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THE DEMOCRATS AND THE TREATY. The vote in the senate on the Robinson and Walsh amendments to the Pacific treaty brings up several facts bearing on the fate of the pact.

The republicans stand almost as a unit in favor of ratification with no other reservations than that of the foreign relations committee declaring that the treaty is not a pact.

The democrats, with four exceptions, stand as a unit in favor of paying the republicans back in their own coin by harrasing them with resolutions and amendments up to their ears which do not exist.

Democratic action at this stage is more important for party advantage and is no index to the action of the party when called upon to cast the decisive vote for or against ratification.

The attitude of this consideration was apparent in the votes on the Versailles treaty in March, 1920. The most important of the reservations was that to article X of the league covenant.

Present circumstances make it more powerful than were like motives two years ago. On the former occasion the irreconcilables had worked up strong opposition to the league among large elements of the nation.

These senators who oppose the Pacific treaty have made a peculiarly peculiar case, the contentions of which are so manifestly ridiculous that they are almost worthy of ridicule by the people.

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There can hardly be too much research, too much seeking of better ways to do old things, too much endeavor to save waste wherever it may be found. The action is not to premature assumption of finality, and precipitate rejection of methods that in their own fashion have served us well for a long time.

Senator Johnson, Senator Borah, Senator France and Senator La Follette—the irreconcilable four, reconciled by their irreconcilability to stand together for one reconciled moment—voted for the Robinson amendment in order to restrict the mere reservation on it. If it had been adopted they would in turn have voted against the amended treaty.

It is useless perhaps to ask why they are irreconcilable. As well ask why or of the creation, or of evil, or man, they are. They are irreconcilable because they are irreconcilable. What Harding is for, they are against.

We should like to see a direct referendum on the four-pact in Idaho and in California. Undoubtedly the voters would endorse the pact and thus by their votes repudiate Borah and Johnson. Nor have we any doubt that in any election these states would endorse Borah and Johnson.

It is unnecessary to reject the obvious benefits of some of the modern systems of measuring the ultimate capacity of men, both for intellectual performance and for resistance to disease, in order to see the desirability of rejecting the extravagant claims of those who undoubtedly are promising much that they can perform.

Only the other day some twenty-four college presidents were subjected to an intelligence test such as the freshmen in a certain university would be called upon to undergo. We are not much surprised to learn that the college presidents made a rather poor showing by comparison with the freshmen.

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INCOMES ARE HEAVILY TAXED

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Those Who Come and Go.

Tales of Folks at the Hotels. The man who complains about the wet weather in Portland gets no sympathy from John Isenbauer of Denham hotel. Mr. Isenbauer is from that section of the country where a cyclone will sweep down the coast and the well-being of each household as the spare bedroom. "Give me rain," said Mr. Isenbauer yesterday. "I've seen enough cyclones. When the town of Snyder, Okla., was started the Indians told the white men not to build there. It was a favorite spot for cyclones. The builders did not take the warning, and four times during the last 20 years Snyder has been blown away. Sometimes tornadoes cut a narrow path across the country, apparently rising and falling as they go. One cyclone once a path 200 feet wide swooped down between two houses and uprooted a tree, swooped down again and took off a smokestack, swooped down again and uprooted a house containing a number of people and carried it several rods. A house on the corner of the street was blown away. A little child was carried several rods and imbedded in a clay bank. Twenty-five years ago near the corner of Sprague and Main streets and today straws can be seen that were forced through a two-by-four frame of a house. The house was blown away. The members of our family and our chicken house and raised it over the corner of Sprague and Main streets. Some of the tornadoes that engines have been rolled several yards. There are other things coming that are very uncomfortable in Oregon rain."

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MODERN DANCE ON LOW PLANE

Evil Lies in Lack of Instruction in Melody and Rhythm. PATIETTE, Idaho, March 12.—(To the Editor.)—It is an acknowledged fact that dancing has deteriorated during the last few years. When the two-step was first introduced it was danced by good dancers, who have spoiled the waltz as it was commonly danced by the waltz step. Later the one-step practically annihilated the two-step. Few people realize these days that it is necessary to learn how to dance, simply because some succeed in keeping around on the floor and keeping fairly good time to the music.

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