

must do so. Charity and justice demand that they take a man's share in this noble and patriotic work, not only in contributing their individual resources to the end but also, when necessary, to assume the full responsibilities.

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REVIEW

The Genoa Conference. The climate of Cannes is at its best in early winter; that of Genoa in early Spring, while it is not till late summer that the waters by the northern Hague make their appeal to the tourist. It is not therefore unmitigated failure which pursues the Conference first convened at Cannes and now prorogued from Genoa to the Hague. A vast army of attaches, while their principles may worry, are having a good round of seasons. But if those delightful sites were chosen in the hope that the amenities of climate and of social life would warm the blood of the morose men from Muscovy that hope has now little left to nourish it. Had the Conference met at Deptford for instance, amid the tapping of pneumatic hammers and the reminiscences of Peter the Great's period of occultation; or at Swansea, where the clangor of engines murders the ear and the smoke of coal afflicts the eye; or even at Manchester where the odor of lubricants from the cotton gins announces the economic conquest of nature, Tchitcherin might have believed us human and even humane. But when he rose at Genoa, by Petrograd standard time, and climbed out of the town up by the Campo Santo to fill his lungs with the ozone of the Mediterranean, early as he saw some afflicted suppliant praying for a departed friend amid those glorious monuments that shouted out to his economic determinism "I am the resurrection and the life." It is something to his credit that, when he rushed down the

mountain and plunged into the sea—of delegation papers—he was unable to restrain so far as to add this sentence to his farewell greeting to Premier Facta: “the economic forces which regulate world relations have contributed to bring about close union between the Russian and the Italian peoples.” The phrase, being interpreted, means “I have nothing further to say and I’ll say it in code.”

And yet this man was easily the dominant figure of the Conference. One after another he overcame the handicaps prepared for him by the Cannes Conference. He was not to be admitted at Genoa till the Conference had taken shape; he was present from the beginning. When admitted he was not to participate except as one who was to answer questions and be judged; he took a forward part immediately the Conference opened. His associates were not to participate in the work of the various committees; they sat on whatever committees they desired to sit upon. And while he thus drove his chariot through all this predetermined etiquette, Lloyd George was at its wheel, and no man might say whether he was captive or pursuivant. Finally they came to the question of property rights; would the Russian restore to France and Belgium the property of their nationals, confiscated by the communistic government? Here France had vowed they should not pass, and Lloyd George had flung the challenge on the air of Europe in a memorable speech in which he developed in points the irreducible minimum of national integrity in the peoples with whom western Europe would consent to negotiate. When the Russian triumphal car arrived at this point France promptly called halt; and Lloyd George it was who stepped forward, pursuivant now surely, to sound a parley, if not to demand a surrender. It is not strange that Barthou rose in haste and anger to ask Lloyd George, in the name of France, whether he intended to keep the faith of Cannes. Plain speech that; but Barthou saw what the French delegates saw, or thought they saw, at Washington, an attempt to isolate France by putting her in the position of a barrier to peace in Europe.

There were days of extreme tension at Genoa, during which Lloyd George “dominated” the conference; now delineating the joys of amity, now urging Belgium to com-