TAFT OUTLINES LEAGUE PLAN

Puts It Into Plain Language Free From Legal and Diplomatic Verbiage, in Response to Request.

MANY ARE CONFUSED

Danger That People Will Lose Sight of Basic Principles During Discussion of Complicated Details and Technicalities.

(By ex-President William H. Taft.)

The plan for a Lengue of Nations is based on a few simple principles, which are not hard to understand when lifted out of the mornss of technical discussion and freed from legal and diplomatic language. As the one authority hest able to present these points without partisan bias, ex-President Taft has been asked to put the league idea into a few plain words for the benefit of millions of Americans who desire a better understanding of the plan but find themselves confused by the debate in the United States Senate. In response to this request he has written the following article,

Purpose of the League.

The chief purpose of the Lengue of Nations is to keep the world in a state of peace. Another way of ex- It will be the same way with the pressing it is to say that the league is designed to prevent wars.

We have just finished the greatest which is to say the most horrible, of We all conflicts between nations. have won a glorious victory. But that victory will be wasted unless this war has made the nations ready to put aside their differences and cooperate to end war forever.

It is not enough, however, to provide for the prevention of wars and greatest crimes has been her barbathe settlement of disputes after they have arisen. We must foresee causes of trouble and remove them before chief tasks of the League will be to they have reached an acute stage. Hence there must be provision for frequent consultations of members of the league for exchange of information, for agreement on common policies and for the gradual formation of rules of inter atterni law which at present are uncertain and incomplete.

The representatives of the great fron nations which won the war have met at Paris and, after long consultation, have drawn an agreement which they believe will accomplish these ends. At the very least it will set in motion great changes which will relawed nation will be boycotted by all the other members of the League and will find itself cut off from both business and social communication with the rest of the world. How It Will Prevent Wars.

It is not claimed that the League of

humon intelligence can devise will be made to settle international disputes peaceably. But should all these meas-

ures fall and two nations go to war, this is what will happen:

observed the rules of the League, the other nation's will stand back and let BY PRESENT DEBATE them fight it out. War under such circumstances is difficult to imagine, however, because before the angry nations will be allowed to fight in accordance with the rules of the Lengue, so much time must elapse that in all probability their anger will cool and they will reach an amicable understanding. What we have to fear is that some

nation will go to war in defiance of the League, and every precaution has been taken to suppress such a nation by the immediate use of the united power of the other nations. If international boycott failed to bring her to terms she would have to face s combined international army and navy. The founders of the League believe that the more possibility of such a situation will prevent any nation from violating its agreement. Does anyone think that Germany would have begun war five years ago if she had known that nearly all the other great powers would combine against her?

Doing the World's Work.

other.

In addition to settling international disputes peaceably the League of Nations will provide means for doing much of the world's work more systematically and effectively than can he done now when each nation is working only for itself. The people you know best and like best are those who work with you on the same job. nations of the future. The more they

work together, the mooner they will come to understand and like each For example, the League will establish an international organization for the bettering of labor conditions in

different countries, for the protection of women and children and the native inhabitants of civilized and semi-civilized countries. One of Germany's rous treatment of the helpless people in some of her colonies. One of the look after peoples that are not strong enough to protect themselves. to their sons, The League will appoint commis-

stons to take charge of various international undertakings so that they may be carried on, not for the benefit of any one nation, but for the benefit of the whole world. Provision will be made for promotion of fair and equal trade conditions.

These are only a few of the benefits the world will derive from the League,

As time goes on we shall find more and more tasks at which the nations can work in common and a greater number of opportunities to remove member to tell us of the courage of our women, who also went across the causes which stir up jealoustes and sea; of the women who died nursing animosities between races and peoples. the sick and wounded: the women **Objections** Answered. who died in the hospitals, where the Of course we cannot hope to make terrible bombs came and drove them. the great changes such as the League almost to madness. They tell us of Nations will bring about without nothing of the forty thousand English opposition. Fortunately the war has women who went to work back of the taught us the great advantages of trenches in France. aternational co-operation. It was They tell us nothing of the thouonly by good team work that the free ands upon thousands upon thousands liberty loving nations were able to of women who not only tolled and

but found we couldn't.

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The council, the chief governing body of the Lengue, cannot take action without unanimous decision of Its members and since the United

States will have a representative in the Council our interest will be protected there. We hear it said that the Nations will do away with war alto- League is formed for the benefit of gether. Every possible provision that Great Britain or Japan or some other one nation. This is not true. All the nations will gain by it, not only the great nations such as the United States, Great Britain, France, Japan and Italy, but the little nations which If both parties to the dispute have in the past have been oppressed by their big neighbors. The international court will give an opportunity for the settlement of old grievances which have long troubled the peoples of the world.

> It has been said that the League will interfere with the Monroe Doctrine, but the League Covenant expressly protects this Doctrine. In fact, through the Covenant the Monroe Dustrine receives recognition throughout the world and its principles become forever established.



Peace League Means More to Them Than It Can Mean to Men.

DR. SHAW'S STIRRING PLEA.

(By the Late Dr. Anna Howard Shaw.) Seven million one hundred thousand

nen who had laid down their lives in the great war. Think of it! Seven million, one hundred thousand young nen had died on the field of battle! What does that mean to the women

of the world? It means that seven million one hundred thousand women walked day by day with their faces toward an open grave that they might give life to a son. It means that seven million one hundred thousand little children lay in the arms of a mother whose love had made them face even the terrors of death that

they might become the mothers o It means that year after year these

women had put up their lives into the lives of their sons until they had rear ed them to be men. For what? In the hope that these sons of theirs could give to the world the things for which vomen dream, the things for which omen hope and pray and long. These were the things that the women had in their hearts when they gave birth

But who can estimate the value of even million one hundred thousand dead sons of the women of the world? Who can estimate the price which the women have paid for this war; what it has cost them, not only in the death of their sons, because that is a phase of our war to which we look.

The Courage of Women.

We hear our orators tell us of the courage of our men. How they went across the sea. Very few of them re-



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sult in universal benefit to all mankind. This agreement is called the Covenant of the League of Nations and it is a part of the peace treaty.

There will be no league worth talk ing about, however, unless the United States is a member. The decision as to whether the United States shall join rests with our Senate. The Senators, chosen by the people, will in the end vote as the people desire. For this reason the people themselves will decide whether or not the United States will join the longue. In this question every citizen should have a voice. He or she can express opinion either by writing direct to Senators, by letters to the newspapers, by speeches in his lodge or local union or to conversation with friends.

Methods of Maintaining Peace.

Since the prime object of the League of Nations is to preserve peace - and to reap the benefits of placelet us see how the league will operate to accomplish that purpose.

In the first place it will seek to remove the main causes of war. By the formation of an international court it will create a means for the peaceful settlement of disputes between nations. Then it will seek to compet the nations to make use of this court. This is nothing more nor less than an application of the rules and customs governing private individuals in civilfied communities to the relations between nations.

Secondly, the League will seek to remove a great temptation to war by the general agreement to reduce the size of armies and navies. This will halt the race for military and naval supremney which was targely responsible for the war just ended. The smount of armament any nation may maintain will be strictly defined. Thus it will be impossible for one country to overwhelm its neighbor by unexpected attack, in the way that Germany crushed Belgium and would have croshed France had not the other democratic nations gone to her aid. The lifes is that each country may keep an army and navy large enough to enshia | to fulfil its responsibilities as a member of the League, but no larger. The United States, for example, probably would be expected to keep a Nations. When men form a business check on Mexico and the state of consignt turnedl in that country would be taken into consideration in desiding how large an army we should need. The third important safeguard which the "league will set up is a system of penalties. This will make an

outlaw of any nation or group of antions which goes to war in violation of the rules of the League. The out-

Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by forst any institution, as they had be e.e. There been and that <text><text><text><text>

whip Germany. worked and slaved in order that the The treaty which the United States war might be successful, but we do ienate is debating obligates the memnot hear of the thousands of women, bers of the proposed League to pronot alone in Armenia, not alone in teet one another against attack from Montenegro, not alone in Serbia, but nemies outside their own boundaries Fianders, in Belgium, in Rumania, bent upon conquest. Although this in Russia-the thousands of women agreement (Article X of the Covewho lie in graves today, murdered, nant) is vital to any arrangement

so horribly mordered that men dare which seeks to prevent war, it has not speak of it. been attacked on the ground that it And yet we women are asked what would draw the United States Into we know about the Lengue of Nawars in various parts of the world and tions; asked what we can understand force us to send our boys to fight in about a League of Nations. Oh men! quarrels which did not concern us. the horrible deaths; the horrible lives We should remember, however, that of thousands upon thousands of wothe main purpose of Article X is to men today in all these nations, who frighten nations tempted to wars of must live, and who must look in the inquest from yielding to the temptafaces of children unwelcomed, undeion, by the certainty that they will be sired of little children-and know

crushed if they begin such a war by that these are the result of war, universal hoycott and a union of And then ask women why they forces of the world against them. If should be interested in a league of a big war breaks out again, the United peace?

States will be forced to take part in Women Suffer Most From War. whether we have a League of If there is any body of citizens in Nations or not. We tried hard enough the world who ought to be interested to keep out of the war with Germany in a league to ultimately bring to the world peace it is the mothers of men. A little war contrary to the League and the women who suffered as only rules could be handled by the powers

women can suffer in the war and in close at hand. Certainly it would not devustated countries. necessary to send American troops And we call upon them, we women to suppress an uprising in the Balkans of the world call upon the men who when prompt action by the armies of have been fighting all these battles of Italy or some other nearby powerful the years, the men who have led nation could suppress the fracas bearmies, and led armies close to their fore American troops could even get deaths.

We are now calling upon the men of the world to in some way or an-We had to make many sacrifices to other find a passage out of the sea of win the last war and we made them death. We are asking them to form willingly because we knew they were a league which will bring hope to the worth while. Is will be the same in a women of the future. If women are smaller degree with a League of to bear sons only that they may die, if women may not have hope partnership each one has to make and aspirations for their children, concessions to the views and opinions if women may not dream the dreams of the other members of the firm. that have in them the hope of the Whon we enter the League of highest civilizations, the highest moral Nucleus we may have to give up cerand spiritual life of the people-if wotain privileges, but the losses will be men may not have these in their hearts as the mothers of men, then The United States will not have to women will cease to desire to be the sacrifice her independence or right to mothers of men. And why should

they not? Why should they not?

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