

TREATY ACCEPTABLE, SAY BUSINESS CHIEFS

Pepper Sees Compromise and Thinks U. S. Needs Skillful Representative.

NOT TOO SEVERE, VIEW HERE

Constitutional amendment may be necessary, in the opinion of George Wharton Pepper, to provide a means of selecting the right sort of representative of this country on the executive council of the league of nations.

Mr. Pepper gave this opinion in discussing published terms of the peace treaty. Several other leading Philadelphians, in interviews, expressed favorable opinions on the peace treaty provisions.

"The treaty appears to comprise two classes of provisions," said Mr. Pepper. "Provisions of the first class are those which subject Germany to some of the consequences of her crimes. This must have been by far the easier part of the peace problem to solve."

"The second class are those which postpone for future decision all the more difficult questions which affect the peace of the world. Apparently it is decided that these shall at some time be decided by the executive council of the league of nations if and when that body comes into effective existence."

"The decisions reached by the Peace Conference are subject to ratification by our Senate. The decisions reached by the cabinet of the league of nations upon the vital matters referred to it are not subject to revision by us or by any nation."

"The wisdom of leaving great future problems to the decision of an international voting trust has been widely discussed. From now onward we must consider also whether this would be a safe tribunal to intrust with the final settlement of all the present difficulties which have proved too great for the conference."

Need Skilled Pilot. "If we assent to such a plan of reference we shall want the wisest and sanest representative in the voting trust that this nation can produce. He must not be hastily chosen. Legislative action and perhaps constitutional amendment will be necessary to determine the manner of his choice. It may be that the league of nations is a carefully constructed machine, but it will surely come to grief even under favorable weather conditions unless it is handled by a pilot who prefers plain sailing to looping the loop."

Judge J. Willis Martin—"It appears to be a very scientific document. It has been prepared by a thousand experts and I should call it an admirable piece of work. Possibly it would have been better to leave the league of nations agreement for a separate document as it might run the risk of involving matters that would better be determined separately."

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"I think we owe it to France to afford her that protection should she ever need it, to safeguard her security as a nation."

Reuben O. Moon, former Congressman, an authority on international law: "It is impossible to give an intelligent opinion of the treaty but it was my opinion that the league of nations was intended to obviate the necessity for just such alliances. I thought that under the league nations, every country, including the United States and Great Britain, was to go to the aid of France whenever attacked by Germany or any one else."

Alta Johnson, president of the Baldwin Locomotive Works: "This treaty, as it has been outlined in the press, seems to be entirely satisfactory. It has impressed me most favorably in every respect. There are reservations, of course, but taken on the whole, from the American point of view, the treaty seems to have been admirably designed. Germany is permitted to survive as an economic factor. This is as it should be. Unless Germany remains an economic factor in the world she will be submerged in anarchy and eventually destroyed as a civilized power. It seems to me that in drawing the terms of peace the Allies have carefully guarded against this."

Professor W. E. Lingelbach, of the history department of the University of Pennsylvania: "The treaty is about what I expected. The terms of peace imposed on Germany are severe, but not as severe as those imposed by the victors on the French in 1871. The one important thing guarded against is the danger of a German economic rebound. By taking over the coal and iron fields of Germany the Allies have effectively crippled her in world competition for a decade. This does not mean that they have destroyed her. If the blockade is lifted she should be able to continue her national existence along peaceful lines. If there is an anarchistic uprising in Germany it will be the result of an intensely nationalistic feeling created by the peace treaty."

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