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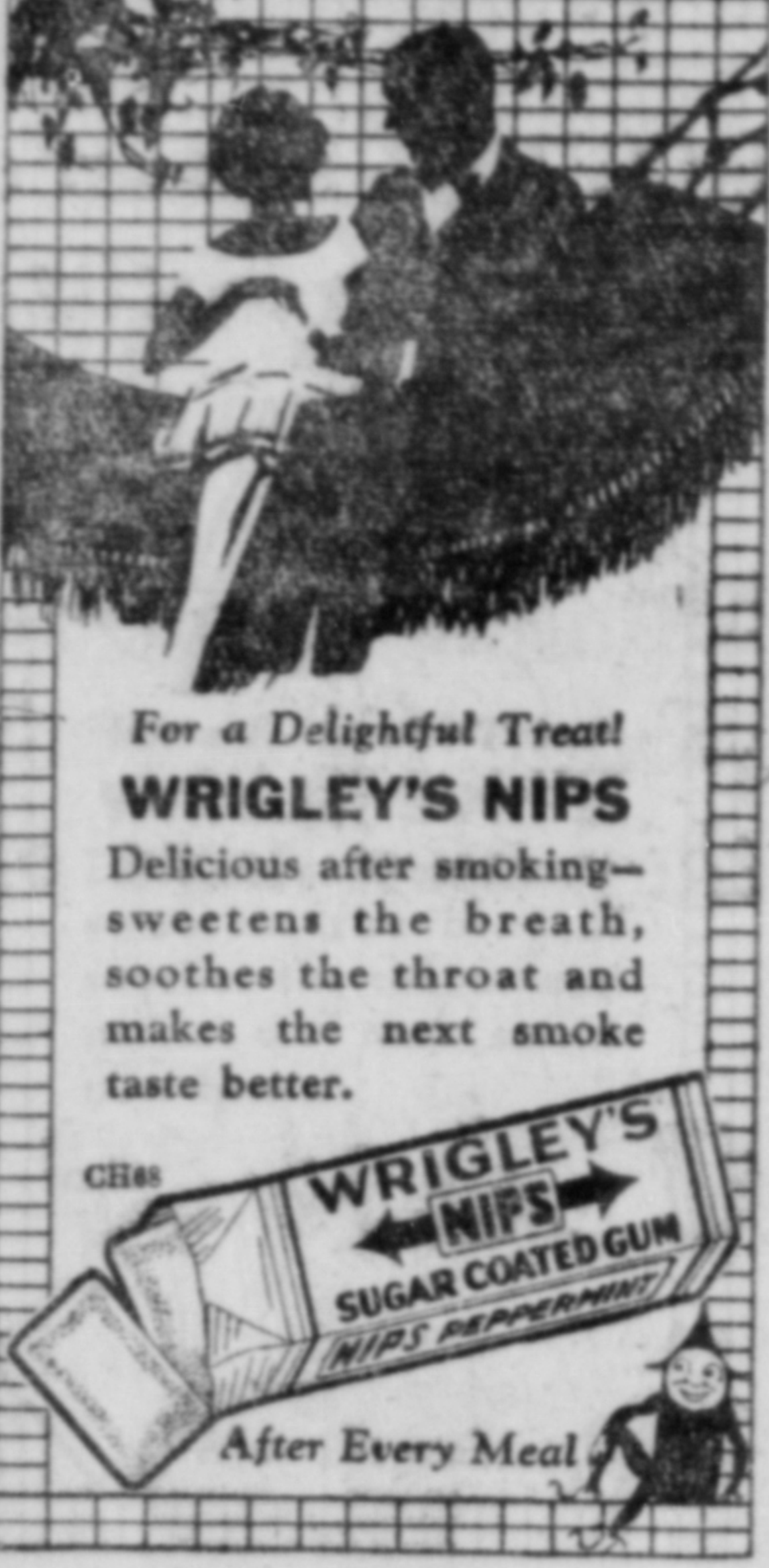
## LORD CECIL EXPLAINS WHY DISARMAMENT AND FURTHER ARBITRATION TREATIES NEEDED

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consider. It has long been a commonplace of our politics that peace is the greatest of British interests. That has been true in the past. It is still more true now. A hundred years ago it was plausible at any rate to sing "Rule Britannia" and declare that Britain needed no bulwarks. The sea was then a very perfect defence as long as we had the mastery of it. But that is no longer the case. In the first place there is our food supply, of which we heard so much in the three-Power Conference at Geneva. There are also our textile industries, all dependent on imported wool and cotton. Above all we have created by the skill and energy of our people an immense and elaborate system of credit on which our prosperity and almost our life depend. The late war gave it a great shock from which we have not yet recovered. Another war would almost certainly destroy it. Besides these indirect dangers which threaten us, we are now exposed for the first time in our history to the direct attack by air against which there is no real defence except counter-attack. It is therefore essential that we should realize that our position is far more vulnerable than it used to be, and that our interest in peace is consequently far greater. (Hear, hear.)

**THE ECONOMIC FACTOR**

Compared with the reasons with which I have been dealing that of national economy is perhaps of less importance. But it is one which comes home to us in our individual capacities with even greater clearness than the others. Do not let us forget that out of every pound of taxation we pay 14s. is due to past wars or the preparation for future wars. Eleven shillings of that (pensions and payment of debt) have been already incurred. Three shillings more, or one third of what may be called our current liabilities, are due to the fighting services. And, indeed, that is rather an understatement, because of the remaining 6s. a certain



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portion goes to administrative expenditure on the fighting departments beyond the actual cost of the army, the navy, and the Air Force. This is a terrible burden, far greater than any other country in the world is bearing at the present time—at any rate in pounds, shillings, and pence. It is without doubt this burden of taxation that is the principal factor in impeding our financial recovery and in causing the great mass of unemployment that exists. Nor must it be forgotten that the present moment we are spending our armaments actually a larger sum, even allowing for the difference in the value of money, than we were in 1914, though there is no fleet in European waters which can in any way compare with the foreign fleets that existed before the war. Indeed, putting aside Russia, where accurate information is unobtainable, we are the only European Great Power whose expenditure on armaments is larger than it

was in 1913.

In my judgment this terrible burden of taxation is greater than we can bear, and apart from all other international considerations it is our duty to diminish the cost of our fighting services. We must do that, and in the opinion of many people we cannot do that to any great extent unless other countries do the same. The case therefore for disarmament by international agreement appears to me to be complete, and I hear with some impatience arguments and difficulties raised based on the remote possibility of some future risk if we do this, that, or the other, when the present dangers that actually threaten us are so overwhelming. (Cheers.)

**WHAT CAN WE DO**

What, then, can we do? It is no use merely saying that we think a reduction of armaments by international agreement is in itself desirable. What steps can we take to secure it? In the first place, and quite obviously, we ought to support in every way we can efforts which are in course of being made by what is called the Preparatory Commission of the League of Nations. That body is engaged in drawing up the principles on which general disarmament might take place, and I think we should urge on our Government the necessity of unequivocal support of what is there being tried. What do I mean by unequivocal? I mean that we are not to allow technical prejudices or traditional feelings to interfere with the success of those efforts. (Cheers.) There are many people who do not regard international negotiation as an opportunity for this country to assert what it desires, and for other countries to conform. (Laughter.) That is not the way in which negotiated agreements can be secured. And if we really and genuinely desire agreement we must, not enter on the negotiations in any such spirit as that.

**ATTITUDE TO ARBITRATION**

Next we must realize that if we are to obtain any genuine reduction and limitation of armaments it must be because we can convince the nations of the world that such a reduction will not imperil their national existence. In other words, we have got to increase

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the feeling of international security and diminish the prevalence of international suspicion. Obviously, with that object, we must do everything we can to encourage nations to settle their disputes by other than warlike means. Of the expedients for the peaceful settlement of international disputes that have been tried arbitration is undoubtedly the most successful. I doubt whether there is any instance of importance in which responsible nations declined to abide by an arbitral decision, and though some of those decisions have been criticised yet no sane man doubts that the parties to such arbitration have all of them been far better off than if they had gone to war.

Now, there is a considerable movement among the European nations in favor of arbitration, and, so far, we have held back from it. I am not going into reasons for or against our action, but I am going to say this—we take an immense responsibility if we discourage international arbitration—(cheers)—and I should have to be overwhelmingly convinced that acceptance of arbitration was a serious danger to this country before I could agree that we ought not to accept it. In actual practice we have, generally speaking, been ready to accept arbitration when once a dispute has arisen. But something more than that is required from us if we are going to strike a blow at international suspicion.

We have got to get arbitration established before the disputes occur as the normal way in which they can be settled. Nations, like individuals, must look to law and not war as the regular way of dealing with international controversy. (Cheers.) That is why the Union has for a long time past urged the signing of the optional clause—that is, agreeing that we will accept arbitration, or rather the jurisdiction, of the Permanent Court of International Justice, in all justiciable disputes. It is said that in some cases it might work to disadvantage, and I should be quite willing to see our acceptance of the optional clause accompanied by a reservation as to any particular class of dispute as to which we might be in a disadvantageous position, though personally I believe that all such fears are enormously exaggerated. (Hear, hear.)

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The new road will be part of the railway company's scheme for a new subdivision of lots in that vicinity where will be located the new theatre to be erected by the Prince Rupert Amusement Co.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF HOSPITAL DONATIONS**

Some Improvements Around Building Are Suggested in Report of Lady Superintendent to Board

Making her report for the month to the board last night, Miss Jean Harrison, R.N., lady superintendent of the Prince Rupert General Hospital, acknowledged the donation by Hill 60 Chapter, L.O.D.E. of six pillows for the children's ward and the receipt of a bathrobe from Mrs. J. L. Christie which had been placed on the women's floor.

Things were going on very comfortably in the hospital, Miss Harrison reported. The isolation hospital was now closed and there was little sickness on the staff.

Both hospital and nurses' home had been kept comfortably warm during the recent cold spell. The hardest part of the hospital to keep warm was the north end, the caseroom being not adequately heated. It was suggested by Miss Harrison that an electric heater be installed while some members of the board thought the heating system might possibly be extended. Contrary

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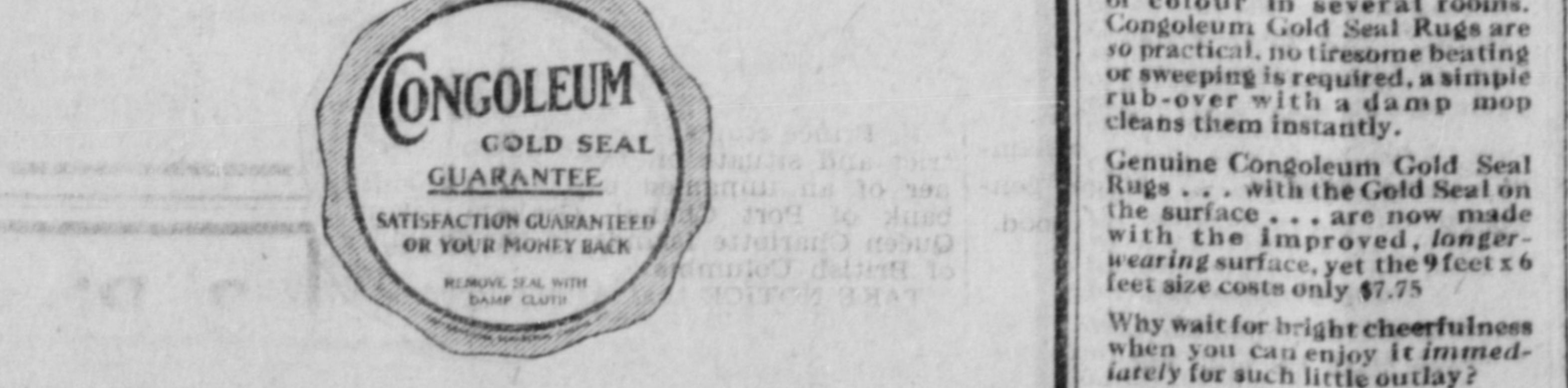
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