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OUR POSITION

A great many of our friends, it seems, have not been able to understand that we were not, in a way, responsible for the arguments against the League of Nations which have been appearing in the full page advertisement under the camouflage of "The Baptist 75 Million Dollar Campaign."

We would just like to state our position. As stated in the first of these advertisements Mr. Duckworth, Associational Director of the Campaign, contracted with the publisher of this paper for a page ad to appear each week for a period of three months and agreed to stand personally responsible for the bill. The understanding, however, was that the space would be used for the promotion of the "75 Million Dollar Campaign," and when Mr. Duckworth began using it for another purpose we immediately began hunting some way to cancel the contract. We were told by our legal adviser that we would be compelled to publish whatever was sent in so long as it was not of a slanderous or fraudulent nature.

When the copy for this week's ad came we were advised that the contract was null and void.

And now for the benefit of the

"busy body" who deemed it necessary to "but in" and try to interfere with the management of this paper we would advise that we are running this paper and if you have anything to say, come to us in an unprejudiced, gentlemanly way and we will listen to you. And don't get it into your head that your sneaking efforts are the cause of the termination of the above mentioned contract.

SHANTUNG AND ARTICLE X.

Republican opponents of the League of Nations have been loudly protesting the rights accorded to Japan in Shantung. In his recent tour of the Country President Wilson called attention to the fact that President McKinley did not protest when Germany acquired the rights now given to Japan over that territory. If this country did not worry over the possession of Shantung by Germany to the extent of driving her away, why manifest so much concern because of the action of Japan in wresting this territory from the enemy of civilization? Japan took the Shantung rights from Germany and now holds more than Germany held. For this "crime", if you please, a few republicans in the United States Senate would involve the American people in a controversy with Japan. To undertake to deprive Japan of possessions she wrested from Germany would be equivalent to a declaration of war and the "light is not worth the candle."

President Wilson was spokesman for the American people at the Versailles conference. He says the settlement of the Shantung affair provided in the treaty was unavoidable and that the League of Nations offers China her best chance for the recovery of her lost province; that there was no precedent in international affairs for even protesting against Japan's acquisition of the Shantung rights. The President says, however, that under Article XI of the League covenant the United States would have the friendly right of protesting against any situation which endangered peace. It could then become an effective friend of China and would do so at the first opportunity. As

a matter of fact, the rights retained by Japan in Shantung are only such economic rights as other nations hold and the professed sympathy for China by opponents of the League are made only because they want the treaty to fail, for the reason that a democratic president played the leading role in its construction.

Senate republicans feign deep concern about getting our country mixed up in foreign affairs. Yet they would have us start in before peace is declared interfering with the affairs of China and Japan by notifying the latter that she must relinquish a temporary claim on territory that the former has not held for a long term of years. If the United States is to form a protectorate over China we may as well begin preparations for another season of hostilities.

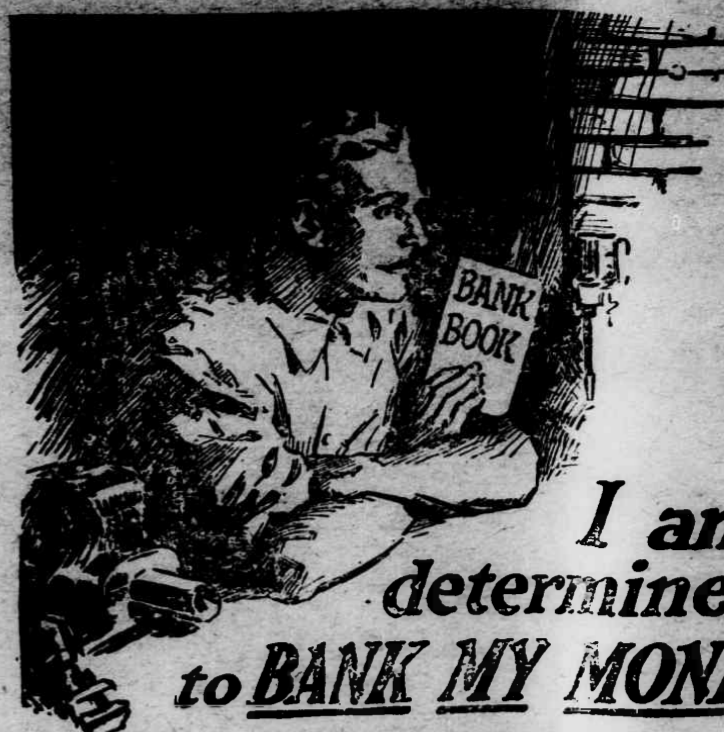
Article X has been singled out as another target for republican spellbinders and a few misguided democrats. This is the heart of the League, according to the President, and leading statesmen and diplomats of other great powers agree with him. France has already ratified the document with Article X included. The other European countries will follow the French lead, while the American Senate quibbles over technicalities in a studied effort to discredit, if possible, the one man who has done more than any other to bring order out of chaos, because he is the back-bone of a party which the majority members of that body are seeking to destroy.

President Wilson is convinced that if Article X shall be omitted from the treaty the United States will be excluded from the League, a condition which would please Germany as nothing else could. He says, further, that "reservation of this article means rejection of the treaty." It means that the United States could take away its support. I know there are some men who are in favor of this that are learned; but I do not think that they realize that the United States would be excluded from the League entirely. We should consider seriously what the rejection of the treaty would mean to the people of Great Britain and the people of our own

country. Germany is not anxious for United States to be among the members of the League. It would mean a separate treaty with Germany and this would be against the United States. It would simply mean that this country would be left to "paddle its own canoe." We cannot afford to be placed in such an unviable position.

President Wilson is one of the casualties of the great world war. He is as much a hero as the soldier who assisted in breaking the Hindenburg line, for he has put something in its place. He has not endured the hardships of active service in the trenches. Nor has he become the victim of German shrapnel. But his great heart has been hovering between life and death for days as the result of activities, for a lasting peace, which have over-taxed his strength. Millions of petitions ascend a throng of grace daily pleading for his recovery. No greater calamity could befall the civilization of the world today than the passing of this eminent statesman and diplomat. May he be spared the service which no living man could render the people of the United States during this trying period of the country's history. The good news which comes from his bedside is, indeed, heartening and complete recovery may not be long delayed. Let us hope so.

France has not only ratified the Peace Treaty with Germany, League of Nation Covenant and all, but the Premier of the French Nation, held by many to be Europe's greatest statesman, openly urges that the first meeting of the League of Nations be held at Washington in November with Woodrow Wilson as President. Premier Clemenceau says that he will be glad to "second" Mr. Wilson in his task as President of the Society of Nations and that he has written Lloyd George to that effect. Still the Senate of the United States hangs back, thus refusing to permit America to take its place at the head of the table around which all the nations of the earth will sit to fashion the destiny of humanity.



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