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## NEW YORK REPUBLICANS WRITE TREATY RATIFICATION PLANK INTO STATE PARTY'S PLATFORM

Immediate Acceptance of Pact With Senate Reservations Retaining Right of the United States to Withdraw, Favored; Article 10 Is Opposed

New York, Feb. 20.—Immediate ratification of the treaty of peace with the senate reservations retaining for the United States its right to withdraw from the League of Nations on proper notice, a declaration against Article 10 in its present form and demanding protection for the Monroe Doctrine "in letter and spirit" were advocated in the platform adopted here today by the New York state republican convention.

The platform says in part:

"The republican party of the state of New York reaffirms its unyielding devotion to the constitution of the United States and to the guarantees of civil, political and religious liberty therein contained. It will resist all attempts to overthrow the foundations of the government or to weaken the force of its controlling principles and ideals, whether these attempts be made in the form of international policy or of domestic agitation."

**Reservations Favored.**

"We favor the immediate ratification of the pending treaty of peace with such distinct reservations and declarations as shall make it clear to all the world that the United States retains its unconditional rights to withdraw from the league of nations on proper notice, that the United States assumes no obligation either legal or moral, to send American soldiers or sailors for service abroad unless the congress in the exercise of its constitutional power, shall so authorize and direct; that the Monroe doctrine is protected both in letter and spirit that no foreign power or council of foreign powers shall have any control whatsoever over the domestic policies of the United States; and that the government and the people of the United States shall not be drawn, by the operation of the treaty, into any conflict with other nations or into international socialism."

"Article 10 of the covenant for a league of nations, in its original form, cannot and should not be ratified by the senate or accepted by the people of the United States. To do so, would not convert away control by the American people or their own policies and acts but would certainly embrach the country in an endless succession of great and small.

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## HOLLAND DEMANDS CHANGES IN LEAGUE OF NATIONS TERMS

The Hague, Thursday, Feb. 19.—Decreased armament, speedy institution of a permanent high court of justice and immediate admission of all civilized nations desiring to enter, were demands attached to the resolution passed today by the second chamber of the Dutch parliament approving Holland's entrance into the league of nations.

During the debate it was explained that these demands did not constitute reservations, as reservations were not permitted, but were suggestions that the Dutch government would enter with the idea of having these principles adopted. Further procedure is considered mere routine, as the first chamber will certainly approve the resolution, however, clearly reflect the attitude of the business men at large on

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Portland, Or., Feb. 20.—A ship to bear the ports of the Pacific with an exhibit of all Oregon's products is the plan announced by J. Fred Larson, vice president of the Pacific Importing and Exporting firm.

Larson's idea is to obtain from the emergency fleet corporation the allocation of a vessel for this service, and then fill the holds with everything grown and manufactured in this state. On reaching a port, Oregon made knock down houses would be hoisted from the hold and erected and the entire deck space of the vessel converted into a floating bazaar.

A series of booths would be arranged around the deck, one filled with exhibits of canned goods, another with fruit juices, another with farm machinery, and so on through the entire list of Oregon made goods.

The voyage would continue thru China, Japan, the Philippines, and Straits settlements, Australia and New Zealand, South and Central America, and back to Portland with a cargo of imports for which Oregon exports had been exchanged.

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## Phex Company "Ad" Big Boost For This City

One firm in Salem—the Phex company—is doing more for the general benefit of Salem than any other business organization, or civic body dedicated to the advancement of the city's position in the eyes of the world in the opinion of numerous business men expressed here the past few days.

With the receipt of the February issue of the Saturday evening Post, carrying a full page advertisement of Phex prune jam one of the most commendable acts ever staged for the benefit of this city through publicity acquainting it with every part of the country is seen. This is the third advertisement the Phex company has placed in the Saturday Evening Post, at great expense, bringing Salem to the fore in the commercial and business world.

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## STATE ADVANCED IN COMMERCIAL WAY AT SESSION

Through the amalgamation of the two merchants and retailers associations in Oregon into the one organization—the Oregon State Retail Merchants association—at the annual convention Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at Astoria of the Oregon Retailers association, Oregon is brought into the fore in the commercial aspect of the world.

Such is the analysis of the convention made by Walter Denton, who with Joe Baumgartner, attended from this city. Mr. Denton returned to Salem Thursday night. There were 12 delegates scheduled to attend the convention but because of illnesses in their families they were prevented from attending.

Salem succeeded in naming two delegates to the board of directors of the Oregon State Retail Merchants association. They are P. E. Fullerton and William Gahsler. The next meeting of the association will be held in February 1921 at Marshfield.

**State Development Pledged.**

The development of the natural resources of the state, that the delegates held have been "shamefully neglected," formed the keynote of the convention, Mr. Denton declared Friday. The business men attending the big meeting pledged themselves to put every influence back of the general development of Oregon.

The convention was well attended, Mr. Denton said. Every part of the state was represented, and the convention at no time lacked for enthusiasm.

Much discussion of the delegates centered on the labor situation in the state, Mr. Denton asserted. The belief was expressed that the better elements in the ranks of labor have come to recognize the dangerous predilection the workmen are in, and they will strive for a speedy readjustment of things.

**Legislation Is Target.**

Repeated failure of the retailers and merchants to get legislation through the state legislature to their advantage gave rise to frequent heated discussion of this phase of affairs in the state. The delegates were of the unanimous opinion that business men, rather than politicians, should be seated in the state legislative assembly, and at a tense moment in the convention, a bill was introduced to provide for the election by the association of their own candidates. This was defeated, however, after Mr. Denton charged the convention to pursue its non-political policy. The submission of the resolution, however, clearly reflect the attitude of the business men at large on

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New York, Feb. 20.—Wilson Welsh Adams, an American mine superintendent has been released by the bandits who kidnapped him for ransom from the Providencia mine in Mexico, and has arrived safely at Saltillo, according to telegram received today by the American Metal company, limited, his employer. The bandits demanded \$25,000 ransom, but the telegram did not say whether the money had been paid or whether Adams' release was forced by Mexican government troops who were known to be in pursuit.

Adams' wife lives in Los Angeles. According to Larson, the operation of a floating bazaar would do more to stimulate commerce with Portland's trade territory than any other form of missionary work that could be devised.

## ROOT OUTLINES PLATFORM IDEAS FOR REPUBLICANS

### Decentralization of Executive Powers Conferred by War. Ratification of Peace Treaty With Senate Amendments Long Before Election

New York, Feb. 20.—Elihu Root outlined at the republican state convention here the platform upon which he believes the party should go to the polls in November. Most striking of his proposals were:

Decentralization of the executive powers which have made the president "more autocratic than any sovereign in the civilized world."

Ratification of the peace treaty with senate amendments "long before the presidential elections."

Reform of the league of nations covenant by a congress of nations at the call of a "republican president immediately after March 4, 1921," to establish "the rule of public right rather than the rule of mere expediency."

Rigid governmental economy and the adoption of an executive budget. Limitation of the right to strike at a point where it conflicts with self-preservation of the community; establishment of a labor tribunal with power to enforce its mandates.

**Opening Gun of Campaign.**

Revision of the system of taxation "which involves the tariff."

"Americanization and the elimination of a 'lot of bolsheviki or bolshevik sympathizers'" from public office.

Universal military training.

Mr. Root's address was regarded as the opening gun of the campaign.

"More important than all," Mr. Root said, "is the necessity that we shall restore our republican form of government, with the liberty of the individual citizen preserved by limitations upon official power, and put an end to the dictatorship."

The reservations adopted by the senate, he insisted, "remedied, so far as the United States is concerned, the chief objections to the treaty." They prevent our entrance into the league of nations from being an abandonment of the Monroe doctrine, with irreparable injury to the United States and no benefit to the rest of the world."

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Immediately after the fourth of March, 1921, a republican president should urge upon the society of nations the reforms of the league covenant, so as to make it establish the rule of public right rather than the rule of mere expediency, so as to make the peace of the world rest primarily upon law and upon the effectiveness and enforcement of law. A congress of all nations should be called to consider and declare what of international law still remains to be ratified with the reservations long before the presidential election. That will be done if the president permits it. If that is not done then that is what I think the republican party ought to stand for."

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