THE HAGUE 1899 INTERNATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE AND THE CURRENT SYRIAN STRATEGIC SITUATION

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The First International Peace Conference, The Hague May-June 1899. Wikipedia

By retiring the American troops from Syria, President Donald Trump gave President Vladimir Putin the ability to restore in South West Asia as a whole the international peace that Russia was attempting to establish for the entire world in The Hague International Peace Conferences of 1899 and 1907.

For the first time in human history, in May-June of 1899, world leaders gathered in The Hague, Netherlands to put an end to warfare and establish a code of conduct which was based on the American Lieber Code authorized during the American Civil War by Abraham Lincoln. The Hague conference, proposed by Russian Tsar Nicholas II, opened on May 18, 1899, the Tsar's birthday and its purpose was to create an international court for settling international disputes whose ultimate goal was to put an end to warfare among nations. That ultimate objective failed at both conferences as World War I and World War II subsequently demonstrated.

During the last decade of the nineteenth century, a French Statesman, Léon Victor Auguste Bourgeois, became the most vocal European leader to advocate international peace, economic equality, cooperative solidarity, and controlled disarmament throughout the world. He served his country as Prime Minister from November 1st 1895 until April 29th 1896 and as Minister of Labor and Social Security in 1917. He also failed in his ultimate objectives of putting an end to warfare.

Being a "social republican" who advocated a *coincidence of opposites* policy between socialism and capitalism, Bourgeois established a political philosophy which he called "Solidarism." Sent by his Government to be the principal French delegate at the Russian sponsored 1899 Hague International Peace Conference, Bourgeois became the most vocal peace advocate of Europe. He later became President of the Council of the League of Nations and won the 1920 Nobel Peace Prize for his work.

Is it possible that Donald Trump could become the Léon Bourgeois of America and that Vladimir Putin be reviving the spirit of Tsar Nicholas II? Could this be the next step to a New Worldwide Peace of Westphalia?

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