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What More Does Lodge Want?

The New York Tribune has consistently opposed the ratification of the League of Nations covenant without reservations, but Senator Lodge's abrupt termination of compromise negotiations at the command of the irreconcilable opponents of the treaty is too much for even the party loyalty of this staunch republican paper.

Discussing the senator's reasoning as "A Lame Explanation," the Tribune says that the controversy has been reduced "to two points and these not of major consequence."

Both sides, says the Tribune, have agreed that the United States shall not submit to the league any question which depends on or relates to its policy known as the Monroe Doctrine. Then why, asks the Tribune, should it be sought to express this idea a third time by stating that "the doctrine is to be interpreted by the United States alone?"

As to Article X, the Taft reservation declares that the United States accepts no obligation to guarantee any territorial boundaries unless in the particular case congress shall recognize the obligation. But Senator Lodge would assert that the United States accepts no obligation except that this nation will respect the territorial integrity of other nations.

Then if we join the league under the Lodge program of membership we solemnly come before the world to announce that the United States will never, never steal land from small or great countries, never exercise overlordship and have dominion over them. Now beware! It is altruism! The world league was instituted to bind the United States against brigandage and land-lust. Earth's peace is thus guaranteed; let the secretariat ring the Gôngeva bell for all members including Uncle Sam to assemble.

The Tribune thus concludes its lament over Senator Lodge:

Senator Lodge has scarcely as good a right to be stubborn in behalf of his language as has Senator Hitchcock in favor of his. Senator Hitchcock concedes the reservations and practically accepts the contents of those written by a majority of the senate. In view of this he may well be allowed the privilege of modifying the phraseology.

A majority of republican senators have voted for the ratification of the treaty. They have strenuously denied maneuvering to defeat it. Thus it is difficult to understand on what basis of reason they can refuse to close the debate by accepting the offer which has been made. Their party will have a serious task, in the campaign if it is compelled to appear before the public as the treaty killer or even as partly responsible.

"Social Housekeeping."

Today 280,000 white women and girls in North Carolina are working at gainful occupations, says the University News Letter. Nearly 10,000 are teachers, 90,000 work on the farms, the rest are in the offices, stores, factories, hotels and restaurants. Thousands are strangers in cities, deprived of the protecting influences of home.

What are the "sheltered women" of the state going to do about this "job of social housekeeping," asks the News Letter? Charlotte and Winston-Salem have Y. W. C. A. buildings as well as Y. M. C. A. structures. Greensboro is working toward a \$125,000 building to provide home comforts and conveniences for the working girls. What are Asheville and the other cities and towns going to do? These young girls and women deserve places where they can secure board and lodging at prices in reach of salaries often very meagre. They must have wholesome recreation or they will find the unwholesome. The sheltered women must start the campaign for more Y. W. C. A. homes, and the men must give them the same support they have given for the boys of the state.

Viscount Grey on Reservations.

Senator Lodge long ago declared that the allies should take the United States as a partner in the league on any terms and Viscount Grey virtually accepts the terms of the ultimatum. But that is not all the story.

America in the league covenant in name only will give to the Great Britain and the other powers the moral support of this country without which Europe realizes that the compact will be only an alliance against Germany and soviet Russia. Viscount Grey is evidently concerned over the growing feeling throughout Europe that America's delay and probable reservations in ratifying would practically destroy the league. He expresses the hope that once all the great powers are members

the league may attain to that influence in world affairs for which it was conceived.

It is a curious fact that the Grey letter has given as much comfort to the enemies of the league as to the Lodge reservationists. Senator Borah finds in it confirmation of all that he and Senator Johnson have said about the worthlessness of any reservations. If the reservations are worthless, argues Borah, the covenant is evidently a dangerous surrender of sovereignty, as he has contended all the time. Therefore the whole league ought to be destroyed.

Viscount Grey cannot absolve the American senate from meeting the issue presented by an un-amended league's obligations. This nation has still to decide for itself whether it shall ask membership under a special dispensation and with strings tied to its promise to do all that the constitution allows to keep order in a turbulent world. Viscount Grey in effect seems to say to those on the other side of the Atlantic who are muttering things uncomplimentary about this country: "We need their help. If we can't have hearty co-operation let's accept whatever they are willing to give, however grudgingly."

World Sickness

Nations as well as individuals suffer from bodily and spiritual illness. And today the world is sick in soul and body. War wasted the strength of national organisms and in the resultant decrepitude the old infirmities of the spirit have been reinforced by the fantastic imaginings that haunt a man tortured by fever.

One school of thought denies the reality of any sickness. Another cannot see any but bodily illness, and unless organic derangement is discovered the patient is told to cure himself. But the true psychologist knows that not only is all abnormality a real evil but that body and soul are so intertwined by the threads of life that weakness of one saps the vital powers of the other. All healers agree in trying, each in his own way, to make man whole.

It is a tribute to the all-inclusiveness of the teachings of Jesus that all who minister to mind or body come back more and more to the fundamental doctrine of the Great Physician. "Jesus Christ maketh thee whole," said Peter to the palsied Aeneas. At the touch of the Master, evil spirits and bodily weakness loose their hold on energies bound in serfdom. Thus far the denial of evil is justified; soundness of mind and body are normal; wholeness of spirit and body are man's birthright.

All manner of evil besets men and nations. Says former Senator Lewis of Americanism of today: "The citizen is in revolt at evils that do not exist. He is in terror of fiends that cannot arise." But these fiends and terrors are doing more destruction than armies or pestilence. Fear, discontent, envy, worry, hate are as deadly as poisons carried into the body by parasites.

Enraged or blinded by imaginary ills, or existing disorders magnified by morbid thinking, men seek to overturn institutions and set up impossible substitutes for the injustices which they would destroy. Instead of living by the golden rule, men resort to the black magic of sovietism, radical socialism; books are filled with prohibitions and penalties to make men good. Simple righteousness is obscured in a haze of glittering theories or high-sounding dogmas.

"Thy faith hath made thee whole." Man has in his nature the remedy for his mortal sickness. Beneath all the fret and ferment of contending political parties and armies of industry is the source of wholeness and sanity, ready to be tapped.

Although like sick children the nations cry out in pain and do not know how to explain their ailments or to call on the Great Physician, under one name or another all men acknowledge that there is a Great Physician, a source of healing and strength. To Matthew Arnold it is "a power not ourselves that makes for righteousness." To Herbert Spencer it is "an infinite and eternal energy from which all things proceed." To the Athenians of St. Paul's day, and to many agnostics since, "the Unknown God;" but to Paul it is the Lord of heaven and earth, in whom "we live, move and have our being."

Farmless Farmers.

Much is said about home-owning; little or nothing about farm-owning.

Taking the population as a whole, one in four are land-owners. And landlordism and tenantry in the country are greater menaces to sturdy citizenship and production than home-renting in cities is to the development of responsible citizenship.

Land speculators grab and hold the earth for the unearned increment. Tenants poorly housed and tied up in hard contracts scratch the soil and rob it of richness for a few years and move to the next farm or the nearest town. High food prices have forced up the price of land till only capitalists own big farms.

The farmer's boys were weary of the isolation of the country before the war. These boys saw something of the world and learned something of the comradeship, good and bad, of great cities, and they are going back to the farm in numbers so small as to alarm farmer and economist.

Farm bureaus, good roads, community movements social and commercial, better marketing and collective buying, will help make the farm more attractive and more profitable. There was a time when farm hours were too long and farm wages too small. Today the farmer must compete with industries where hours are short and pay large. Prosperity reached the farm too late to stop the migration to the white lights and the movie houses.

Private ownership of land is instinctive and will hardly yield to the seductive promises of universal welfare couched in various projects of land socialization. But legislators, publicists and farmers themselves must devise more equal distribution of land ownership. Men who get out of farm life what they should find it satisfying must have permanent interest in the land as well as social life, more direct distribution and capital for improvements.

Jackson county townships are voting bonds for a highway from Sylva through Canada and Cashler's Valley to the South Carolina line. This project promises this end of the state early connection with Highlands and with Seneca and other South Carolina towns. When the work is completed it will be direct highway connection between Highlands and the Sapphire country with Jackson, Haywood and Buncombe. It will mean another link binding closer together all the counties west of the Blue Ridge, and a new route into territory south of the mountain region.

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE.

A LETTER OF APPRECIATION

Editor of The Citizen: Permit us to express through your columns our grateful acknowledgment to you for your kind editorial expression of regret at our retiring from business, one of a great many touching messages that have come to us from our friends—in personal interviews and over the telephone. Believe us, we appreciate such esteem at its full worth, and none more than that tendered us by sunny warm friends though formidable competitors in the business at all. It is comforting to know it goes to people of so high standing as Gilmer's, Inc., who, we know, will serve our thousands of customers well.

Yours sincerely, H. REDWOOD & CO. Asheville, February, 4

THE SCISSORS ROUTE

WHY WOMEN CANNOT BE JURORS.

Debating whether women should serve as jurors Mrs. Kilbuck, President of the Anti-Suffragists, asks what is to become of the family in that case; yet she will ask in Albany for a law compelling them to do this, apparently to make suffrage and its concomitants odious.

Assistant District Attorney Talley also wants to know what will become of the household. "The prime duty of woman is that she should be the mother of the race and guardian of the home." Woman's "hours of labor are limited; women do not try to repeal these laws." "A healthy woman is more important than any jury duty in the court room."

Women can go out in the small hours of the night to scrub floors in office buildings without endangering the home. They can stand up in retail stores all day—and in the cars going to work and returning home—and no one worries about the family. They punch eyeholes in shoes, time and overtime, and alarm no moralist. In their ancient task as garment-makers they are even forced by law to work in factories instead of in homes.

These accustomed light occupations are suitable to the Ever Womanly. But if dedicated nurtured women are compelled to sit in court a few hours until the judge gets ready to send them out to decide whether John Doe's carload of condensed milk is up to specifications, home becomes hades and mother will hit the mental, moral and physical toboggan.

So it goes! You are commanded to thrill with each new menace to home and family—and then to subway at rush hour, at such a time and place that somebody must have been looking after them, and that some one probably always will, without regard to judge, jury or district attorney.

THE HOLLAND LETTER.

Whatever the politicians may think of the attitude of the New York World in promising its earnest support of the nomination of Mr. Hoover for President many of the business men of New York regard it as an indication that the country is in the throes of the widely prevailing hope of business men. That the nomination for President and the election of President and congress next fall will mean more for the business interests of the United States than any other previous election has meant.

For a year or more those who have been privileged to talk with business men have learned that they are in agreement respecting the infusion of what may be called business politics, in the best meaning of that term, into the campaign of this year. They regard it as an indication that the country has recognized this wide-spread feeling and hope, and has taken advantage of it to indicate Mr. Hoover as, in its opinion, pre-eminently qualified for service as a business President and certain to receive the support of a great body of business men throughout the United States provided the platform represents the views of business.

Former Governor Odell of New York, himself a business man of successful achievements, in speaking this morning of this formal announcement of support for the presidency of Mr. Hoover said that he had no doubt that the country is preparing to give heed to the opinions and hopes of that great body of American citizens who are now occupied with the attempt to maintain and increase the prosperity of the United States. Governor Odell stressed emphatically that he is for a business man for President. At strong republican sentiment his day of active politics a successful political leader Governor Odell feels confident that the republican party will be able to fix upon a candidate for President who represents the business life of the nation and one who understands American business.

What Does "A Business Man" Mean? When Governor Odell was asked to explain what he means and what the others mean by the word "A business man" he said that all business men excepting those who are fortunate enough to be the masters of sufficient surplus to carry them over any business emergency, share upon Monday morning of every week a common feeling. That feeling is this: "How am I to get through the week so that on Saturday my resources and my bank account will be sufficient to meet my pay roll demands and furthermore to leave something for myself and something more to go back into the business if necessary."

There is probably not a business man in the United States who has not shared in this Monday morning feeling. A president who has himself experienced this feeling, that as a business man he has had a business man's knowledge of this feeling, might be able to aid our business life that Monday morning anxiety would no longer be felt. It has often happened, however, that by reason of legislation or on the other hand the need of wise legislation on the business side, the government in their attempts to get through the week in such manner as to meet their pay rolls and other expenses.

Thus in this concrete and simple manner is put the meaning of the terms "a business man." He wants legislation and governmental moral support which will aid him in carrying on wisely increasing his business. Many business men are anxious for the repeal of certain statutes. The great body of business men of the United States have complained bitterly of certain clauses in the tax law especially the excess profit clause.

And there are other factors in present day political life which business men feel are working unfavorably for business. This is true of the farmer as well and also of the merchants. Therefore, if a President should be elected who has profound understanding of what the business life of the United States requires of it to be maintained healthfully and who has had from his own experience thorough knowledge of the vast and ramified relations of business, then a President of that kind would be in position to recommend to congress some legislation which would help to recommend the repeal of certain statutes, all for the purpose of wisely promoting industry and business.

There seems to be an underlying sentiment that if not this year then possibly by the time of the presidential election of 1924, the great business forces of the United States will be so thoroughly, although perhaps informally organized, as to command the situation.

Mr. Gerard and Mr. Hoover.

James W. Gerard, himself a self avowed candidate for the presidency, has been nominated for president, nevertheless has so spoken as to make clear that he favors for the presidential nomination a man who represents the highest ideals and possibilities of American business life. All of Mr. Gerard's friends knew when he announced that he was a candidate for president that he was a man who had no illusions respecting that nomination so far as his own business was concerned. Instead it was presumed that when he said that he is a candidate for the nomination his real purpose was to assist in the nomination of some one who would represent the business life of the nation.

A CONGENIAL CLIME.

"My friend," solemnly said the horse-faced gent, "are you not appalled at the mere thought of an eternity spent in hell?" "Not particularly," replied J. Fuller Bloom. "Most of my acquaintances are either already there or on the way."—Kansas City Star.

A FINE RECOMMENDATION.

Senator Reed, Senator Johnson and William R. Hearst explode in anger at the mention of Hoover's name. No candidate can ask for finer recommendation than this triple anathema.—Syracuse Post-Standard.

Savoyard's

Views

THE "RUDE REFRACTORY PEERLESS."

When Sir Walter Scott was at the zenith of his fame and the culmination of his genius as a man of letters he received a proposal from Blackwood that made him furious with anger and instantly he sat down and penned a rebuff that is too hot to handle by a newspaper of our politer age. I shall not dare to quote it, but I repeated it to myself when I read the altogether unwarranted unprovoked assault William Jennings Bryan made on Mr. Homer Cummings, the chairman of the democratic national committee. As you recall, a gentleman named Edwards was elected governor of New Jersey on the democratic ticket last November. Though he never indulges in alcoholic drink Gov. Edwards is a "wet," and because of that fact Mr. Bryan, who assumes to be the pope of the democratic party, fulminates a built-up excommunicating Chairman Cummings from the association of democrats, and demands that he be deposed from the position he holds and honors in the democratic organization, because he was a guest at a dinner given to celebrate the inauguration of Gov. Edwards.

This indecent exploit of Mr. Bryan is the very lunacy of the pragmatic and in comparison it makes the Hohenzollern lately kaiser of Germany a piker in the assumption of infallibility. Here is a man whose name is so widely known and synonymous with failure, running up and down the earth scattering curses against all who do not fall down and kiss the hem of his garment. Just now the s. o. p. with characteristic hypocrisy points the finger at the disgraced socialist and admonishes us that he is our leader, our captain, our chief-tain, our guide, our philosopher, our savior.

"The expectancy and rose of the fair state, The glass of fashion and the mold of form."

And why not? Mr. Bryan is immense as a republican aid society.

The most delightful man I ever met was Spencer Dahmy. As a conversationalist he ranked with Quinine Jim McKenzie himself. He could give Proctor Knott cards and spades and beat him telling an anecdote. His sense of humor was more exquisite and more abundant than that of any other man of his or any other generation. No comedian of the English stage ever caused as much of the laughter that is a healthful pleasure.

Spencer loved to tell this tale, which I am now about to butcher in the attempt to repeat it: Joe Porch was with our volunteer army in Mexico that made a conquest of that country when James K. Polk was President. He fought valiantly in battle and was exemplar of old Kentucky. Upon his return home from the war after honorable discharge, the voters of his bailiwick in Pulaski county elected him justice of the peace as a reward for his gallantry on the field.

The circumstances of one of the first cases that came before him were something like the following. The defendant was a man in the Mexican order of his 18-year-old son. It appears that the boy ran amuck one day, thrashed his younger and weaker brother within an inch of his life, beat his younger sister till she was at the point of death in a new and in brother over a staked and ridged fence, dragged his mother all around the house by the hair of her head, and when his father appeared on the scene the young heilion chased him, butcher knife in hand, with murderous intent. The old man fled to the woodpile, where, fortunately, he found an axe, which he seized, turned on his son and smote him on the head till he died.

The accused was before Squire Porch and an associate magistrate sitting as an examining court. The evidence was heard and the arguments of counsel for the defense and of the commonwealth's attorney for the prosecution. The court retired for a consultation and after a brief absence the magistrates returned and Squire Porch delivered himself after this fashion:

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