

(P.H.W.)

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-- President Wright

Scripture lesson: Verses 15-20, 32nd Chapter, Book of Isaiah

If you are reading the papers and keeping up with what is going on in the world you are getting news today that is of unusual interest to all people the world over. Especially interesting is the attitude of European nations with reference to the ~~attitude of the~~ American government, who loaned billions of dollars to help carry on the world war. We are suffering today with a national as well as individual let-down in our sense of obligation to our fellowman and to other nations.

France, apparently, has defaulted on her payments. France probably has stored away more gold than any other nation on earth. Other nations joined the Allies to help save the French Republic. England debated the subject, and not a person said the debt shouldn't be paid. England met her obligations, as all true English speaking people should do. England pays the largest tax per capita of any ~~English speaking~~ nation on the earth. The actual cost to those people to meet their obligations is the greatest cost placed on any ~~people~~^{nation}; but she never flinched. She paid her part. There is no possible chance for any nation on earth to feel other than friendly, and have the greatest respect for the people of England. ~~If that spirit could enter into all the nations of this earth~~

probably we ~~could~~^{should} make some ~~adjustment~~^{debt} but until that adjustment is made, ~~we~~^{the nations} ought to meet ~~our~~^{their} obligations. The spirit of England will bring peace on earth and good will, *if that spirit enters into all the nations.*