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### PREFACE

The United States of America has outgrown a stage of pioneering in the industrialization of a new continent and is beginning to realize the responsibilities of a mature nation in a community of great powers. From the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Maine to Texas, student interest and popular interest in international affairs have surged forward during recent decades. Vague theories of propriety in international economic relations are numerous, but there is all too little knowledge in this country of wisdom distilled from the ages of international economic intercourse.

This volume dips into the past for tested principles that may be applicable to the problems of our day and age. Present-day problems of international economic relations are treated against a background compounded of history, economic theory and factual information about the world's population, its resources and its industries. The book is intended primarily for use as a text in liberal arts colleges. If it finds a place in the libraries of statesmen and is perused by some of those many general readers who are interested in the economics of world peace, it will have served a doubly useful purpose.

The book has been in preparation for more than a decade. At intervals during that period, the author has worked in England, France, Germany, Switzerland and Russia. He is indebted for suggestions and assistance to many persons at home and abroad, some of whom occupy positions that prevent their names from appearing in a preface. The staff of the London School of Economics and the staff of the Economic and Financial Section of the League of Nations not only permitted use of their libraries but also extended assistance in the interpretation of points of view and theories. Sources of published information are given in footnotes throughout the volume and in the bibliography at the end of the book.

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