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and, unless agreed upon specially, shall not cause the suspension of war preparations or the interruption of the war.

Art. 8. The signatory Powers agree to recommend the following special form of mediation: "That quarrelling States should respectively choose two mediation Powers, in view of preventing a rupture of friendly relations, during the mediation, which is not to exceed thirty days. Quarrelling Powers shall have no direct intercourse between themselves on the subject of the quarrel, which will be left entirely to the consideration of the mediator.

Arts. 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 provide that international differences caused by difference of views as to the facts which may be made the object of local inquiry, and do not involve the honor or vital interests of the Powers concerned, the latter should have recourse to the institution of international committees of inquiry to impartially decide on the matters of fact. The Powers concerned will afford such committees all necessary facilities for their enlightenment. The committee's reports will not have character of an arbitration award, but will leave the Powers concerned at liberty to act as they feel best.

Art. 14 is about the principle of international arbitration.

Art. 15. In all questions of judicial bearing, especially as regards the meaning or application of international treaties, arbitration is acknowledged to be the most effective and most equitable mode of settling differences.

Arts. 16 and 17. The arbitration convention implies the agreement to submit in good faith to the arbitration award.

Art. 18. Independently of general or special arbitration treaties, the signatory Powers reserve for themselves the right to conclude, either before or after the ratification of the peace conference, acts new and general, or special agreements, in view of extending compulsory arbitration to all cases they may deem fit.

Arts. 19 and 20. The powers agree to organize a permanent court of arbitration, accessible at all times.

Art. 21. Such a court will be competent for all arbitration cases, unless there exists an agreement between the parties for the establishment of special jurisdiction.

Art. 22. An International bureau will be established at the Hague, under the direction of a permanent general secretary. This bureau will be guardian of the arbitration court and the archives. The signatory Powers will provide it with a certified copy of all arbitration agreements concluded between themselves and of all arbitration sentences pronounced by special jurisdiction and all documents appertaining thereto.

Art. 23. Within three months after the ratification of the peace conference acts, each power shall designate four persons, highly versed in international law and of high moral standing, to act as arbitrators. They will form a court, and their full transactions will be communicated by the bureau to all the Powers. One or several Powers may agree to choose in common one or several judges. The same person may represent different Powers. The members of the court are to be nominated for six years, and their term may be renewed. They will enjoy all diplomatic privileges.

Art. 24. Signatory Powers desiring to apply to the arbitration court for settlement of their difference shall choose from the general list the number of arbitrators agreed upon between themselves.

Art. 25 and 26. The arbitration court will habitually sit at The Hague and its seat can only be altered in case of absolute necessity, and by agreement of parties. Non-signatory Powers concerned may have recourse to the arbitration court.

Art. 27. The signatory Powers consider it their duty, whenever an acute conflict threatening to peace occurs between any of them, to recall to the latter

that the arbitration court is open to them.

Art. 28. A permanent administrative council, consisting of the diplomatic representatives of the Powers accredited at the Hague, and of the Dutch foreign secretary, as chairman, will be constituted immediately after the ratification of the peace conference acts, and will organize an international bureau, which will remain under its direction and control. The said council will each year supply the signatory Powers with a report of the arbitration court's labor.

Arts. 29 to 54 merely concern the arbitration proceedings, which will be conducted secretly, within closed doors. Sentence is only to be delivered publicly, and the court itself will decide in what language the proceedings shall be conducted, it being enacted that each contending party will plead before the court as ordinary lawyers do in ordinary judicial cases.

In conversation with an eminent diplomatist, Sunday morning, it was said that the Russian delegates are eminently satisfied at the determined and strong support the American delegation has given to the arbitration cause, which has triumphed, thanks to the United States and France. On the other hand, the Russians are painfully impressed by the American opposition to disarmament and any strong measures against the employment of cruel implements of war. This is attributed by the Russians, not to any bellicose feelings in the United States, but to the American desire of exerting its wonderful inventiveness in new and ingenious mechanical inventions as applied to war, as well as to peace.

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