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The end of the world war, the war to end war, brought the Treaty of Versailles, with its \$63,822,000,000 promise to pay from Germany. Fourteen years later, the "conquering" European nations recognize their inability to collect such slave-driving indemnity, and Lausanne follows Versailles. Germany was freed of all save \$714,000,000, and Edouard Herriot shouted "It's done. It's done."

Now comes the news of the "secret" agreement, one of those "gentlemen's agreements," that pick a "sucker," then "pick" him. "The spirit of Lausanne," "the spirit of reason," is to dominate future international relations by putting Uncle Sam "on the spot," to the tune of \$11,000,000,000 of promises to pay which the genial gentleman, who saved Europe by winning the war, shifted over to his 122,000,000 relatives.

"O. K., Colonel Europe"! You're "slipping one over" on us, and at a time when we're just able to keep our heads above water, but we're game. We'll let you slip that one over on one condition.

That condition is that Europe immediately proceeds to "clip off" \$11,000,000,000 from its armament program. We're not going to fight another war to collect those debts, honestly owing to a lot of ordinary U. S. individuals who can't afford to lose the investment. But we can "hang around" Geneva and take the thumb prints of all those heroic gentlemen who entered into the "gentlemen's agreement" and saddled this "bag of trouble" upon the backs of our already overburdened people.

And woe be unto the owners of any thumb prints hereafter found on ultimatums or other "scraps of paper"!