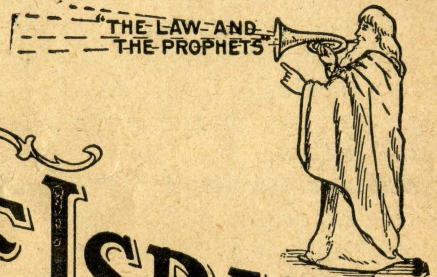
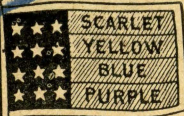


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# THE REMNANT OF ISRAEL

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"All ye inhabitants of the world and dwellers on the earth, see ye; when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountain, and when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye."—Isaiah 18:3.

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## GOD'S RAINBOW

God's rainbow in the cloud  
What doth it mean to you?  
Only that the sun is out  
The spell of rain is thru'

To some it means much more  
God's promise to every man  
That never again in ages to come  
Will a flood be in his plan.

But to his *little* Remnant  
It meaneth more and more  
Each color hath a lesson—  
'Twas used long, long before.

The time of Noah and the flood  
For round his throne above  
Thru' all the endless ages  
Is the rainbow of his love.

(Red)

We know we have a "sinbearer"  
When "red" we see in the "bow"  
That tho' our sins are as "scarlet"  
He'll make us white as snow.

(Isa. 63; Isa. 1:18)

(Yellow)

We want strong "faith" O savior  
The "gold tried in the fire."  
We want the work for souls  
To be our one desire.

(Rev. 3:18)

(Blue)

We'd be as the children of Israel  
When they looked at their "ribbands of *blue*"  
We'd remember and keep his commandments  
For only such can go thru'.

(Numbers 15:38-39)

(Purple)

And as *red* and *blue* make purple  
So the priest dressed in purple hue  
Represented our priest in heaven  
Who bears your sins for you.

And as *red* and *blue* make purple  
So justice (*blue* or law) is mixed with grace (*red*  
or sinbearer)

So the ministry of His priesthood  
Helps us in heaven to gain a place.

Mark 15:17.

—L. R. S.

## "THE SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN"

L By John S. Stanford L

"The Sign of the Son of Man" is the *Rain Bow*.  
In Gen. 31:15, God made a covenant with the human race. He agreed to give them some one that should bruise the serpents head.

That was agreed to give Jesus to overcome Satan, Satan *attacks* us but Jesus delivers us from those attacks. Breaks his power over us here and now (if we ask it) and will finally destroy him altogether out of the way for ever. And this promise of God to the Human race, (1 Gen. 3:15) has been from the fall and is yet in force.

So that is the "Everlasting Covenant" (Gen. 9:16) that was made 'between God and every living creature of all flesh.' The setting of the Bow in the Cloud began in Noah's time because they did not have clouds and rain till Noah's time. But they did have the Everlasting covenant all during the 1656 years, if no rain till Noah's time.

And that 'Everlasting Covenant' was the promise of Jesus, represented to them by Abels lambs and on down to Noah's. Then when God renewed things to Noah he simply gave in this renewal a something else that was to constantly remind them of Jesus. The Sign of Jesus ("The Rain Bow") was the sign of Jesus long before it was placed in the clouds. Jesus had the Rain Bow upon his head (as mentioned in Rev. 10:1, always).

The coming of clouds and rain in Noah's time did not originate the rainbow. It was there long before the times of rain. God said "I do set my Bow in the cloud." Showing the Bow was *God's Bow* long before there was any clouds here with us. So the Rain bow is the sign of Jesus. The *proof* of Jesus. The *proof* that if we see any one coming that claims to be Jesus he must have or be preceded by *The Rainbow*, and if that is not so he is an impositor. For the Rain Bow is the proof that *it is* Jesus.

The *Sign of Jesus*. "The Sign of The Son of Man." (Matt. 24:30) Nobody else can carry or display or be preceded by that sign *but Jesus*. That is why "all the tribes of the earth" *will mourn* when the Sign is seen, everybody will see it, and see following it The Son of Man, himself coming. There will be no mistaking it, nor the matter. Its beauty, its Brightness, followed by the *overwhelming* Brightness of Jesus himself will be unmistakable and awful discouraging to any one except those in whose hearts here The Son of Righteousness has arisen with healing in his Wings. In whose heart Jesus has already dwelt "By Forth." There will be no mourning among them. No, but instead a rapturous shout of joy, he will be "The King in his beauty" to them.

#### Hail And Haste Glad Day

But his sign is the Rain Bow, when God said "I do set *My* Bow in the cloud," it was Jesus himself talking to Noah (Gen. 9:13.) When the heavens were opened to Ezekiel and he "saw visions of God" (Ezek. 1:1). The one he saw sitting on that throne (27th and 28th verses) was Jesus, the commander of all those angels and Ezekiel said the brightness around about Jesus was like the Rainbow. Where ever the Son of God is seen, there is also seen the *Rain bow* (Excepting here during the humiliation when he had laid aside His Glory), "the Sign, Son of Man, is the Rain bow. In Rev. 10:1, the almighty Angel seen with the Rainbow upon his head was Jesus. The mighty Arch angel, (Micheal) distinguished from all other angels by "The Sign of The Son of Man," the *Rainbow*. "SO THE

SIGN OF THE SON OF MAN IS THE RAINBOW" and it is important that we know this for it is one of at least seven or eight signs that are given as reminders that "The Coming of The Lord draweth nigh" (Matt. 24, Mark 13, and Luke 21.) These seven or eight signs have been years apart, (repeatedly admonishing the careless world) and this one will be (for Jesus does not come till the end of 6000 years from creation, the "Day appointed") (Acts 17:31.) But it surely will come and will be important, for it is at once followed by the coming of Jesus himself, which is the cause of the mourning of "all the tribes of the earth." (The lost souls who have never loved or received Jesus.)

In whatever way God may manifest this sign to us, is not stated but this much is certain, when the Rainbow is seen (aside from its ordinary manifestations in the cloud) Jesus will be seen for the Rainbow is His Sign, "The Sign of The Son of Man," and whatever satan may devise and attempt as imitations and counterfeits to deceive and dull and benumb the sleepy world we cannot say, but we know that he is on that job, doing that work, counterfeiting every good and perfect work of God.

Already there are things of wonder (and admiration too) taking place in the heavens, only lately (April 1926) (as stated in a recent paper) "A cloud in the east in the form of a tornado, not black and ugly but bright and glowing spread across the heavens taking on the hues of the "Rainbow" and remained till 4 the next morning." We know that God has said that he will show wonders in the heavens (Joel 2:30-31.) But those wonders are the wonders that are stated elsewhere as the signs of his coming, (Darkening of the sun and so on.) All the other wonderful manifestations are of satan. (The Prince of the power of the air), for we know he is working, "working with all power and signs and lying wonders" (2 Thess. 2:9) and what more like him and in harmony with his plans than to counterfeit this beautiful and glorious and important one (of the signs of the coming of Jesus) "The Rainbow," "The Sign of the Son of Man," he will do it, of course he will, he will do it to accustom and benumb the world to things of that kind so that they will give no heed the scripture warning concluding that it is an ordinary occurrence. And he will do it to deceive the very elect, ("if possible") and lessen their acuteness towards Gods statements concerning these things.

All else but the clear teaching of God's word is of satan.

Let us be awake. ("Awake thou that sleepest, and Christ shall give thee light," Eph. 5:14.)

Kindly,

Bro. Stanford,

April 24, 1926

If anyone wishes to write me concerning this, my address is Box 125, Niles, Ohio.

**SOCIAL PURITY THE BASIC PRINCIPLE OF A  
NEW GENESIS, AS SEEN IN PART  
WITH A MESSAGE**

**The Cloudless Sky of the Scripture or the Messenger**

In the first century the Lord called a convention to which half the world responded. Then Eve responded in the audience or gave ear to the devil's "Thou shalt not surely die." Then she slipped off into God's apple orchard and pulled and ate half an apple, and the devil seemed to see it and made her a delegate to Adam, the other half of the world, and she found that Adam liked an apple as well as herself, soon thereafter seeing their mistake, they begin to sew fig leaves together, but God seeing their condition, soon supplied a remedy, a sacrificial remedy,—that of a slain lamb the skin covering of the lamb being a substitute for fig leaves for he is always equal to the emergencies. O read with me Jer. 1st to 51st chapters, where he declares through this minor prophet what he can and will do for man in this life. Then turn with me to Isaiah the greater prophet, and read what God *has* done, for sometimes we find that God duplicates himself as it were, in order that his disciples may find shorter roads to scriptural truth, viz. Genesis No. 1 of creation and Exodus is No. 2 of God's dealings with men. But we must go back to Isaiah before we overlook it and read the following verses, Isa. 11:6. The wolf shall also dwell with the kid and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them, and the cow and the bear shall feed: their young ones shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den.

They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters covers the sea, "and it shall come to pass in the days the Lord shall set his hand again the second time, to recover the remnant of his people which shall be left" etc. (part of the eleventh verse). Well the last verse quoted belongs to Exodus and that above belongs to Genesis. Whoever heard of "Lost Dominion" people performing feats attributed to these children? So we can readily see that God's account here refers to Genesis where man was given dominion over everything. We will see, presently how the 144,000 of Rev. and the translation of Enoch and family are similar (in scripture the head of the family stands for the whole family.) See: Noah stands for "translation" of whole family over the flood.

Now let us see what the book says through Jeremiah the minor prophet, who wonderously portrays what God can do with the seemingly horizon portrayed nations before him, too long for quotation but not too long to read from Jer. 1st chapter to 50th chapter, 20th verse, where it says of Israel, "thou art my battle

ax and weapons of war" for with thee will I destroy kingdoms. Note what he says—"I *will do*." Then turn with me to Isaiah the greater prophet, 11th chapter, also 12th and 13th chapters down to 12th, 13th and 14th verses, wherein he says, "I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even than the golden wedge of Ophir. Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall be removed out of her place, in the rath of the Lord of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger." What I wanted to call the readers attention to was not what the Lord *will* do, but what he has already done," as we read in the 11th chapter, 5th to 10th verses, "The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them and the cow and the bear shall feed: their young ones shall lie down together, and the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice den, they shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters covers the sea.

O Our God is wondrously tactful in writing history in advance. Do we read of any history in advance here? Did any one ever hear of any lost dominion children doing these things? Did you ever hear of a lion eating straw like an ox? see Genesis for food for man and animals. Right here let me state that in my boyhood days I was greatly interested in the story of the farmer's boy. The farmer had quite a number of boy and he had some pups for sale, he loaded some pups in a basket and started the boy to sell some pups at a democratic convention, the next day he sold pups in adjoining community at a republican convention, and at a higher price, a democrat accosted him and said, "You are selling them at a higher price than you asked yesterday," "well" the boy replied "its this way the pups were blind yesterday and today the eyes are open." Just so with many of my readers. Fifty years ago their eyes were blind and some of them set for themselves their appointed tasks for eternity, flapping their angelic wings and singing hymns around the throne of God forever. But now their eyes are opened to see that account in Isiah 5 to 10 is a snap shot of future conditions. Now were not Adam and Eve flesh and blood beings and were commanded to multiply and replenish the earth. Immortal souls cannot transmit themselves because they have no bodies. See what Christ says about the seventh husband (to the Pharisees) "ye do not know the scripture neither the power of God," etc. Now it will be seen to repopulate the new earth the restored Adam to which I refer must all be translated beings, from the present earth. "Proof you say?" Christ says in Rev. that they were without fault before the throne of God, does not rank with

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Dear Ones at Home,

Greetings from us all in Bhagalpur, We desire at the close of a year of testings, trials and victories to express our love and gratitude to one and all who have stood by us so faithfully with their prayers and gifts. While our testings have been fierce at times, yet we never forgot that our enemies were heathen and we were trying to win them to Christ. Our worst enemy is a man that I believe will face death for what he believes is right. This character is scarce in India; just think what it would mean to win him to Christ. He gave up idol worship years ago and turned to the Aryas and is a leader here for them. He has faith in us and sends for us to come and pray when any of his family are sick, but is against our turning the people to the "western religion."

We have been going out by turns, camping in the little area we have mapped out to evangelize. (about 1000 villages in a twelve mile circuit) Our first stop was at Lar. Here we met quite a bit of opposition. The Brahman suffered quite a bit of persecution. One old man was sent, supposed to be his father, saying he had come to take his son home, that he had been taken to a mission school when young but now he should return to home and Hinduism. As it happened, the Brahman knew he was not his father and saw their scheme. Instead

of arguing, he said, "You must be tired and hungry after so long a journey. I will fix you a little food." While he went inside, the make-believe father disappeared. The Aryas are trying hard but he tells them if they can find a better Guru than the one he is serving, who blesses His disciples and saves them from their sins, he will think about making a change. His wife also stands true. We had some good meetings at nights.

Our next camp was at Bhatpar Hani, our new station. On our way there we came to a river. It reminded us of American pioneer days and was a funny sight to see the oxen swimming with very little but their noses above water, dragging the champany after them, we and the bedding following in a little row-boat. We visited the bazars (market places) in a number of villages in the day and had good crowds and attention, but again proved that the night is the best time to hold meetings in the farming district. So many comes from surrounding villages. Here we had no enemies at night meetings. One man was healed and the next bazar day stood with the preacher and told the people about it, then shouted, "Yishu Masih ki jai. (Glory to Jesus.) Here We stayed two weeks.

We again forded that wonderful river on our way to Majhaule where we had good meetings. One man came to break up the meeting. He told the people that our Guru (teacher) taught us to steal. (He used Matt. 21 2, 3) But the preachers explained it to the people and when they looked for the man he was seen taking long steps down the road.

Our next stop was at Parasia where we went by invitation of a wealthy Brahman land-owner. He searched the country to find something extra for us to eat. We stayed three days, had big crowds at night and good attention. Most of those to whom we are preaching this season have never heard the gospel. Before leaving, this zuminder called his family on the veranda and asked to have prayer. When he said, "Salam", he left three rupees (about one dollar) in our hands, something very unusual in this country.

Our next move was to Sohmag, the place where the King of the lousy sadhus holds his yearly melas and feeds hundreds of these lazy fellows. Most of them are just good-for-nothing fellows, altho there are a few who are honest, seeking after God, but, like our Sadhu, when they have made the rounds and have seen the vile things done in the name of religion, they give up all hope, go into sin of the lowest description, and become leaches among the people. They make them believe they can bring any misfortune upon them if they do not yield to their

request. It was at this place that our Sadhu was arrested, (as mentioned in the tract.) Here we had good crowds and attention. One night over three hundred were listening very attentively when several men jumped up, yelling, "Hurry away, people, it is a sin for us to listen to their religion," At the first call the crowd jumped up in alarm, but when they heard them thru, the crowd yelled back. "You go if you wish, we are not following you." Only four left and the crowd gladly sat down again to listen.

After three days there, we returned home to get ready for our special meetings here. We have called all the preachers and their families home for a week or more of prayer as the Lord leads. Several are hungry for baptism, and we are praying and believing that the Lord will meet us at this time. Continue to hold us up in prayer for much depends on you.

Lovingly yours in the Master's service.

MRS. D. L. McCARTY.

Sabbath Day, May 22, 1926.

A Brotherly Letter.

Dear Sister:

How it cheers my heart to see that God can lead His really believing children to respond when he sends them light. Oh yes, dear sister, Jesus is the Author of our Faith, (Heb. 12:2.) That means he started it in us, and it also says He is the Finisher of it too. That means he will keep it up in us, not let it die and will make it bear fruit, make it really produce the things we are so longingly looking forward to. Only you see, Sister Mary, his plan is to have us keep looking to *Him*, instead of to men. "Looking unto Jesus, The Author and Finisher of our Faith" (Heb. 12:2.) So I think now, (from this on) you and I and all the rest of Gods understanding and believing children are going to drop men and look to nobody else but Jesus. Then things will go fine, because Jesus *can* and will *make* them go fine, and men cannot. Of course if any human, (any man or woman) comes along with encouraging word from the bible, that we had not seen before in them true light, the message is from God of course, for that is God's plan of working to have one testify to another, but at once drop the man and realize and remember only, *God spoke* to you and keep on looking to him, and things will go fine, but just the minute we begin to pay attention to *the human* and lean on them and ask things of them, God is sad about it, and he is jealous too, and we are at once weakened. Why that is the cause and origin of all denominations, men *looking to men*. Some blessed and faithful man rises up with good words which God reveals to him out

of the bible. Other men hear and receive those words (which is right), then at once all they seem to think of is that they believe as that *man did*, and are following *him* and so they become Campbellites or Millerites, or Jubusites or Wesleyites, (Methodist) or Calvinists (Episcopalian) or some other followers of some man that first presented the advanced light. But all that is a *mistake*, a *snare*, a dead square wrong, and we want to quit it and not start doing the same thing ourselves, when we hear some beautiful and blessed Truth laid before us by some human being. Why yes God says it is dividing of Christ to do that way, to say I am of Paul, I of Apollos, I of Cephas, I of Alexander Campbell, I of John Calvin, I of Martin Luther, I of John Wesley, I of this man or that man. Is Christ divided? (Cor. 1:13.) We do not intend to do any thing of this kind of course. But that is what we do if we pay any attention to the *human* that brought the message. Never should Quote or let appear at all the *human*. But if what he brought is Bible, go get the bible and read it and then present it to the next one *as Bible*. As what *God says*. Never mentioning where or from whom we first heard it. Then God gets the Glory and is not jealous, and men's eyes are directed towards *the bible* instead of towards some man or woman. When a message comes (as it does sometimes from or thru some man or some woman) and we see it is Bible and believe it, we at once, then, are "added to the Lord." Because we believe somethings that *God Says in His Bible*. (Acts 5:14) "Believers were added to the Lord." That so far is correct and all right and God is not at all jealous, but glad, and at once writes our names down, up there in Heaven, on *His Church Record* "The Book of Life" (Heb. 12:22-24). That is he adds us to the Church. (Acts 2:47) *His Church* "Written in Heaven" (Heb. 12:22) not to any Church here below, but to *his Church* "Written in Heaven." And it is joining Babylon to have them written any where else.

#### WILL WE SPEND THE MILLENNIUM ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN

As we are not told directly in the scriptures, how are we to know? We must study to find out, read Isa. 24. When is that scene of desolation to take place, unless it takes place during the thousand years after Christ comes? It cannot take place before, and at the end of the thousand years the final scene will take place and the new earth will receive the Holy City, Rev. 21.

The heavens must receive Christ until the time of restitution of all things, "Acts 3:21." now "All" things must include the earth made new. Now turn to John 14:2-3. In my fathers house are many mansions. I go to prepare a "place" for you, mind Jesus says to prepare a "place" for you . . . I will come again, and

receive you unto myself, that where I am ye may be also. When he comes at the judgment day, we are to meet him in the air. Now if the heavens have to receive Christ until the restitution of "all things," at the end of the thousand years, and the saints have to be with him, then they will be in heaven too.

Now suppose you had a beautiful country home, and also a city residence much in need of repairs, you say to your children, now my loved ones, I am going to make my beautiful country home ready for you, and then I will come back for you so that you may be with me, while I make your old dirty city home into a new one, I will empty and burn up all the old rubbish and make it just like it was at the first, when you hear the trumpet heralding my return, you must come quickly to meet me on the way. Now which would you do, take the children back to the dirty old place to stay there among all the dirt and fire and destruction and ah yes, to see many of their loved and earthly companions perish because "When Jesus would have gathered them under the shelter of his wings," **THEY WOULD NOT.** Or would you take them to the place you told them you were going to prepare for them.

Reading Rev. 7:9-17, we find a great multitude, standing before the sea of glass which was in heaven, Rev. 4:2-6, they had been redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, now we know that none ascend to heaven before the judgment, then when did they go, if not at Christ's coming.

We are cited, Prov. 10:30. The righteous shall never be removed, if we are to take that literally, then we cannot leave the earth even to meet the Lord in the air; since we are to do so, then who is to say how long we shall be away; let us compare that text with others on the same subject, Proverbs 10:25, 12:3-7 they are to teach that the righteous shall inherit the earth, but we are told that it is the new earth.

Sister Moore,

Gilmore, Florida.

### **SOCIAL PURITY**

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Adam and Eve when God said of them. In the image of God created he them. To say therefore that the image of God means immortal souls, is to deny the book of Genesis. Did I not say somewhere that social purity seemed to be at a premium? So now sweetheart and lovers of the new earth (if we are fortunate enough to get there) lets begin to be social now, and hereafter I will open the gold mine before us, for the next issue but for the present, let us Couple our hands together and repeat the shortest, sweetest prayer that ever fell from mortal lips: "God be merciful to us sinners, Amen."

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### **CLIPPINGS CONCERNING THE YELLOW PERIL**

#### **True Significance of Ruuso-German Treaty**

*David Lloyd George in Chicago Herald-Examiner,  
May 9, 1926*

LONDON, May 8—The Russo-Germanic treaty is causing much fluster and not a little alarm among the Locarnist nations.

There is no use disguising the fact that it is a formidable document. Its actual phrasing is more ominous than the various disarming communiques, issuing from Berlin before its publication, would have led us to expect.

For instance, there is a sentence at the beginning which dominates the agreement and indicates its spirit. It is the preamble, which declares that the parties are inspired "by the conviction that the interest of the German people and of the people of the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics demands that the co-operation between them shall be continuous and mutually trusting."

This is repeated and emphasized in Article 1 by the agreement to "remain in friendly touch with one another in order to promote an understanding," etc. The words are startling in their significance. No wonder that eyebrows are lifted pretty high and that shoulders are being jerked up violently.

#### **"Germany Turned East"**

The foolish maneuvers which brought the league of nations into such contempt at the last meeting of the assembly are directly responsible for the conclusion of this momentous treaty. The negotiations had been dawdling along in leisurly fashion for many months between Moscow and Berlin. But the more eager the former were for the arrangements the more apathetic and indifferent became the latter.

Locarno turned the face of Germany toward the west. Geneva swung it around sharply to the east.

Tchitcherin (Russian minister of foreign affairs) is an able diplomat of the old school. What his views may be on economic questions I cannot tell. He never discusses them. Presumably he is a revolutionary. But on foreign affairs he is a product of the old czarist regime.

He has not only the training, the skill and the subtlety of the old Russian diplomacy, but he has also its traditions. He was not the man to miss the opportunity opened by the follies of Geneva to inflict a diplomatic defeat on the enemies of the soviet government in central and western Europe.

When Germany was naturally sore with the insulting treatment accorded her by the allied powers, Mr. Tchitcherin revived the languishing treaty negotiations and he has scored a great triumph at a time when both Russia and Germany stood sadly in need of it—Russia for economic and Germany for diplomatic reasons.

The official attitude of the great powers toward this new pact is one of studied unconcern.

It is true that "bustling little M. Bones of Czecho-Slovakia," as "the New Statesman" happily calls him, fussed around as usual—this time with an elaborate questionnaire which Germany rightly treated as an impertinence. But the foreign ministers of Britain France and Italy have not, in public, so far displayed any undue excitement over this treaty.

There were private explanations given by and perhaps asked of German ambassadors. But they were couched in the tone of the friendly inquirer rather than in that of the anxious party whose interests were deeply affected.

All the same, the European press reveals a deep sense of anxiety, mounting up to alarm, as you reach the countries bordering on Russia.

What accounts for the electric wave of apprehension that passed over Europe when it became known that Russia and Germany were negotiating a fresh treaty? What would be less harmful—nay, what could be more beneficent than this agreement?

#### Europe's Distrust

It is concluded between two powers who were drawn into a terrible war that lasted for years by a quarrel between two other powers in the merits of which they were not directly concerned.

These two powers have now entered into an agreement that henceforth they will preserve complete neutrality if one of them is unfortunately drawn into conflict with a third power.

On the face of it, the agreement is a fresh guarantee of peace. That is the very reason why Europe distrusts it. All these pacts which have in the past provoked war ostentatiously proclaimed that their main purpose was to insure peace among the nations.

The Belgian treaty and the Franco-Russian alliance, the triple alliance between Germany, Austria and Italy and the Anglo-French entente were all declared, at the time, to be so many devices to insure the permanence and security of European peace.

Assurances to that effect were always given to the other nations, but, nevertheless, between them they landed the world in the bloodiest war that ever stained its surface. Hence the disquiet shown throughout Europe over this apparently innocuous transaction concluded at Berlin last Sunday.

The French view is given by M. Gauvain, the well informed writer of the *Journal des Debats*:

"The soviets are striving to insure the neutrality, if not the effective support, of Germany in the event of war with one of their neighbors.

#### The Soviet Game

"Moreover, they are working to draw the Baltic states out of the sphere of the league of nations and to absorb them into a vast Russo-Germanic group.

Such a group would be incompatible with the Locarno pact.

"The soviet is playing its game, but it is for the states menaced by them to guard against their machinations.

"As to Germany, she cannot at the same time enter the league of nations and the Locarno system and contract with Russia undertakings contrary to the covenant and to the arbitration treaties signed in London on 1st December, 1925.

"She is authorized to promise Moscow her neutrality in case of the aggression of a third party against Russia; she would exclude herself from the league of nations and the Locarno system by reserving for herself judgment as to who would be the aggressor and in trying to depart from the application of the fixed rules of the pact."

Then follow some cryptic sentences threatening to "bring into vigor" a counter alliance against the Russo-German entente.

All this kind of comment has an entertaining side to a cynical observer who is not worried about the consequences to the next generation. France has laboriously organized a group of mutual defense against Germany and Russia.

She has advanced huge sums of money to equip the armies of this alliance. She has quite recently entered into a treaty of neutrality with Turkey just after that provocative power had defied the league of nations.

Poland and Roumania have signed a treaty of mutual defense against Russia. Czecho-Slovakia, Poland, Jugo-Slavia and Roumania have an entente for mutual assistance against Russia and Germany.

Czecho-Slovakia has even reinsured by entering into a pact of neutrality with Russia.

The Polish-Roumanian treaty is stated publicly by its author to have been concluded in order to provide against the contingency "of the league of nations not doing its duty."

#### Troubles and Perils

But when Russia and Germany presume to follow the example of those devotees of the league they are admonished for their transgression against the covenant.

Already there are as many qualifications, reservations and loopholes in and about the sacred clauses 16 and 18 of the covenant as there are around articles 6 and 8 of the ten commandments.

This is no reflection on draughtsmanship of President Wilson. Moses was no more successful. The barbed wire of rules and precepts has never permanently kept the erring human cattle from wandering into forbidden ground. But the rovers ought to deal charitably with those who are tempted by their impunity to follow their example.

The real official view of the British foreign office is given by a well informed diplomatic correspondent who is constantly in touch with that office:

"That however legitimate the text of the agreement, it may lead to severe trouble and perils at a later date."

This is sound enough, but British diplomacy ought to have thought of that before it committed itself to the Franco-Polish intrigue against Germany before and at the Geneva assembly.

The analogy with the Franco-Russian alliances of 1894 is much too close for European statesmanship to see comfortable about the incident.

France had been beaten to the ground by German armies and she was at the mercy of the ruthless legions of the victor. Any disposition on her part to assert her national independence brought upon her, for over twenty years, the threat of renewed invasion.

Then came the alliance with Russia and the whole situation changed. Russia was in need of cash. France stood in need of a powerful friend. Russia was an autocracy, based on the divine right of an emperor. France was a republic, based on universal suffrage.

It was an incongruous partnership, but it was nevertheless real and effective. French republicans cheered frantically in the streets of Paris the despot who shot Russian republicans down in the streets of St. Petersburg. National security was more precious than liberty. Twenty years later Russian imperialist and French Republicans marched together as comrades into the great war. The French premier who negotiated the treaty was also in office during the war which resulted from his diplomatic triumph in 1894.

The treaty with communist Russia is hailed with joy by both the parties of the old German aristocracy and the Communist party. On the other hand, it is distrusted by the German Socialists.

The conservatives and the communists alike are in agreement. The former see in it the opportunity for national revenge; the latter see in it the prospect of future trouble, but the Socialists see in it a fresh danger to human peace. How incalculable and confused are the forces that move nations to their destiny.

The situation can be retrieved at Geneva next September if the Locarnist powers realize the dangers and have the courage to repair their mistakes at the March assembly. Will they do so?

M. Briand has vision and courage. But will he be there? His successor would not have the same personal interest in saving Locarno.

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