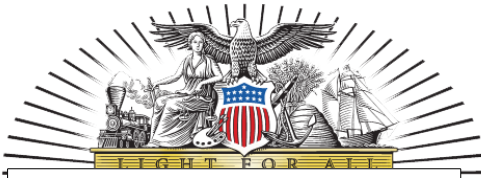


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Tension in the Pacific

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Japan's expansion and imperialist ambitions in the Western Pacific form the biggest threat to global peace today. The Japanese are set on emulating the European imperialists in their economic exploitation of less developed peoples. Where the Europeans took over Africa, the Japanese are looking to China for their economic expansion. It's no accident that the Japanese Imperial Navy is on the forefront of building modern super battleships with huge 16" guns. They've got as many of those as the US Navy has.

The importance of the Washington Conference to use diplomacy to ensure peace in our time cannot be understated. After the recent world war we cannot afford to lose the peace.

OP-ED Thoughts on the Washington Conference

by Ida Tarbell

It would be well if this Conference does not replicate the ghastriness of the one held in Versailles, the sad reverberations of which are still poisoning the well of World Peace. In particular, we must all pray that the Great Powers here assembled are willing to treat China with fairness and honesty. For let us be clear. China must be treated as a fully sovereign and independent member of the comity of Nations. Young China comes here burdened with the manifold issues and injustices visited upon Old China, and she is still at risk of being bullied and mistreated; unless she is invited to join the world comity and is respected, as she deserves. Those who cry that justice must flow from the efforts of the Great War must

remember this: China sent millions of her men to help the Allied War Effort and her desire for self-government on the same basis as the other Victors is entirely legitimate. Therefore let us pray; and it would be well if we injected into those prayers a supplication for self-control, clearness of judgement, and willingness to use our minds as well as our hearts in the struggles that are sure to come.

Washington Conference beginning today -

by Baltimore Sun Staff

USA – Total ban on the targeting of civilian targets. Committed to a strong China.

France – "Peace, trade, and mutual growth"

"It only takes five years to build a battleship. It may take several decades to recover from its use"

Italy – Facists are *"Nothing to worry about"*

"China has been hard done to" - Sen. Ricci

Great Britain - GB main aim is Stability and an equitable agreement on reducing arms. They would like to establish rules of conduct - notably restrictions on submersibles, which they consider a moral issue due to civilian casualties.

GB is *"Committed to a strong and stable China"* (Admiral Chatfield) and a *"Strong alliance"* with the US and Japan.

Japan – Refused to comment. If they're going to be like this during the conference, it's not going to go well.

China – *see OP-ED by Ida Tarbell*

Netherlands – committed to ensure peace through this conference

Mussolini becomes "Il Duce" of Fascists



Mussolini, in National Militia uniform, keeping an eagle eye on Italy.

Nov 7. Benito Mussolini, the blacksmith's son from poverty-stricken Romagna, has declared himself "Il Duce", the leader of the National Fascist Party. Formerly a Socialist and editor of the Milan Socialist Party's newspaper, Avanti, before the war, the square-jawed Mussolini is now violently opposed to Socialism.

He supported the poet-airman D'Annunzio's occupation of Fiume and has played the nationalist card with the Italian business community. The businessmen, frightened by the formation of the Italian Communist Party last year, and the wave of Communist-led strikes, have been generously funding the Fascists. Mussolini has responded by sending in his black-shirted "Squadristi" to beat up Bolsheviks, break strikes and terrorise Socialist workers' clubs.

Mussolini himself boasts "we allow ourselves the luxury of being aristocratic and democratic, reactionary and revolutionary". Thirty-five Fascists were elected to Parliament this year. It seems certain the power of "Il Duce" will grow.