TRYING TO KILL LEAGUE OF NATIONS

Senators Are Resorting to the Old Parliamentary Device of Killing by Amendment

The immediate aim of the Senatorial plotters against the League Covenant is plain to the view. They are trying to kill the League of Nations. The law assumes that men intend the necessary consequences of their own acts. If the action these Senators urge upon the Senate is taken, it will necessarily destroy the League. They do not even seek to conceal their purpose. They are resorting to the old parliamentary device of killing by amendment. Mr. Knox's hostile resolution, which has gone to its death, has been abandoned for a "qualifying resolution." It is intended that the Senate shall declare in this resolution that its ratification of the Treaty of Peace, so far as it applies to the League of Nations, shall be without effect so far as the United States is concerned until the other nations signing the Treaty shall agree to certain reservations, which are to be substantially those recommended by Senator Root. The Washington correspondent of The Times asked Senator Knox what would happen if the allied nations decline to accept these reservations. "The United States in that event would be outside the League of Nations." Mr. Knox replied, with a smile. Without the United States the League would be a lame and impotent organization; in all probability it would fall to pieces.

Therefore, we may start from the postulate that Senator Knox, Senator Lodge, Senator Borah, Senator Johnson and their associates fully intend the death of the League of Nations and are taking measures to that end. But what is their ulterior aim? Merely to prevent the erection of safeguards against the greatest cause of human suffering cannot be the whole end and aim of their plotting. We know that they have a political purpose—to express their hatred of PRESIDENT WILSON, to discredit him and thereby advance the fortunes of the Republican party. Their tactics and their utterances disclose that motive, it is charged against them by responsible leaders of their own party. But by what strange perverted process of argument have they persuaded themselves that the success of their desperate plot against the League Covenant would improve the chances of the Republicans in the Presidential election next year?

The country is against them. The great sober-minded, reasonable, and patriotic mass of their own party is against them. It is practically certain that they cannot command the support of the majority of the Republican Senators in their desperate adventure. That the Republican party at large condemns their procedure is made evident by authoritative utterances in many States of the Union. An ex-President and an ex-Attorney-General of their own party have condemned them. More than a score of representative Republicans in this city united the other day in a remonstrance against the course they are pursuing. In the West, newspapers of high standing and of unquestioned loyalty to the party are outspoken in denunciation of the thing they are trying to do. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat, a great and influential newspaper of unswerving fidelity to Republican principles, declares that "a large proportion of the Republican press favors the League, and there are but few important Republican newspapers that are uncompromisingly against it." In support of this assertion it reproduces upon its editorial page in its issue of June 22, five columns of editorial expressions from Republican newspapers of prominence, all deploring the unwise and dangerous course of the senatorial opponents of the League. Among these newspapers are The Los Angeles Times, The Portland Oregonian, one of the great papers of the Pacific coast; The Des Moines Register, a representative Republican paper; The Salt Lake Tribune, another sound Republican newspaper, The Topeka Capital and the Globe-Democrat.

The Globe-Democrat calls attention to the adoption of resolutions endorsing the League Covenant by the representative vote of 29,750 to 420 by the American Federation of Labor; to the resolution of the Federation of Women's Clubs, representing 2,000,000 women, declaring its approval of the revised Covenant of the League; it points out that in a canvass of agricultural papers published in forty-three States, only one of sixty-eight opposed ratification of the Treaty with the League and sixty-four unqualifiedly favored it. The attitude of the Church in favor of the Covenant has been made known from hundreds of pulpits. Says the Globe-Democrat: "Here we have labor, agriculture, the Church, the women, and probably business supporting the League. From what source would the Republican party draw a conquering power in opposition to it? It is a pertinent question for leaders of the party."

(Copy of editorial from The New York Times of June 26, 1919.)

Daily Thought.

What a man thinks in his spirit in the world, that he does after his departure from the world when he becomes a spirit.—Swedenborg.

Another Mystery.

One of the strangest things in this world is how many tears a baby can shed and still keep its face dirty.—Galveston News.

Checks Mine Fires.

To check the spread of flames in mine explosions an automatic device has been invented that scatters rock dust into the rushing air that precedes them.

Surnames.

Surnames begun to be used first among the nobility in 1200.

Spoke a Little Hastily.

John Brougher tells this one: One colored gent said to another: "Ev'y time I jump my feet stay and kisses her, she just giggles and squirms darming." To which the other responded: "I say she does." "Huh?" asked the belligerent swain, as his eye took on a glitter, "I say, does she?" was the eager change in the response.—Houston Post.

Measure Human Vibrations.

Utilizing a galvanometer, a French scientist has invented apparatus for measuring vibrations of human bones and tissues, with which, among other things, he reads a person's pulse more accurately than by hand.

To Shine Isinglass.

Use a flannel rag moistened with vinegar to shine isinglass.

A classified ad will bring results.

Miracles Due to Mothers.

Medicine can to some extent prevent disease from attacking the child; medicine cannot perform miracles. It is a miracle if children brought up in foul and evil surroundings grow up healthy and wholesome men and women. The miracle, incidentally, is usually accomplished not by doctors but by the self-sacrifice and heroism of the mother of the children, who too often loses her own health in the process.—London Times.

Contract Marriages.

Contract marriage is now the commonly accepted doctrine that marriage is a civil contract requiring only the free and intelligent consent of parties capable of contracting. A contract of this sort, drawn up and signed, is a marriage in the eyes of the law in all the states.

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Language and Thought.

Language is properly the servant of thought, but not unfrequently becomes its master. The conceptions of a feeble writer are greatly modified by his style; a man of vigorous powers makes his style bend to his conceptions—a fact compatible enough with the acknowledgment of Dryden that a rhyme had often helped him to an idea.—Clulow.

Opportunity.

Opportunity never hunts a man up, but it clings fast to good brains like a burr holds fast to good wool.—J. J. Hill.

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