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AN EXPLANATION THAT REALLY EXPLAINS.

(Concluded from last week.)

(From Harvey's Weekly.)

There is yet another phase of this notorious Article X which should not escape attention. The president, Mr. Taft, and Senator Hitchcock, have harped persistently upon a single string, namely, that in case of aggression or threat thereof the council has no authority to require this country, except as we have noted in response to a call upon its honor, to use its army and navy in enforcing the council's decrees and, in support of this contention, they plausibly instance the English version of the covenant to the effect that the council shall only "advise" as to the means by which the United States shall fulfill its obligation.

But wait a minute! The official French version of Article X reads as follows:

Les Membres de la Societe s'engagent a respecter et a maintenir contre toute aggression exterieure l'integrite territoriale et l'indépendance politique presentée de tous les Membres de la Societe.

En cas d'agression, de menace ou de danger d'agression, le Conseil avise aux moyens d'assurer l'execution de cette obligation.

"Avise aux moyens." What does that mean in plain English? Merely to "give advice," as the president and Mr. Taft and Senator Hitchcock assert? Not at all. It is a common French idiom and translated accurately reads:

In case of aggression, of menace or of danger of aggression, the council discusses (deliberates upon) and decides upon the means of assuring the execution of this obligation.

The French word for "to advise" is "conseiller; donner des conseils; recommander." (Clifton & Grimaux French-English dictionary). The meaning of "aviser" (advise, conseiller, persuade) is obsolete, according to Larousse, Grand Dictionnaire Universel, and antiquated (Spiers & Surenne). The French-German, French-Portuguese and all-French dictionaries, show that "aviser aux moyens" has only an intransitive meaning, "think of, reflect on, provide for, look to, supply, etc., the means" to attain an object. It conforms precisely to the Old Testament phrase, "appropiate somewhat amusingly at times by the president, himself a Doctor of Divinity, to "take counsel together" upon the means, etc., i. e., to decide them—in the Old Testament days after but in Mr. Wilson's practice generally before discussion.

We readily acquit Mr. Hitchcock, who was educated in Baden-Baden, and Mr. Taft, who grew up in Cincinnati, of suspicion of anything beyond ignorance of the nuances of a language less familiar to them than German, but the obvious imperfection of Mr. Wilson's command of the French language acquired during his long sojourn in Paris is most disconcerting.

The salient fact, however, is that the Lodge resolution does not declare that the United States will not cooperate in the manner indicated. It simply reserves to congress the moral as well as the legal right to determine each case upon its merits under the conditions that may at the time exist.

Clearly there is no nullification here. There is nothing whatever beyond prudent avoidance of the possible necessity of exercising a legal right to offset fulfillment of an obligation confessedly moral in its making but quite likely to prove wholly wrongful in actual performance.

3. No mandate shall be accepted by the United States under Article 22, Part I, or any other provision of the

treaty of peace with Germany, except by action of the congress of the United States.

This simply makes clear the fact that the executive, be he Woodrow Wilson or John Smith, cannot commit the United States to any assumption of control by force of another country without the assent of congress. It prohibits nothing. It nullifies nothing.

4. The United States reserves to itself exclusively the right to decide what questions are within its domestic jurisdiction and declares that all domestic and political questions relating wholly or in part to its internal affairs, including immigration, labor, coastwise traffic, the tariff, commerce, the suppression of traffic in women and children, and in opium and all other dangerous drugs, and all other domestic questions, are solely within the jurisdiction of the United States and are not under this treaty to be submitted in any other way either to arbitration or to the consideration of the council or of the assembly of the league of nations, or any agency thereof, or to the decision or recommendation of any other power.

5. The United States will not submit to arbitration or to inquiry by the assembly or by the council of the league of nations, provided for in said treaty of peace, any questions which in the judgment of the United States depend upon or relate to its long-established policy, commonly known as the Monroe Doctrine; said doctrine is to be interpreted by the United States alone and is hereby declared to be wholly outside the jurisdiction of said league of nations and entirely unaffected by any provision contained in the said treaty of peace with Germany.

Nobody in America—we hasten to except M. Clemenceau's spokesman, Mr. Lausanne, and other Europeans who take the contrary view—has been more insistent than the president in reiterating and reiterating that the Monroe doctrine is, as he admits it should be, fully safeguarded and that American control of all domestic questions is likewise guaranteed by the treaty as submitted. Very good! These reservations simply emphasize and in no sense nullify the understanding to that effect.

6. The United States withholds its assent to Articles 156, 157, and 158, and reserves full liberty of action with respect to any controversy which may arise under said articles between the republic of China and the Empire of Japan.

That is to say, the United States declines to condone the spoliation of our ally China by our ally Japan, sanctioned by the European powers, but it does not set up even that awful crime as a cause of refusal to ratify the treaty. Shocking and shameful as the president himself admits the outrage to be, the reservation does not hold it to afford sufficient reason for nullification. It merely withholds America's approval of the greatest crime ever committed by presumably civilized, professedly honorable, and hypocritical Christian nations.

7. The congress of the United States shall provide by law for the appointment of the representatives of the United States in the assembly and the council of the league of nations, and may in its discretion provide for the participation of the United States in any commission, committee, tribunal, court, council, or conference, or in the selection of any members thereof and for the appointment of members of said commissions, committees, tribunals, courts, councils, or conferences, or any other representatives under the treaty of peace, or in carrying out its provisions, and until such participation and appointment have been so provided for and the powers and duties of such representatives have been defined by law, no person shall represent the United States under either said league of nations or the treaty of peace with Germany or be authorized to perform any act for or on behalf of the United States thereunder, and no citizen of the United States shall be selected or appointed as a member of said commissions, committees, tribunals, courts, councils or conferences except with the approval of the senate of the United States.

8. The United States understands that the reparation commission will regulate or interfere with exports from the United States to Germany, or from Germany to the United States, only when the United States by act or joint resolution of congress approves such regulation or interference.

9. The United States shall not be obligated to contribute to any expenses of the league of nations, or of the secretariat, or of any commission, or committee, or conference, or other agency organized under the league of nations or under the treaty or for the purpose of carrying out the treaty provisions, unless and until an appropriation of funds available for such expenses shall have been made by the congress of the United States.

These provisions are purely domestic. They simply constitute the congress a

working partner with powers equal to those of the executive in transaction of the business. The mere method thus prescribed is of course no concern whatever of the other powers.

10. If the United States shall at any time adopt any plan for the limitation of armaments proposed by the council of the league of nations under the provisions of Article 8, it reserves the right to increase such armaments without the consent of the council whenever the United States is threatened with invasion or engaged in war.

11. The United States reserves the right to permit, in its discretion, the nationals of a covenant-breaking state, as defined in Article 16 of the covenant of the league of nations, residing within the United States or in countries other than that violating said Article 16, to continue their commercial, financial, and personal relations with the nationals of the United States. Nothing in Articles 296, 297, or in any of the annexes thereto or in any other article, section, or annex of the treaty of peace with Germany shall, as against the citizens of the United States, be taken to mean any confirmation, ratification, or approval of any act otherwise illegal or in contravention of the rights of the citizens of the United States.

12. The United States withholds its assent to Part XIII (Articles 387 to 427, inclusive) unless congress by act or joint resolution shall hereafter make provision for representation in the or of course, can affect only Great Britain, and in such event the participation of the United States will be governed and conditioned by the provisions of such act or joint resolution.

These are self-protective measures plain as the nose to the face. They have no bearing whatever upon the treaty in the sense of nullification.

14. The United States assumes no obligation to be bound by any election, decision, report, or finding of the council or assembly in which any members of the league and its self-governing dominions, colonies, or parts of an empire, in the aggregate have cast more than one vote, and assumes no obligation to be bound by any decision, report, or finding of the council or assembly arising out of any dispute between the United States and any member of the league if such member, or any self-governing dominion, colony, empire, or part of an empire united with it politically has voted.

This is a downright admission of regret, when it ought to be direct. And yet the mere fact that it is obviously a ruse tends to establish the sincerity of the senate in supporting ratification with effectual reservations. To avoid the delay and disturbance likely to ensue from adoption of textual or technical amendments this method was devised of notifying the world that the United States considers itself the equal of any other nation. The reservation, of course, can affect only Great Britain, and the sole objection that can possibly be raised by that great and friendly empire would lie in her honest belief that in a super-government of the world she is fairly entitled to six votes to one for this secularist but moderately successful colony—a natural and characteristic proposition, but one somewhat difficult to put over on even an unsophisticated people whose forefathers had the audacity to object of taxation without representation.

The reservation itself, of course, nullifies nothing but the technically numerical and proportionately effective superiority of Great Britain over the United States—and, Mr. Wilson and Mr. Taft to the contrary notwithstanding, we guess that will have to be done.

Now there is the whole story. And this is the incontrovertible answer to the query which we propounded at the outset:

The treaty has not been nullified by the reservations as a whole or in any particular.

It has been Americanized in part, though by no manner of means in full.

There are, according to a recent discovery, in the neighborhood of six million germs on one house fly. The average person would have let this pass unnoticed.

Chicago's police matron says ninety per cent of the deserted wives had little men for husbands. Well, it's a mighty small man, anyway, who deserts wife and children.

When a young man of sixteen polishes his shoes and oils up his hair every evening after supper, it's a reasonably certain sign that a demure little damsel of about the same age has him going.

It is wonderful how quickly some people become fervently imbued with the righteousness of certain reforms—just as soon as it becomes apparent that the people with the majority of votes are for them.

A noted physician says the time is coming when it will be possible to graft on arms and legs. We're in favor of progress, but it seems to us that we already have enough feet for folks to step on and trusts enough hands in our pockets now.

It is reported that the telephone wires got mixed on one of the light-haired bachelors of a near-by city the other evening. He attempted to ring up again to get the thing straightened out, but "hello" did not answer him immediately. He got peeved and pulled the receiver hook frantically up and down, at the same time yelling excitedly, "I want central!" "I want central!" Finally "central" cut in and answered, "All right, kiddo, I'm yours," and now she is suing for breach of promise.

Household Hints

To keep sandwiches fresh, wring out a napkin in hot water, wrap them in it and put in a cool place.

Allow at least three Turkish towels for each member of the family when planning the towel supply.

A teaspoonful of sugar to a pint of mashed turnip will do much to remove the bitter taste which often nearly ruins the turnip.

Sick headache can often be helped and even cured by a cup of strong black coffee without sugar, if the juice of half a lemon has been added.

THINGS WE THINK

Think of the Things Others Think

Did you ever see a curdled milk weed?

Booze is a great thing—to leave alone.

Things you learn by experience you seldom forget.

A girl in the home is worth two dozen on the street.

Sometimes a woman will nag a man just for horse play.

There's not much difference between love of self and self.

Familiarity breeds content—with man or wife, or should.

Kissing spreads microbes. Well, give the microbes a chance.

The itch for office and scratching the ballot go hand in hand.

It is sometimes easy to start a new love fire with an old flame.

Don't give up until tomorrow—and you know tomorrow never comes.

Love is blind. That's why it gets along just as well without a light.

The time to make new resolutions is before the old ones have worn out.

A lot of people who are optimists now will be pessimists after election.

The average man improves a whole lot as you come to know him better.

The energetic have to do a lot of work to take care of those who won't.

It does not necessarily follow that a man with water on the brain is a soak.

A woman doesn't like to be married for her good cooking—and she seldom is.

Youth holds forth unbounded attractions to everyone but the youth himself.

There is new beauty in life every day for the person who keeps his eyes open.

A man and woman who do not get acquainted before marriage, will afterwards.

More of us might be our brother's keeper, but our brother won't have it that way.

Sunshine will make a sour milk pan sweet and take the grouch out of your disposition.

Lots of people are sworn into office—and lots of others swear because they aren't.

There is only a transposition of two letters between the words "united" and "untied."

It's not a question of producing more babies. It's a question of preserving those we have.

There is such a thing as young men and young women getting too much education—of a certain kind.

It's pretty exasperating to a fat man to have a lean man walk in his shadow on a hot day and laugh at him.

Some men throw their money away but those wishing to get rid of it quickly put it into a slot machine.

A Nevada woman has married a newspaper man on a bet. Women make some awful chances when they gamble.

Your political enemies are seldom as bad as you make them out to be—and never as good as their friends say they are.

There should be some method devised for conserving the energy wasted by some people in keeping away from work.

Don't be a crooner. Imitate the optimistic hen who makes the same kind of a noise regardless of what eggs are worth.

Some folks can get enjoyment out of sliding down hill when they know they've got to struggle right back up again.

A New York scientist says fish never have the toothache. We presume that they are not troubled much with rheumatism.

A man feels uncomfortable in a new hat that he feels everyone is looking at—but a woman is in her glory under the same conditions.

New York girls spend sixty per cent of their time in making themselves attractive. Out this way Nature has done that work for them.

There are men who will sit up all night with a sick cow but haven't patience to take care of one of their own squawking kids for fifteen minutes.

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