

Most Americans thought the jingoes were creating a straw dragon to stir up the public over a nonexistent threat.

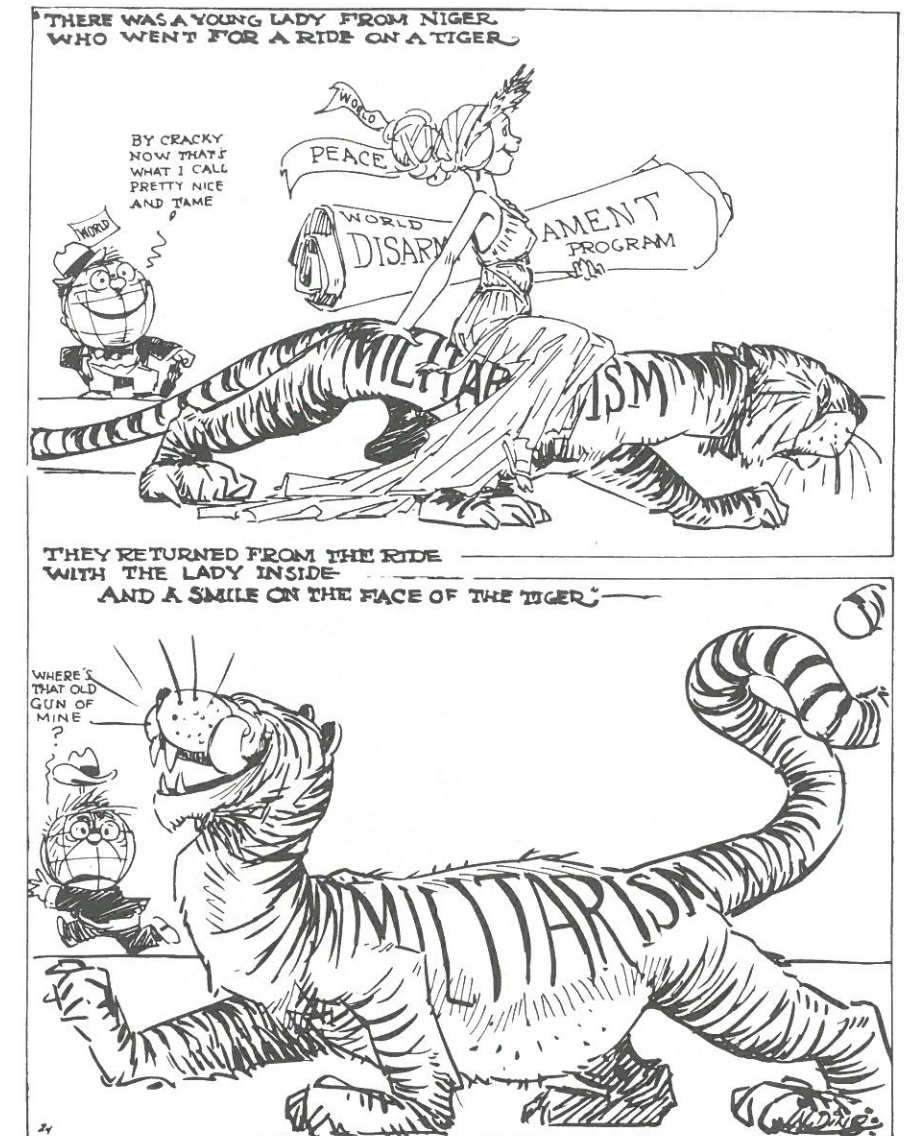
"It looks fine, but I can't make it breathe!"



Homer Stinson. *Dayton Daily News*, c. 1922.

President Coolidge, the thrifty New Englander who succeeded Harding in 1923, hoped to duplicate his predecessor's disarmament coup and hastily set the stage for a new conference. The 1927 Geneva disarmament conference was a complete failure. France and Italy refused to come. Britain and the United States refused to come to terms.

The Round Trip to the Disarmament Conference



Jay N. Darling. *The Des Moines Register*, 1926.