

cussed in Independence Hall tomorrow. Mr. Taft was firmly of the opinion that a league of peace could be formed which would enable nations to avoid war by furnishing a practical means for settling international quarrels or "suspending them until the blinding best of sections had couldd"

"suspending them until the binning heat of pussion had cooled." "In calling this meeting." Mr. Taft said, "my associates and I have not been unaware that we might be likened to the tailors of Tooley street who mis-took themselves for the people of England. We wish to say that we do not represent anybody but ourselves.

ture is sufficient to make us think that the present is a good time to discuss and formulate a series of proposals to which the assent of a number of the great powers could be secured. We think a league of peace could be formed which would enable nations to avoid war by furnishing a practical means of settling international quarrels until the blinding heat of passion had cooled blinding heat of passion had cooled.

Neutrals' Interest Increasing.

"In no war has the direct interest that neutrals have in preventing a war between neighbors been so clearly made known. This interest of neutrals has been enforced upon them so that it would require only a slight develop-ment and growth in the law of inter-national relations to develop that interest to a right to be consulted before such a war among neighbors can be begun.

the formation of a peace league of the great powers, whose primary and fun-damental principle shall be that no war can take place between any two members of the league until they resorted to the machinery that the league pro-poses to furnish to settle the contro-versy likely to lead to war.

Versy likely to lead to war. "If any member refuses to use this machinery and attacks another member of the league in breach of his league obligation, all members of the league agree to defend the members attacked by force.

Resort to Force Not Omitted.

"We do not propose to enforce com- Keith Van Winkle, pliance, either with the court's judg-ment or the conciliation commission's recommendation. We feel that we ought not to attempt too much-we be-Heve that the forced submission and the truce taken to investigate the ju-dicial decision or the conciliatory compromise recommended will form a ma terial inducement to peace. It will cool the heat of passion and will give the men of peace in each nation time to still the jingoes. The league of peace will furnish a great opportunity for more definite formulation of the prin-ciples of international law. The ar-Ciples of international law. The ar-bitral court will amplify it and enrich it in their application of its general principles to particular cases. They will create a body of judge-made law of the highest value. "Then the existence of the league will lead to ever-recurring congresses will lead to ever-recurring congresses of the league, which, acting in a quasi-legislative capacity, may widen the acope of international law in a way that a court may not feel able or com-petent to do."

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lence, but farther north a section of the horizon was roaring like a gi-gantic muffled snare drum.

ing which the King-Emperor had supplied to them to keep out the Flanders cold. Sumahine had olled their

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