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HE outstanding fact about the new quadruple alliance or
union is that under this pact the United States will assume,
with with reference to the Pacific, virtually the same obligatio
would have assumed under Articie 10 of the League of N a tions, had this country joined the league.

Article 2 of the quadruple union treaty say:
"If the said rights are threatened by the aggressive ace-
tion of any other power, the high contracting parties shall communicate with one annother fullty and frankly i
arrive at an understanding as to the most efficient to be taken, jointly or separately, to meet the exigencies of
Article 10 of the League of Nations covenant is as follows: "The members of the league undertake to respect and
preserve as against external aggression the territorial integrity and existing political independence of all members
of the league. In case of any such aggression or in case of of the league. In case of any such aggression or in case of
any threat or danger of such agresssion, he ceuncil shall any thre
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filled."

A further study of the league covenant and the quadruple
treaty will show that in many respects the United States would
he more favorably situataed if in the league rather than in the The more avorably situataed if in the eague rather than in the
Pacific union. The league covenant preseribes that actions by
the the league council must be by unanimous vote, therefore this
country fa member could stop any action to which it might be epposed
unanima nssumed that in case of a dispute in the Pacific we would have to accept the verdict of the other nations whether we liked it
or not. In this connection it is also well to remember that the interests of England and Japan in the orient are somewhat in
common and they might reasonably be expected to act together Nor can we lose sight of the fact that undected the Hughes armaz
ment propesal the navies of England did d appan combined would have the mastery of the ocean. A member of the League of Na.
tions has the privilege of withdraying on two years notice
There is no withdrawal provision in the Pacific union until after the expiration of 10 years. The League of Nations covenant $r$ quires no nation to scrap any battleships until after the league
has proven its efficiency in preserving peace. Even then such action would have to be by unanimous vote of the league coun-
cil. Under the Pacific deal we are to demolish our best battle ships, now under construction and on which over $\$ 300,000,000$
has already been spent. We are to do this without first has aiready been spent expence whether the Hughes-Lodge idea i
a workable affair. The Pacific un:on treaty protects the isle of Japan aga
States.

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mitting the new treaty with article 2 included a tacit admissio fight a not on principle? If this is the case, and the facts seem plain,
then the senate played horse while the peace of the world wal at stake and by so doing alded greatly to international turmoil
that has disrupted trade and created a depression that has been very severe, in this country and elsewhere.

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