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## JOYFUL MEETINGS HELD

Anti-Wilson Senators Feel That Events Have Gone Their Way and Celebrate Victory.

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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 7.—(Special.)—The irreconcilable senators are feeling very happy. Things are going their way. Lodge is in his heaven, and Knox is by his right side. They and their acolytes and neophytes, their seraphim and cherubim, are singing "Gaudemus Igitur" every time they meet. And they meet very often, formally or informally. They are feeling so good and are so well pleased with themselves and with one another that they like to get together and celebrate and tell one another how valiant they were, and how joyful they are.

They are a happy band of brothers. They rehearse old battles like veterans fighting Chickamauga over, or Chateau-Thierry. Every once in a while they dash outside the circle of their talk to kick the fresh immortals from Mr. Wilson's tombstone and a little war dance around his grave.

## Ceremony Is Refreshing.

That always refreshes them, particularly after that ceremony of the violation occasionally gets just a little close—as close as good orthodox republicans can get, even so faint intimations of what they could do if they chose to do it to any other president who might try to treat them as badly as Mr. Wilson did. No clear-sighted person will deny that much of this is justified in the irreconcilables. Events have gone their way. You may like their issue or you may not like it, you may approve their tactics or not approve them, but if you have any sense of reality, you will admit that the course of events favors and justifies them.

Not only did the nation, in that solemn referendum that Mr. Wilson called for, reject his policy, but by unprecedented majority, but events subsequent to the election have tended to confirm the American public in its suspicion of everything done by Mr. Wilson. Can anyone doubt that Mr. Lansing's book, and the enormous circulation of his magazine articles giving first-hand and contemporary evidence, must necessarily have further crystallized the public mind against Mr. Wilson, the league, Versailles, Paris and Europe altogether?

## Lansing Attack Violent.

Here is Mr. Wilson's own secretary of state saying things about Mr. Wilson and secrecy and bamboozlement worse than anything the most violent irreconcilables said in the senate. It is futile to deny it. You may feel that Mr. Wilson's mistakes and Mr. Wilson's personality are beside the point, and that the world must have a mechanism for peace or civilization will perish. You may feel all that as a permanent conviction, but not even the most ardent, unless he is blinded to fatuousness by his faith, can deny that the senate irreconcilables are entitled to the increase they have made in numbers, in power, and in confidence.

Their increase in power and numbers is very marked. Only those close to the senate realize it. Not only have the converts come to them through the force of events, but now there are many irreconcilables now who were reservationists before, in the reorganization of the committee on foreign affairs and in the new standing committee that is going to have much power, individual irreconcilable senators have strengthened their grip.

## Lodge Joins Extremists.

Lodge, chairman of the senate foreign affairs committee, chairman of the steering committee and chairman of the republican caucus, who during the last session was a kind of a parliamentary moderator between the irreconcilable and the reservation factions, is now an out-and-out irreconcilable.

All this explains not fully but to a degree, why Senator Knox's resolution is in the center of the news and President Harding's association of nations is not. The irreconcilables are able to have a programme and President Harding is not. President Harding has a burden of responsibility that the senate can carry more lightly.

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