

No. 2542. — TREATY¹ OF CONCILIATION BETWEEN BELGIUM AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. SIGNED AT WASHINGTON, MARCH 20, 1929.

French and English official texts communicated by the Belgian Minister for Foreign Affairs. The registration of this Treaty took place December 3, 1930. This Treaty was transmitted to the Secretariat by the Department of State of the Government of the United States of America, October 16, 1930.

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS and THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, being desirous to strengthen the bonds of amity that bind them together and also to advance the cause of general peace, have resolved to enter into a treaty for that purpose, and to that end have appointed as their Plenipotentiaries :

HIS MAJESTY THE KING OF THE BELGIANS :

His Highness Prince ALBERT DE LIGNE, His Majesty's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America ; and

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ;

Frank B. KELLOGG, Secretary of State of the United States of America.

Who, after having communicated to each other their respective full powers, found to be in proper form, have agreed upon and concluded the following articles :

Article 1.

Any disputes arising between the Government of Belgium and the Government of the United States of America, of whatever nature they may be, shall, when ordinary diplomatic proceedings have failed and the High Contracting parties do not have recourse to adjudication by a competent tribunal, be submitted for investigation and report to a Permanent International Commission constituted in the manner prescribed in the next succeeding Article ; and they agree not to resort with respect to each other to any act of force during the investigation to be made by the Commission and before its report is handed in.

Article 2.

The International Commission shall be composed of five members, to be appointed as follows : Each Government shall appoint a member from among its nationals ; the other three members, including the President, shall be appointed in common accord, it being understood that they shall not be under the jurisdiction of either one of the two countries. The expenses of the Commission shall be paid by the two Governments in equal proportions.

¹ The exchange of the ratifications took place at Washington, August 25, 1930.

The International Commission shall be appointed within six months after the exchange of ratifications of this treaty ; and vacancies shall be filled according to the manner of the original appointment.

Article 3.

In case the High Contracting Parties shall have failed to adjust a dispute by diplomatic methods, and they do not have recourse to adjudication by a competent tribunal, they shall at once refer it to the International Commission for investigation and report. The International Commission may, however, spontaneously by unanimous agreement offer its services to that effect, and in such case it shall notify both Governments and request their cooperation in the investigation.

The High Contracting Parties agree to furnish the Permanent International Commission with all the means and facilities required for its investigation and report.

The report of the Commission shall be completed within one year after the date on which it shall declare its investigation to have begun, unless the High Contracting Parties shall limit or extend the time by mutual agreement. The report shall be prepared in triplicate ; one copy shall be presented to each Government, and the third retained by the Commission for its files.

The High Contracting Parties reserve the right to act independently on the subject matter of the disputes after the report of the Commission shall have been submitted.

Article 4.

The present treaty shall be ratified by His Majesty the King of the Belgians in accordance with the Constitution, and by the President of the United States of America by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof.

The ratifications shall be exchanged at Washington as soon as possible, and the treaty shall take effect on the date of the exchange of the ratifications. It shall thereafter remain in force continuously unless and until terminated by one years' written notice given by either High Contracting Party to the other.

In faith whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this treaty in duplicate in the French and English languages, both texts having equal force, and hereunto affixed their seals.

Done at Washington the 20th day of March, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine.

(L. S.) (Signed) Prince Albert DE LIGNE.

(L. S.) (Signed) Frank B. KELLOGG.