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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., June 8.—An incomprehensible suggestion constantly appearing is that our taxpayers should pay the nations of Europe billions of dollars for disarming. This is presumably by a cancellation of their debts. It is difficult to connect cancellation and disarmament.

In the first place, Europe agreed with Germany in the Versailles Treaty to disarm. That was part of the consideration for German disarming. To say the agreement was only to initiate disarmament is close to a quibble over words. The whole spirit of the treaty is reduced armaments. There is no provision that we should pay for it.

In the next place, the only logical reason why one nation should make any payment to another in relation to armaments is when they are to be increased by the receiving nation for the benefit of the paying nation. Our people believe in the principle of disarmament as a method of peace and relief from the burdens of expense armaments impose. We have disarmed on land and surrendered our place on the sea. We wanted less naval strength than others demanded. The suggestion that we should pay foreign nations for doing them the favor of helping them reduce their armament costs is hard to understand.

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NEW YORK, N. Y., June 10.—A long standing problem sometimes growing into the proportions of a dispute between the President and the Senate exists over the making of appointments. Individual Senators, Representatives and other public officers and members of political committees often claim the right to make a choice of whom the President shall appoint.

No President is likely to have sufficient knowledge of conditions and persons so that he can make the thousands of appointments required without the help and advice of others. Naturally he asks Senators and Representatives to help about selections in their states and districts. But there are other sources of information and the responsibility for nominating is with the President. Any mistake will be charged to him.

The correct procedure is to observe the Constitution, the law and the facts. The appointing power is in the President. The confirming power is in the Senate. Let him consult the Senators in the usual way about proposed appointments, and little difficulty will arise. No President can surrender the all-important appointing power. No Senator or Representative wants to be ignored. Like many other seeming difficulties, it will be resolved by everybody patiently doing what the Constitution directs.

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