

Denunciation Has Deterrent any obligation to preserve the territorial Effect on Effort to Enlist Mild Reservationists

SEES PLOT TO KILL LEAGUE or to adopt economic measures for the protection of any other country, whether

By CLINTON W. GILBERT

Washington, Sept. 11 .- Ex-Presiternal dent Taft's vigorous denunciation of which may arise in any other country. the Lodge reservations in the PUBLIC and no mandate shall be accepted by the day that every day of discussion, presi-TERDER this meeting will have a big United States under Article XXII, dential utterance included, and every LEDGER this morning will have a big United States under Article ANII, bour of study combined to persuade him weaker of the mild reservationists for Mr. Lodge's program in any form.

Mr. Taft says what every friend of the league here knows, that the purpose of the Lodge reservations is to kill the Mr. Lodge does not expect to achieve his reservations accepted unamended. Mr. Lodge's purpose, then, is to do the league as much damage as he can morally, while attaching to its acceptance merely interpretative resolutions. A man may accede to a proposition end. in such a way as to throw buckets of cold water all over it.

Hopes to Damage League

Mr. Lodge hopes to do as much damage to the league by the way he accedes to it when he is forced to accept amendments to his reservations as if he refused to accede to it. As Mr. Taft says, this course is much less manly and courageous than that of Senators Borah and Johnson, who are honestly and openly for the defeat of the treaty. The handling of the German treaty is · fair example of that favorite occupaion of the United States Senate, "do ing big things in a little way."

It is the biggest thing that was ever before the Senate and the way is the littlest way. The issue now-all that is really left of it if you get down to the bottom prices of Sensior Lodge and Senator Hitchcock-is, "Shall we that enter the league of nations, making a face over it, or not?" If we make a face it is a great Republican victory. If we do not it is a great Democratic leader that the league of nation has been saved. And the Democrats, tak-ing their cue from President Wilson's Dakota speech, will declare that they

and "wild" reservations, about "gut-ting" the treaty and passing it as it stands, but the real question is "Shall

there or shall there not be a grimace If one party does all that it is willing to do the United States will bee a member of the league saying. "We enter the league, but we reserve clearly the right to withdraw from it if, on experience, our expectations are disappointed." If the other accomplishes the utmost it really expects to accomplish, the United States will become a member of the league saving. We enter the league, but if we don't like it, we'll get out damn qu'ck." That "damn quick" and the expression of countenance that goes with it is the article of the mild reservationists. Such height of statesmanship, as Washington goes now

Would Modify Reservations

tions committee in effect is a declination Senator Lodge is prepared to modify on the part of the United States to be his reservations, offered in his report come bound in any way by the obliga-He has said so, himself, tions of the league so far as it provides yesterday. publicly and privately. He will have a union with other nations to secure the to modify his reservations. Every one peace of the world. It is a notice to knows it. They have been carefully the world that we are willing to enjoy drawn, so that, with a slight change, the benefits of the league for ourselves. they will become merely interpretative- but that we are not willing to obli will avoid the danger of having to be gate ourselves in any way to aid the bassed on by foreign powers, and that rest of the world in securing those beneis the only question of importance, and fits. It is a reservation that no o so changed, the public will notice of the other nations could accept with the difference. There will be the vic- any sense of self-respect.

It is a reservation which, if it passes I asked a Democratic lender yester- will certainly require the reassembling day whether, if so changed, the Lodge of the conference at Paris and probab

the most that Mr. Lodge hopes or expects. He is fighting for the wry face pects. He is ugnting for the wry face that won't come off. It is a great fight. Take Article X: a much sharper source of dispute. Mr. Lodge's reser-vation reads: "The United States delines to assume, under the provisions of Article X, or under any other article

Ohio Senator Regards Covenant integrity or political independence of any other country or to interfere in in Present Form a Peril

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controversies between other nations. members of the league or not, or to employ the military or naval forces of the United States in such controversies.

is to make an interpretation reservation

with a very "wry face." It is probably

a member of the league or not, against external aggression or for the purpose Staff Correspondent of the Evening Public of coercing any other country, or for the purpose of intervention in the in-

the peace trenty, Senator Harding, Reconflicts or other controversies publican, of Ohio, told the Senate tothe day that every day of discussion, presi-

Germany, except by action of the Con- that "the league of nations venture, in

gress of the United States." Statement of Fact

Take out of it the words "or to To accept it unaltered, he argued. adopt economic measures" and it is a would be a betrayal of America. league, send the treaty back to Ver-sailles and after that the deluge. But tory of the treaty knew, namely, that safeguards." said the senator, "and the United States can participate in I mean to vote for the amendments pro all this. He does not expect to have no military or naval movement without action by Congress. Thus changed, it becomes purely interpretive in reality. reservations will send the treaty back. But says my Demorerat leader : then a "Look at the word 'declines.' It purposely goes at the thing from the wrong it ought to start with the square deal. It is deliberately put in to produce the effect of great reluctance."

The wry face again ! Like number one. this resolution may be amended, as I be happy. It may be turned the other end to, put into positive, instead of oilt is my deliber negative language-"the United States accepts, etc.-subject to the constitu-nant, as negotiated at Paris, either tional condition that no such action may created a supergovernment of the nabe taken except without action by Congress, etc.," and the "wry face" will disappear. That is the issue. "wry face" or no "wry face"! The Re-publicans are very "bitter-enders" on "It will not break the heart of the

this subject. When the reservations are adopted, wry face," or no "wry face," the "wry face" er no "wry face," the Republicans all and sundry will shout

they are not "mild" but "wild." tetory. There are many words about "mild" verbiage, adding nothing to the clarifi-

TAFT SCENTS PLAN TO DESTROY LEAGUE

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world to make the covenant right, or at DER **RDING SAYS PACT** danger American independence." the senator said. "But." he added, "it were better to witness this rhetorical BEIKAYS AMERICA tragedy than destroy the soul of this great republic."

NO BRITISH PROTECTORATE

Persian Minister Says Persia Took Americano Propone 4 Riserve Initiative for Own Protection Geneva, Sept. 11.-(By A. P.)-

Prince Firoux Kahn, Persian foreign minister, speaking in behalf of the shah, told the Associated Press today he could

not understand why reports that the Anglo-Persian treaty had created a British protectorate in Persia were Washington, Sept. 11 .- Declaring his intention to vote for amendments to given credence in Europe.

"This is entirely incorrect," he de-clared, "It was Persia which took the initiative and asked the help of Great La Commissione per gli Affari Esteri Britain because Persia was ruined and in a state of nuarchy with bands of brigands infesting the country, destroy the form in which the covenant has ing commerce and endangering the lives been negotiated, is one of peril to the of the people."

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BRITAIN TO ASK SHIPS
To accept it unaltered, he argued, would be a betrayal of America.
'I can never vote to ratify without affegarads,'' said the senarce, ''and' I mean to vote for the smendments proposed by the committee. If the president for the amendments will send the treaty back, then amendments will send the treaty back, then amendments will send the treaty back. The treaty has not written if : the pairs deal, was reserved for informal promises.''
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have already suggested, by striking out the words "or to adopt economic meas ures." It will then preserve an ex-tremely "wry face." Mr. Lodge will but we need not approve and surely we Even then her loss in shipping during pace e limitare di autorita' e poteri al completamente le loro domande. rappresentante dell'America nelle com- Un appello e' stato rivolto dagli scio

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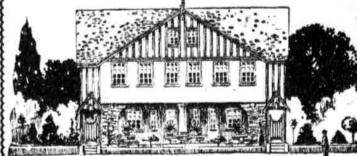
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reservations would not come within the the negotiation of a separate peace with administration description of reserva- Germany. It is a reservation drawn in tions that merely interpreted the treaty. such a way as to take the heart out of "Tes." he said, "but they will still be put in an offensive way." The "wry face." that I spoke about! If the Democrats succeed, "the wry face" will be smoothed and changed to a smile. That is what we are account of a smile. be smoothed and changed to a smile. That is what we are going to spend weeks upon. It isn't any question of defeating the treaty, it isn't any ques-tion of amending the treaty; it isn't any serious question of passing reservations that invite action by foreign powers. This last is highly improbable. It is a question of the "wry face" or not.

Gentle in Interpretations

Take Lodge's reservation Number 1 "the United States reserves to itself the unconditional right to withdraw from the league of nations upon the nothe provided in Article I of said treaty of peace with Germany." The "unconditional" in that article probably makes the reservation in effect an amendment. This is a nice question for constitutional lawyers. But it is to be observed that Mr. Lodge himself does not intend that it shall be an amendment. Mr. Lodge is fierce in his adjectives and gentle their interpretation. He writes the adjectives for Borah and Johnson and the interpretations for McCumber and Kel-logg. He writes explaining his reser-

"It must be made perfectly clear that the United States alone is to deter-mine as to the fulfillment of its obli-gations." Now the administration has no objection to just that very thing being said in the way of a reservation. No tribunal is provided, let it be said, and, wth Mr. Wilson's cordial approval. that the United States is the tribunal for itself, the sole judge of its own ac-

No Change in Treaty

Now it may be taken for granted that much of the language of the Lodge res-ervations will prevail. Three thing/ may be done with reservation No. 1: It may be accepted as written, which It may be accepted as written, which will be a Lodge wictory and highly un-likely. Again the word "uncouli-tional" may be stricken out and these words added: "Itself being the sole judge of whether or not its obligations have been fulfilled," so that the res-ervation as a whole will read: "The United States measures to itself the right United States reserves to itself the right to withdraw from the league of nations upon notice provided in Article I of said treaty of peace with Germany, itself being sole judge of whether or not its obligations have been fulfilled," a fair interpretation, not worded in the kind-liest language, but one in no way changing the instrument as the President protests he understands it.

The same words may be added to the Lodge resolution with the word "un-conditional" retained, the added words interpreting the "unconditional" as Mg. Lodge makes them interpret it explanation of the reservation. This



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