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## $O_{\text {bservations }}^{\text {regen }}$

PEACE TREATY DEAD.
The League of Nations is dead-as far as the United State is concerned, killed by the republican majority of the senate by its inal rejection of the peace treaty after using it as a political foo all for partisan purposes for over a year.
Senator Lodge and the senate republicans under his leader-
never had any intention of ratifying the treaty of Versailles stead they framed a treaty of their own, which has also failed. The senate republicans never intended to ratify the League Nations covenant. As a substitute they offered a new covenant, which the United States was to reap all the benefits and shar none of the res
eged partner.
The final substitute for Article X of the League of Nations ion declared that the United States assumed neither legal or moral obligation to protect other nations against aggression other forms of economic discrimination or American resources in This reservation effectually nullified American participation in the league and served notice on Europe that the United States peoples from imperialistic schemes of aggrandizement.

Responsibility for the death of the treaty rests upon Senator Lodge and his following. They never intended to agree upon any ate the treaty in ordier to compel the president to reject it When thr blame upon him.
War upon
lican senators signed a "round robin" declaring it to be "the sense of the senate" that "the constitution of the League of Nations
in the form now proposed to the Peace Conference should not be accepted by the United States." No amendments were suggested
and no suggestions offered. In a debate following, Lodge plain-
ly intimated that nothing done in Paris ly intimated that nothing done in Paris, would be acceptable and
much later declared that it was not the league, but President That was the crux of the whole matter. The peace treaty wa drafted by a democratic president and hence entirely unacceptable
to a republican senate-and no amount of changes would have made it accentable.

The president is criticised for his uncompromising attitude,
but all he has done is to ask the ratification of a treaty of peace that all the other belligerents and most neutral nations of peave rat-
ified. He has pleaded for the acceptance League of Nations which all povernments associated with the United States and eleven of the thirteen nations invited to join have accepted. He has protested only against amendments and
reservations nullifying the spirit of the covenant of nations. Europe is left to bleed slowly to death, bankrupted by war burdened by taxation, oppressed by armaments and cursed by
militarism, a prey to a reviving imperialism, while the powerful enough to enforce peace and preserve democracy nation, its hands of world affairs, because the senate learned nothing from a war that cost ten million lives and 300 billion of treasure and played politics with peace. the voice of the people as well as blind to the appalling need o humanity, it has forced peace and the League of Nations into
polities and presented a vital issue that will create a realignment of the people and a confusion of parties and a discrediting of poli-
ticians in the coning campein Th- people and not the senate have the final say. What the people want, they will eventually secure and if the American peo-
ple favor a League of Nations, not even a reactionary senate can long thwart their desires.
BUYING PUBLIC OFFICE.

A finm of $\$ 10,000$ and two years imprisonment is the punish ment inflicted upon Truman H. Newberry for purchasing a seat in the United States senate, by the expenditure of nearly a mil-
lion dollars. The conviction is perhaps the most important move for the purity of elections yet made and will go a long way to elim
A few years ago W. A. Clark was ousted from the senate for bribery in connection wrih his election from Irontana, but no
criminal prosecution followed. No member of congress has ever before been punished for political corruption other than being
deprived of his seat.
Clark merely purchased a legislature and many other legis-
latures were similurly purchased latures were similarly purchased. Then came the election of sen-
ators by the people, which ended legislative senatorial scandals. Newberry, however, successfully attempted the purchase of
enough people to secure his own election by means of a corrupt political machine and the reckless expenditure of large sums of
noney. It was a bigger job than buying a legislature, and quired a more stupendous expenditure.
Attempts are already under way to duplicate the Newberry effort on a much more gigantic scale in the presidential eleetion.
A great deal of money is being spent, even at this early date. Headquarters have been maintained for months for rival can chased and a stream of money flowing in commercializing the
presidency. Who is putting it up and why?

## Rippling Rhymes

All mortals have their und dond downs, in all the modern sty
$\begin{aligned} & \text { les; one day they wilt 'neath Fortune's frowns, the next enjoy } \\ & \text { her smiles. I gambol when I have an up, and when a down ap }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { pears, I try to drink my bitter cup without unmanly tears, Some } \\ & \text { men put up a gorgeous front when all things come their }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { men put up a gorgeous front when all things come their way } \\ & \text { they blithely tackle every stunt, their curves are glad and gay }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { They move with an every stunt, their curves are glad and gay } \\ & \text { They molep, the bluff they make is tall; we }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { say, "These men are full of pep, they're winuers, one and all." } \\ & \text { We've only seen them when the ups have filled their money vats, }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { and they're as chipper as the pups that chase the village cats. } \\ & \text { But with the dismal downs on deck, they show up cheap and stale }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { But with the dismai downs on deck, they show up cheap and stale, } \\ & \text { and they invoke the name of Heck, and raise a phaintive wail. And } \\ & \text { we, who wendered and admired }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { we, who wondered and admired when they pawed up the diri, con- } \\ & \text { fess that people make us tired who shrivel when they're hurt }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { fess that people make us tired who shrivel when they're hurt } \\ & \text { Sane people calmly take their joys, and do not tear their gowns, }\end{aligned}$
$\begin{aligned} & \text { or make a woeful, sobbing noise, when ups give way to downs. }\end{aligned}$

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