THE WOODROW WILSON FOUNDATION
SEVENTEEN EAST FORTY-SECOND STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Office of the President

January 15th, 1926.

My dear Miss Tarbell,

I am attaching hereto extracts from records covering the action of the Board of Trustees and the Jury of Award of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation in reference to the proposed award of the Foundation for 1925.

After considering all phases of the matter, the Executive Committee unanimously decided that it was not feasible to grant an award at this time and asked me to notify the Jury of Award to that effect.

Yours very truly,

President.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City.

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Extract from minutes of a Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation held at the office of the Foundation 17 East 42nd Street, New York City, on November 4th, 1925.

"After a very full discussion, it developed that the Trustees were in unanimous agreement that the Conference recently held at Locarno, and the agreements there arrived at, marked a distinct and most unusual advance in ideals and policies which will have most far reaching effects beneficial to the public welfare. It was therefore,

RESOLVED, that whereas it is in the province of the Foundation to make awards for actual achievement, wheresoever and by whomsoever performed, and whereas, the Treaties negotiated at Locarno will, if ratified, have such a far reaching and beneficial effect upon the establishment of peace through justice, and the abolishment of war, the Trustees are of the opinion that an award or awards should be granted to the person or persons who have done most to bring about the Conference at Locarno, and to negotiate the agreements reached there,

It was furthermore,

RESOLVED, however, that in view of the fact that it is not expedient to take definitive action until further information is obtainable as to whether or not the agreements made at Locarno are to be confirmed by the parties thereto, final decision in respect of such award or awards shall be made by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, who are authorized to proceed on the lines above indicated, as their judgment may dictate.

It was furthermore,

RESOLVED, that the Executive Committee should also determine what the amount of the awards shall be, if granted, and to arrange all details in connection therewith."

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Extract from minutes of the meeting of the Jury of Award of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation held on December 23rd, 1925, at the Metropolitan Club, New York City.

"It was unanimously,

RESOLVED, that if the Executive Committee of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation decides it is feasible to make an award to the person or persons who did most to bring about the Conference at Locarno and to negotiate the agreements reached there, the Jury of Award unanimously recommends that the award be granted to Messrs. Chamberlain, Briand, and Stresemann."

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Statutes of the Jury of Award of the Woodrow Wilson Foundation

1. The Award or Awards from the income of the Foundation will be made from time to time by a nationally constituted committee to the individual or group that has rendered within a specified period, meritorious service to democracy, public welfare, liberal thought or peace through justice. ******

VOTED that this year the Award be made to the person or persons who have rendered the most meritorious service of a public character tending toward the establishment of peace through justice.

2. Proposals of candidates for the Award must, in order to be taken into consideration at the annual distribution of the Award be handed to the Secretary of the Foundation at its office No. 17 East 42nd Street, New York City before the first of June of the same year. (This year the time limit was set as of September 1st, 1924.)

3. Any book or document to qualify for a prize, must have appeared previously in print, and be presented in the English or French language.

4. Applications shall be examined in the first instance by a committee of three of the Board of Trustees authorized to employ experts or specialists to sift the applications and prepare for the Jury those entitled to their consideration. A list of all the nominations which have been received by the Board of Trustees must be turned over to the Jury of Award. Nominations must be made in writing accompanied by the names of two seconders. All correspondence must be in English.

5. The Award for the first year shall be $25,000 and any excess income above the necessary expenses shall be added to the principal of the fund.

6. The Jury of Award shall consist of 9 members to be appointed by the Board of Trustees.

7. The first Jury of Award shall be divided into three classes of three members each. The first class shall be elected for a term of one year, the second for two years and the third for three years. The successors of each of these classes will be appointed for a three year term. A member of the Jury of Award cannot be reelected to the Jury until at least one year after the expiration of his term.

8. A two-thirds vote of the Jury of Award shall be required for an Award.

9. There shall be no minority reports of the Jury of Awards and no appeal.

10. The Jury of Award shall adopt its own rules of procedure and its own by-laws.

11. The Jury of Award shall not be confined to the list of names that may be submitted to it but shall be left free to make an independent selection.

12. The expenses of the Jury of Award shall be paid.

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