

Text of Wilson's Letter Defining Treaty Stand

The following is the text of President Wilson's letter to Senator Hitchcock, outlining his beliefs in regard to treaty reservations:

The White House,
Washington, 8 March, 1920.

"My dear Senator Hitchcock—I understand that one or two of your colleagues do me the honor of desiring to know what my views are with reference to Article X of the League of Nations and the effect upon the League of the adoption of certain proposed reservations to that article. I welcome the opportunity to throw any light I can upon a subject which has become so singularly beclouded by misapprehensions and misinterpretations of every kind.

"There is no escaping the moral obligations which are expressed in positive terms in this article of the covenant. We won a moral victory over Germany far greater even than the military victory won on the field of battle, because the opinion of the whole world swung to our support and the support of the nations associated with us in the great struggle. It did so because of our common profession and promise that we meant to establish an organization that would make certain that free nations would check every invasion of right and serve to make peace and justice the more secure by affording a definite tribunal of opinion to which all must submit and by which every international readjustment that cannot be amicably agreed upon by the peoples directly concerned shall be sanctioned.

"This promise and assurance were written into the preliminaries of the armistice and into the preliminaries of the peace itself, and constitute one of the most sacred obligations ever assumed by any nation or body of nations. It is unthinkable that America should set the example of ignoring such a solemn moral engagement.

"Pledges to Soldiers"
"For myself I feel I could not look the soldiers of our gallant armies in the face again if I did not do everything in my power to remove every obstacle that lies in the way of the adoption of this particular article of the covenant, because it made these pledges to them as well as to the rest of the world, and it was to this cause they deemed themselves devoted in a spirit of crusaders. I should be forever unfaithful to them if I did not do my utmost to fulfill the high purpose for which they fought.

"I think, my dear senator, we can dismiss from our minds the idea that it is necessary to stipulate in connection with Article X the constitutional methods we should use in fulfilling our obligations under it. We gain nothing by such stipulations and secure nothing which is not already secured. It was understood, as a matter of course, at the conference in Paris, that whatever obligations any government assumed, or whatever duties it undertook under the treaty would, of course, have to be fulfilled by its usual and established constitutional methods of action. Once or twice in meetings of the conference, when the treaty was under consideration, 'reservations' were made to that effect.

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effect by the representatives of individual powers, and those 'reservations' were invariably received in the way in which men who have met for business and not for talk always receive acts of scrupulous supererogation, listened to with indifferent silence, as such men listen to what is a matter of course and was not necessary to say.

"There can be no objection to explaining again what our constitutional method is and, that our Congress alone can declare war or determine the causes or occasions for war, and that it alone can authorize the use of the armed forces of the United States on land or on sea. But to make such a declaration would certainly be a work of supererogation.

Called Virtual Nullification
"I am sorry to say that the reservations that have come under my notice are almost without exception not interpretations of the articles to which it is proposed to attach them, but in effect virtual nullifications of those articles.

"A reservation which seeks to deprive the League of Nations of the force of Article X cuts at the very heart and life of the covenant itself. Any League of Nations which does not guarantee as a matter of incontestable right the political independence and integrity of each of its members might be hardly more than a futile scrap of paper, as ineffective in operation as the agreement between Belgium and Germany which the Germans violated in 1914. Article X as written into the treaty of Versailles represents the renunciation by Great Britain and Japan, which before the war had begun to find so many interests in common in the Pacific, by France, by Italy, by all the great fighting powers of the world, of the old pretensions of political conquest and territorial aggrandizement. It is a new doctrine in the world's affairs, and must be recognized or there is no secure basis for the peace which the whole world so longingly desires and so desperately needs.

"If Article X is not adopted and acted upon by the governments which reject it, I think, be guilty of bad faith to the people whom they induced to make the indefinite sacrifices of the war by the pledge that they would be fighting to redeem the world from the imperialist wants no league of nations, but if in response to the universal cry of the masses everywhere there is to be one, he is interested to secure one suited to his own purposes, one that will permit him to continue the historic game of pawns and pieces—the juggling of provinces, the old balances of power and the inevitable wars attendant upon these things.

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Chesterfield top coats, loose-fitting and shaped-back overcoats with velvet collars.
Jersey wool-knit overcoats, silk lined.
Fabrics are adapted to the styles in which the coats are made.
There are plenty of staple oxfords, blacks and quiet grays.

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"Top Hole"

You might say "bully," "immense" or "great"—means the same thing.
Means: "There was room at the top for a cigarette that can refresh a tired and much tired taste