

EDITORIALS OF THE PEOPLE

Judson Opposes League Editor of The Statesman:

Have the advocates of the so-cailed League of Nations," which is in reality a super-nation, any arguments except diealism, sentimentalities abuse and quotations of Taft and Wilson?

If the opinions of presidents and national leaders are arguments surely the great array from Washington down to and including Theodore Roosevelt would vantly overbalance the opinions of the two quoted. Attempts are even made to distort Washington's farewell address as arguments in favor of such a league.

As to personal abuse, what is gained by such statements as "the oratorical skirts of the old women of the upper branch of congress," The ghost dancers of the United States senate," "Little Americans," and "their heads are but knots to keep their bodies from unravelling." If these are arguments are we to depend on the refined article as enunciated by college professors? Why not bring in some cowboy from the distant range, give him a drink or two and turn him loose. He might make 4t more forceful.

Idealism and sentimentalities are mostly the outgrowth of day dreams and wishes and remind me of a little nursery rhyme that I was laught when a small boy, which commenced "If wishes were fishes we'd have some ried." The same thing intimating that it would take something

more substantial for the frying. We all wish for the most lasting and complete peace possible. Most Americans are willing to be convinced. The United States has the best form of government in the world. Our people are far in advance of any other nation. Are we now to surrender the freedom which brought us to this high state, again become subjects of a European or Asiatic power and begin a system which will even up our condition with that of the laborers of Europe and China, by subscribing to this proposed league? The embryo constitution grants practically any power that the whim of the moment might dictate to the few who would be in charge. The whole machinery of the league would have but one duty, to look for trouble and they would probably find it to pass the bulk to the component states. They are authorized to go into international disputes or anything that looks to them like it might become a dispute and also to enter the field of labor which involves everything on the face of the

There should be a form for withdrawal, a guarantee of national integrity for the component nations and their rights to their individual institutions and to enact such barriers as tariffs or other laws as they see fit. Taken as a whole the constitution would do well enough for a country debating society which you could go to or stay away from as you liked. But as for authority for the greatest power on earth it is almost unbelieveable that anyone could think of our becoming a party to it-With practically the whole body of the article devoted to enlarging upon the powers conferred and but one or two places where limitations are even hinted at and a Burleson or a Hohencollern in charge what powers might

The whole thing is superfluous and innecessary. We cannot go back to the days when we shut our eyes to the possibilities of foreign alliances and armaments. We must be free to and should provide for, open and free discussion with other nations through our diplomatic channels of the posibilities of any condition or combination that might become a menace to free institutions. We have done much by destroying the most autocratic powers on earth but it does not follow that we must destroy our own freedom and initiative. -Lewis E. Judson.

SHOULD KEEP INSURANCE

Editor Statesman:

There seems to be a misunderstanding among returned soldiers and sailors relative to their war risk insurance. The bureau of war risk insurance advises me that present certificates are renewable term contracts and may be continued as such for five years only after peace has been declared.

During the five-year period term policies may be converted to anyone of six forms that will be written. Policies will be participating and contain up to date features. Rates will be nearly 20 per cent lower than for same policies in private companies. The bureau of war risk have made an appeal to Life Insurance salesmen of America to volunteer to help the returning soldiers and sailors as they return to civil life to keep their insurance in force.

but they can not increase it. Life insurance salesman members of the conservation campaign committee will wear an insignia that will identify the wearer as duly authorized to give soldiers and sailors necessary information and ald in the conversion of their term contracts to some of the forms that will be written. I hope all patriotic men and women will do their utmost to encourage the boys to keep their renewable term insurance in force until it can be converted to some of the very attractive forms that Uncle Sam is going to write. If we can persnade the boys to take advantage of this opportunity of a life time to secure good life insurance at such a bargain, we will be serving them and our country well. -SIM PHILLIPS