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PRESIDENT WILSON ON LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Pro-Germanism Again Has Lifted Its Head in This Country—America is Necessary to the Peace of the World.

The Associated Press gives the following report of President Wilson's speech at Sioux Falls, S. D., on the 8th:

Declaring pro-Germanism again had lifted its head in this country President Wilson declared in an address here tonight that "every element of chaos" was hoping there would be "no steady hand" placed on the world's affairs.

"I want to tell you," said the President, "that within the last two weeks the pro-German element in the United States again has lifted its head."

This element saw a chance, he said, by keeping their nation out of the league of nations to make possible again what Germany had tried to do in the great war. It was a clean-cut issue, Mr. Wilson declared, between this new order or the old German



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she did not dare to let the opinions of mankind crystallize against her by the discussion of the purposes which she had in mind.

"So what I want to point out to you is that we are making a fundamental choice. You cannot have a few systems unless you supply a substitute, an adequate substitute for the old and I want to say that when we of our fellow citizens take the position that we do not want to go into it alone but want to take care of ourselves, I say that is the German position. Germany through the mouth of her emperor through her writers and through every action, said: 'Here we stand ready to take care of ourselves. We will not enter into any combination. We are armed for self-defense and we know that no nation can compete with us.' That appears to be the American program in the eyes of some gentlemen and I want to tell you that in the last two weeks the pro-German element has lifted its head again. It says: 'I see a chance for Germany and America to stay out and take care of themselves.'

"There were passions let loose on the field of the world at war which have not grown quiet and which will not for a long time. Every element of disorder is hoping that there will be no staying hand from the council of nations to hold the order of the world steady until we can make the final arrangements of justice and peace. I sometimes think when I wake up in the night of the wakeful nights that anxious fathers, mothers and friends spent during the weary years of the awful war and I hear the cry of mothers of the children, millions on the other side, and thousands on this side, 'In God's name give us security and a peace of right.'

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order. Declaring the peace covenant provision for an international labor conference would give labor a new bill of rights the President declared the treaty was a "laboring man's treaty" in the sense that it was drawn up for the benefit of the common people. The political settlements themselves, said the President, were made for the people concerned. He asserted that the document laid down forever the principle that no territory ever should be governed except as the people who lived there wanted it governed.

"That is an absolute reversal of history," said the President, "and it's all in the league of nations."

High taxes, a large standing army and a "military government in spirit" would be required, he said, if the United States were to follow the advice of some men and "stand by herself."

Asking his hearers to suppose for a moment that the land title of South Dakota were to be upset and every farm line moved ten feet, Mr. Wilson said that was somewhat like what happened in Europe and a central authority was necessary to stabilize conditions and prevent strife.

"Your choice," said Mr. Wilson, "is between the league of nations and Germanism. I have told you what I mean by Germanism—having a chip on your shoulder."

When the President added that sometimes he had been "called an idealist" someone shouted, "Good," and the crowd cheered.

"The certain way," to have trouble between capital and labor, said the President, was for them to refuse to discuss their differences.

He said he could not understand how a man could refuse to discuss his case unless he was wrong. The same rule he declared applied to differences between nations.

America could stay out of the league, said the President, but it would be at the expense of the peace of the world.

"America is necessary," he added "to the peace of the world. And the peace and confidence of the world are necessary to America."

The President said: "Governor Norbeck and my fellow citizens: I must admit that every time I face a great audience of my fellow countrymen on this trip I am filled with a feeling of peculiar solemnity because I believe my fellow countrymen, that we have come to one of the turning points in the history of the world. And what I as an American covet for this great country is that on every great occasion when mankind's fortunes are hung in the balance that America may have the distinction of leading the way. I want to remind you, my fellow countrymen that war was not an accident. That war did not just happen. There was not some sudden cause which brought on the conflagration. On the contrary, Germany had been preparing for that war for generations. Germany had been preparing every resource and perfecting every skill, developing every invention which would enable her to master the European world and to dominate the rest of the world. Everybody had been looking on. Everybody had known. For example, it was known in every war office in Europe and in the war department in Washington, that the Germans not only had a vast supply of great field guns but that they had ammunition enough for every one of those guns to exhaust the gun. And yet we were living in a fool's paradise. We thought Germany meant what she said that she was armed for defense and that she never would use that great store of guns against her fellow men. Why, my friends, it was foreordained the minute Germany conceived these purposes that she should do the thing which she did in 1914.

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