most miserable kind a population of one hundred and sixty million souls.

Italy's resistance against sanctions imposed by the League renders them ineffectual. She found at home a part of the raw materials required. She established new industries and thus produced many articles she had to purchase abroad. Such sanctions increase State interference in countries applying them and by paralyzing international relations, cause the economic machinery to deviate. Germany alone derived profit from them. Nations which have voted at Geneva in favour of Sanctions against Italy are now seeking one after another to break away from an obligation which seriously harms them while Italy yields not.

Such sanctions are applied under Art. 16 of the Covenant and their object is to force the erring country to come to terms by stopping its trade and by starvation. They thus bear heavily upon the poorest and the least guilty. They are inapplicable to certain countries notwithstanding the crimes they may be guilty of. Great Britain to which a quarter of the globe belongs, can without suffering, defy all the sanctions in the world. Neither can Russia be affected by them.

Moreover - and this is where we are specially concerned - Art. 16 seeks to impose on all members of the League notwithstanding their particular interests, the same rule in the enforcement of measures decreed against the "sanctioned" country. No distinction, for instance, as regards Italy, between Switzerland, her nearest neighbor, and the Republics of Hayti and Liberia. These two negro countries have no nationals in the Kingdom of Italy.

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