

FULL TEXT OF TAFT LETTERS TO HAYS

Former President Explains Proposed Interpretations of Peace Treaty in Communications to Republican National Chairman

By the Associated Press

Washington, July 24.—The letters which ex-President Taft sent to Will H. Hays, Republican national chairman, from Pointe-a-Proc, Que., July 20, suggesting interpretative reservations, follow:

"My Dear Mr. Hays: In what I said yesterday I did not cover over the various interpretations and reservations, because I thought that in our previous correspondence they were sufficiently explained. I think it will be well to reiterate some of them, so that they are clearly understood."

"Speaking generally, I wish to emphasize my conviction that the United States Senate might well ratify the present treaty, without any reservations or interpretations. It is my conviction that the actual operation of the treaty after ratification would bring about exactly the same result as that which would be attained by the acceptance of these interpretative reservations, but I do not say that it is the part of statesmen to recognize the exigencies, personal, partisan and political, of a situation in seeking to achieve real progress and reform."

Put blame on Wilson

"The situation which confronts us now in reference to the ratification of the treaty is one created by your own party. It is my conviction that the personal animosity manifested by Mr. Wilson, the partisan character of his administration during the war, together with his refusal to take any action to elect a Democratic Congress in November, 1918, created a condition of personal animosity and partisan feeling toward him among Republican leaders, which was shared by a majority of the American people. This was shown in the results of the election."

Notwithstanding this, Mr. Wilson persisted in continuing a course of action which I believe to be unwise and unwise in the highly important matter of settling the results of the war. He selected a commission in which the Republicans had no representation and in which there were no representatives of Americans of any real experience and leadership in public opinion."

"With such a commission, by a usual course in going abroad himself, as President, greatly embarrassed the personal elements of the general treaty, and intrinsically the general treaty, to a worse condition than it might bring home, because of his apparent wish to dictate the policy of the world and to monopolize the credits for it."

Defects due to Wilson

"I feel that some of the defects of the league of nations are due to him. I am confident that he prevented the adoption of the plan of an League to Enforce Peace in respect to the constitutional court and the settlement of justiciable questions."

"This was, as I am advised, in the English plan, but was conspicuously omitted from the very satisfactory American plan. This prejudice against Americans was known to the League of Nations."

"The first interpretative reservation of Article X is in my opinion a measure of the League of Nations which is not in the nature of a reservation, but is a modification of the original intention of the League of Nations, which is not in the nature of a reservation, but is a modification of the original intention of the League of Nations."

"The attitude of hostility toward the President is based on criticism and opposition, which has been avoided had he taken with him such a man as Mr. Root and two representatives of the foreign relations committee in the Senate. The criticisms thus aroused have stirred the conscience of a number of Republican senators, who have endeavored the ratification of the league by two-thirds of the Senate."

Wilson Needs 45 Votes

"Mr. Wilson's influence with his Democratic supporters in the Senate will secure perhaps forty-five votes. Nineteen Republican votes are needed, and the question is how they can be secured. I don't think they can be secured by any means but by the conference through re-arranging interpretations of the league of nations and by the other nations who detailed the ratification of the league by two-thirds of the Senate."

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Protests Against Naxing

Senator Hitchcock held he protested against "this continuous nagging policy and the systematic efforts to criticize the President on all occasions."

Articles X Defined

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ROTHERMEL EXPLAINS LAW IN BANK CASES

Mr. Fred Rothermel, former district attorney and the prosecutor of the late Matthew Stanley King, United States senator, in the People's Bank failure case, today explained the legal points in a bank collapse such as that at the North Penn.

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