

IDAHO SENATOR GIVES OPINION

SEN. BORAH SEES REPUTATION
OF WASHINGTON IN
LEAGUE.

Pleads for Frankness With the
American People—"Let us be
Candid," He Says.

In a recent speech in the United
States senate, Senator Borah, of Idaho,
said:

BY WILLIAM E. BORAH

Let us be perfectly candid with
the people of this country and tell
them what this scheme of a league
to enforce peace means. It means
the creation of a superinternational
court and turning the army
over to their direction if it has any
virility. It means the abandonment
of Washington's farewell address.
It means the abandonment of the
Monroe doctrine. It means that
we will enter into entangling
alliances with Europe. I am not in
favor of it. I am not in favor of
any league of nations which in-
fringes in the least upon the sov-
ereign power of the people of the
United States to direct and control
the destiny of this nation.

Mr. President, I concede to the
ideal its great place in human af-
fairs. I am glad we have with us
always the idealist. Life without
its music and its poetry, the great,
throbbing heart of humanity devoid
of sentiment, and this world of
struggle without its ideals would be
the place that Byron in his gloom
tells about, where all were "chilled
into a selfish prayer for light." But
while the ideal has its place, into
that land of promise, like the patri-
arch of old, the legislator is not per-
mitted to enter. He must deal with
concrete things and things practical.
If possible, he must know in ad-
vance to what results the plan pro-
posed leads. He must seek to mea-
sure its effect upon those whose lot
it is and as it always will be—
struggling up and moving on, hop-
ing, aspiring, but human nature
still. If the uglier passions were
dead and love or power were ban-
ished, if race prejudice and national
rivalry and commercial hunger
were at an end, if we could only
realize in practice that the Creator
made of one blood all nations to
dwell upon the face of the earth,
the task of the legislator would be
easy.

But you and I are to deal with a
world tortured and twisted by sel-
fishness and greed, vexed and driv-
en by rivalry and ennobled by self-
denial and self-sacrifice. We can
no more in wisdom ignore the former
than we should disregard the latter.
And above all, the thing which
seems to confound all purposes and
frustrate the noblest schemes is that
inevitable and tantalizing fact
written upon every page of human
history, the fickle friendship of na-
tions.

Six years ago we formed a
league Germany would have been
welcomed and as a friend, though at
that time she was preparing her
war for world dominion. We would
have had within the league, oper-
ating under cover of friendship,
the secret forces of an avowed en-
emy of peace. Turkey, I presume,
would have been admitted as we
never felt the necessity of declar-
ing war against her. Thirteen years
ago Russia and Japan were at war.
In 1917 they formed a most friend-
ly alliance. In 1918 they are at
war, or near war. It has not been
long since Bulgaria and Serbia stood
and fought together against the
Turks, though they have since been
engaged in deadly conflict against
each other. Speaking again of the
Turks, the most cruel and remorse-
less of nations, in the last hundred
years, at different times every
Christian nation of Europe has been

willing to enter into some kind of
an alliance with her. Within the
last decade Germany and Austria
stood by and assisted while Italy
seized Tripoli from Turkey. Since
then Germany and Austria and Tur-
key have been at war with Italy. A
powerful league was formed be-
tween France and Britain and Rus-
sia in 1914, to the effect that no
peace should be made until it was
made together. In a little over two
years Russia had made a separate
peace. Great Britain and France
have been during the last century
and a half more often enemies
than friends. This republic has
friends now who were not our
friends in former days. This is the
story told from the beginning of
history. There is no such thing
as friendship between nations as we
speak of friendship between individ-
uals. Any plan based upon such a
theory is built upon shifting sands.
Equally futile are schemes to boy-
cott in an economic way erring na-
tions. People and nations will trade
where interest and advantage invite
them to trade. The Paris economic
conference was a ridiculous affair,
an attempt to human experience.
With deep insight the president dis-
owned its purposes. Nations and
peoples act from self-interest—but
tressed and sustained by race rival-
ry and national pride, and also,
thank God, by patriotism, which is
love for your own country, your
own government, and your own peo-
ple, before and above all other
countries, governments, and peoples.
Without that patriotism, that sa-
videll of this city,
ered passion, which reached its sub-
lime heights at the Marne and at
Chateau Thierry, the world would
not be fit to live in. Whatever
plans we have, let us build them in
the fight and under the inspiration
of the proud traditions of the re-
public and the teachings of Wash-
ington and Jefferson, of Jackson
and Lincoln.

You will read that on the night
before Alexander started on his con-
quest of the world he visited his old
tutor, Aristotle, for a last interview.
The aged philosopher said to the
youthful conqueror, you are about
to start upon an enterprise which
will bring you into many lands and
among many nations, some already
celebrated in arts and in arms, and
some savage and barbarian. But this
last counsel I give you: Whitherso-
ever your victories lead you, never
forget that you are a Greek. But
Alexander did forget that he was a
Greek. The self-restraint, the poise,
the fine sense of justice, the philo-
sophy of the Greek gave way to the
unrestrained revelry and reckless
debauchery of the savage and the
barbarian. Conscious of his great
strength he tossed prudence to the
wind. That which promised domi-
on and glory and power ended in a
premature grave in a foreign land.

I fully understand that we have
as a people come into a wider circle
of influence and under greater
responsibilities than we have known
heretofore. I acknowledge in full
our duty toward peace of the world,
our deep and vital interest in sus-
taining and extending, and strength-
ning the domain of international law.
I would shirk from no duty; I would
meet every obligation. But as we
are brought into contact with many
nations, some advanced and enlight-
ened in the ways of free govern-
ment, some far below our standards
and conception of right and justice,
we should never forget that we are
Americans. Through it all we
should cling to our traditions, our
principles and policies by means of
which we have risen to leadership in
the great struggle for free institu-
tions. Americanism, the most vital
principle in civilization today, the
hope of the world, is not to be com-
promised, much less abandoned. The
political creed under which we have
attained unto greatness, the tenets
of that faith which lighted this nob-
le experiment on its way, are not to
be disregarded simply because we
are now victorious and strong. The
simplicity, the justice, and the dem-
onstrated wisdom of the two great

underlying principles of our for-
eign policy are not to be bartered
for the imaginary plans of an im-
aginary world. They harmonize with
our tastes, they conform to our
habits as a people, they fit into and
buttress our free institutions, and
for myself I do not want to give
them up. "Observe justice and good
faith toward all nations; have no
or passionate hatreds not passion-
ate attachments to any, and be inde-
pendent politically of all." That is
the political chart with which we put

out to sea over a century ago. It
will be a fateful hour when over-
bold and too much conscious of our
strength we conclude that without
this chart we can withstand the
storms which we are bound soon to
encounter. True to these principles
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discharge every obligation toward
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