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## Public Forum

 THE ISSUE OF THE CAMPAIGN
Senator Harding, in his keynote campaign speech accepting
the republican presidential nominataion, rejects the League of
Nations and the treaty of Versailles and declares for the negotia-
tion of a separate peace with Germany by congressional resolu-
tion, thus defining definately the republican position.
As the candidate of the Old Guard, Senator Harding runs true
to form. His position is that of the republican senate leaders,
whose every effort has been the rejection of the peace treaty or
its nullification by reservations. The ambigious republican plat.
form, designed to catch votes for the leage and votes against
the league, is thus shown to be mere camouflage. The aims of
Johnson and Borah are revealed as synonymous with those of
Lodge and Harding-only their methods differ. Now they have
dropped subterfuge and openly unite in a common cause-war

## upon the League of Nations. Mr. Harding offers, after peace has been made by resolution and the league rejected, to propose an "international understanding" to "promote world harmony" without "impairing American sovereignty." The language of the Old Guard. The league is in actual existence and the only way America harmony is to join the league-talkoto the contrary is "bunk" as Herbert Hoover has put it.

 Of all the many falsehoods used to discredit the League ofNations, the most preposterous is the one that it creates a superstate, or in any way imperils the sovereignty of the member
nations. The League has been in existence for some months. It
has not impaired the sovereignty of any of the nations. It is only
an experiment and its future depends soley upon the good faith an experiment and its future depends solely upon the good faith
of the participants. If it fails, it will be due to just such miserable intrigues as those conducted by the United States senate.
As to separate peace with Germany, Senator Lodge as chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, publicly pro-
claimed, when the suggestion was first made, that it would make claimed, when the suggestion was first made, that it would make
the United States "guilty of the blackest crime." He said:

 candidate for president propose and what they will commit the
United States to, in case of election United States to, in case of election in November, a policy to
"brand us with dishonor and bring ruin" and nullify the work Thus have the maneuvers of the Old Guard been crowned with
success. Decreeing the death of the treaty before it was written success. Decreeing the death of the treaty before it was written
rejecting concessions and creating new objections, concealing enmity under pretense of friendship, seeking nullification
through amendment and reservation, appealing to racial animosthrough amendment and reservation, appealing to racial animos-
ities and conducting a propaganda of misrepresentation, slander and falsehood, chanting a hymn of hate, a small senate minority have succeeded, through control of party organization and the
selection of one of their number as candidate, in forcing the
republican party, from its attitude of republican party, from its attitude of friendliness on
the rank and file to the treaty, into one of open hostilit.

## Rippling Rhymes

GOOD CLOTHES
My heart is right, but my pants are wrong, and I take my
lace in the has been throng. I fall in line at the merchant's place in the has been throng. I fall in line at the merchant's
door and ask a job in his useful store; I need the coin, and rd
gladly toil until each finger had grown a boil, but the merchant gladly toil until each finger had grown a boil, but the merchant
looks at my seedy shirt, and my shoes all stained with the highWay's dirt, at my trouserloons with their bagging knees, and says,
"Oh, fade from my doorway, please!" I've a willing heart, I have active legs, but my vest is stained with the juice of eggs, and my
whiskers leak and my hair is long, so I trot with the has been throng. Perhaps it's wrong that the seedy man can't find a
place in the caravan; perhaps it's wrong that he stirs our mirth so we don't notice his sterling worth, but the world runs on in
the same old groove, and it doesn't change, and it won't improve;
at every turning its at every turning its signboards say that there's no place for the
seedy jay. So IIl buy a suit at a princely price, and then perhaps
I can cut some ice. With my whiskers trimmed and my hair in curl rll sally forth like a belted earl; no more I'll look like a gutter
swab-and I'll bet a nickel III get a job!

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