

# to Omaha and to Nebraska

"Often the question has been asked ---what really big man came to the front, out of the war? There have been as many answers as there have been points of view---Foch, Smuts, Wilson. Foch still stands in the center, because he still holds the sword of France. Smuts and Wilson, who stirred a mighty idealism, have passed down and off the stage because their idealism did not fit the problems of a practical world. The war ended nearly six years ago, but peace did not come. The great men of the war were not great enough to bring peace.

"The question now is---what really big man came to the front out of the making of peace? There is but one answer---Dawes. Thus it is that Dawes' name is everywhere today on the lips of Americans. Yes, on the lips, too, of all the world, that has waited so many weary years for peace.

"In Germany they shoulder a heavy load, but in the carrying of it they are all faced in one direction. There is at last sunrise in that sorely perplexed country. The reparations are finally fixed---the method of payment is finally decided upon---the aid of the world in making those payments is finally assured. There is to be a loan of \$200,000,000, which is to come largely from America.

"In France the day upon which the sword of Foch will be sheathed, and the troops withdrawn from the Ruhr has been agreed upon. The French people can now give their attention to affairs of commerce and of industry. Plans can now be made for the cutting down of the huge standing army that has held Europe in fear since the armistice.

"The stage is finally set for peace and the whole world breathes easier. Because of all of these things the name of Dawes stands out as the really great name that is left as the heritage of the struggle that has kept Europe and the entire world, even America, in turmoil for so many years.

"Charles G. Dawes---American business man. Quiet. Talking only when there is something to say and then saying it straight from the shoulder and in language all can understand. Modest. Going about his work without braggadocio. Democratic. Always ready to see those who seek him out and to give counsel when it is needed. Simple. Living in a quiet home in the quiet old fashioned town of Evanston, Ill.

"The Dawes Plan is to be the charter of conduct for Europe for the next generation. It is in truth the treaty of peace. On its basis and under its terms the people of Europe will move forward to a real peace and an understanding that it is hoped will lay the foundation for the avoidance of war for all time.

"The plan of President Coolidge for a world conference for the limitation of armament is made possible by the work of General Dawes. Thus his name, now written into the terms of European settlement, is destined soon to be written into the deliberations and probably into the terms of a new world charter of peace that will call for the drastic cutting down of land armaments and the lifting of the burden of taxes from the backs of the armament ridden countries of the world.

"Those who know Charles G. Dawes know that the word 'General' which marks his work during the war, is not nearly so dear to him as the term 'peacemaker' which is set after his name in the minds of the people of his country because of his work in settling the tangled problem of war-torn Europe."

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