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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Oct. 2.—Some time ago one of these dispatches referred to the difference in policy between the United States and the League of Nations concerning national defense. We have sought security through disarmament while the League members have emphasized the necessity of a large force to protect each other. Consequently, the Versailles Treaty provision for disarmament has not yet been executed.

Henderson, for England, has since made the same charge before the League concerning disarmament. It has been reiterated by Bernstorff, for Germany. Briand, for France, has admitted it. But he enters a plea in bar by stating that some nations have questioned the duty of going to the defense of other members of the League, and, therefore, each must have a large force to protect itself.

As the League seems to recognize its obligations, probably in time some way will be found to meet them. Undoubtedly the predominant elements in France and Germany are for peace through accommodation and mutual forbearance. In that effort they should have the sympathy and support of the public opinion of the world. (The interest of the United States in European peace, as we found in 1917, is more than academic.)

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NORTHAMPTON, Mass., Oct. 2.—Baseball is our national game. It is peculiarly a local product with the widest popular appeal of any sport. This is because every play can be seen and the game is so easily comprehended that all its fine points can be appreciated. Moreover, while the expense of maintaining a professional team is very great, attendance is so large that admissions remain at popular prices.

It is natural to enjoy a contest. But the interest in baseball is not only from the matching of the skill of the opposing teams. Although the spectators do not touch the ball they nevertheless play a prominent part. Even a championship match with only one beholder would not be baseball. The outdoor air and the relaxation from care are partly the attraction. We go to the game in the hope that with three men on bases the batter for our team will drive the ball over the fence so that we can revel in the intoxication of crowd delirium. That is the common touch of nature reaching from the street urchin to the President which lures us all to the ball field.

While the national sport flourishes we can be sure the race is not growing old.

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