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READJUSTMENT

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Senator Lodge brought out facts concerning the manner in which the covenant was drafted. President Wilson said that the final draft was made from the American and British plans, and that his previous statement that the Smuts plan had been the basis of the covenant was probably somewhat misleading.

"Some months before the conference assembled a plan for the league of nations had been drawn up by a British committee at the head of which was Mr. Phillimore—I believe the Mr. Phillimore who was known as the authority on international law. A copy of that document was sent to me, and I built upon that a redraft. I will not now say whether I thought it was better or not an improvement; but I built on that a draft which was quite different, inasmuch as it put definiteness of which there had been what seemed indefiniteness in the Phillimore suggestion. Then between that time and the time of the formation of the commission of the league of nations, I had the advantage of seeing a paper by General Smuts, of South Africa, who seemed to me to have done some very clear thinking, particularly with regard to what was to be done with the pieces of the dismembered empires. After I got to Paris, therefore, I rewrote the document to which I have alluded and you may have noticed it consists of a series of articles, and then supplementary agreements. It was in the supplementary agreement that I embodied the additional ideas that had come to me not only from General Smuts' paper, but from general discussions. That is the full story of how the plan which I sent to the committee was built up."

Lodge: "Then, of course, it is obvious that the General Smuts plan had been used. That appears on the face of the document."

The president: "Yes."

Lodge: "Then there was a previous draft in addition to the one you have sent to us. You spoke of a redraft. That was not submitted to the committee."

President: "No, that was private, my own."

Lodge: "Was it before our commission (peace commission)?"

President: "No; it was not before our commission."

Lodge: "The one that was sent to us was a redraft of that?"

President: "Yes."

Lodge: "I was about to ask about article X, as the essence of it appears in the article of the draft which you sent—whether that was in the British Plan, the Smuts plan, or the other plans. Of course, if there are no drafts of these other plans we cannot get them."

President: "I am very sorry, senator, I thought I had them, but I have not."

Lodge: "Mr. Lansing, the secretary of state, testified before us the other day that he had prepared a set of resolutions covering the points in the

league which were submitted to the American commission. You saw that draft?"

President: "Yes."

Lodge: "No specific action was taken upon them?"

President: "Not in a formal way."

Lodge then said he desired to ask "purely for information" whether the United States was to receive any part of the reparation fund in the hands of the reparation commission.

President: "I left that question open, senator, because I did not feel I had any final right to decide it. Upon the basis that was set up in the reparation clauses the portion that the United States would receive would be very small at best and my own judgment was frequently expressed, not as a decision but as judgment, that we should claim nothing on those general clauses. I did that because I covered the moral advantage that would give us in the councils of the world."

Senator McCumber: "Did that mean that we would claim nothing for the sinking of the Lusitania?"

President: "Oh, no. That did not cover questions of that sort at all."

Lodge: "Going on to another question, as I understand the treaty, the overseas possessions of the Germans are all made over to the five principal allies and associated powers, who apparently as far as the treaty goes, have power to make disposition of them. I suppose by mandate or otherwise. Among those overseas possessions are the Ladrone Islands, except Guam, the Carolines and, I think, the Marshall Islands. Has there been any recommendation made by our naval authorities in regard to the importance of our having one island there, not for territorial purposes, but for naval purposes?"

President: "There was a paper on that subject, senator, which has been published. It was a paper laying out the general necessities of our naval policy in the Pacific and the necessity of having some base of communication upon those islands mentioned. But let me say this, there is a little island, which I must admit I had not heard of before."

Senator Williams: "The island of Yap?"

President: "Yap. It is one of the bases and centers of radio and cable communication of the Pacific, and I made the point that the disposition, or rather the control of that island should be reserved for the general conference which is to be held in regard to the ownership and operation of the cables. That subject is mentioned and disposed of in this treaty and that general cable conference is to be held."

Lodge: "I had understood, or I had heard the report that our general board of the navy department had recommended that we should have a footing there, primarily in order to secure cable communications."

President: "I think you are right, sir."

Senator Lodge then brought up the matter of the secret treaty between Great Britain and Japan regarding Shantung, whereby it was agreed that England should have the Pacific is-

lands south of the equator and Japan those north of the equator. He asked if this treaty would interfere with our right to a cable station there.

The president said he thought not, since there had been a "prolonged discussion of the subject and nobody has any doubt as to what was agreed upon."

Senator Borah brought up the matter of the withdrawal clause in the league covenant.

"Who," he asked, "passes upon the question of the fulfillment of our international obligations?"

"Nobody," said the president.

Borah: "Does the council have anything to say about it?"

President: "Nothing whatever."

Borah: "Then if a country should give notice of withdrawal, it would be sole judge of whether or not it had fulfilled its international obligations, its covenants to the league?"

President: "That is as I understand it. The only restraining influence would be the public opinion of the world."

Lodge: "And as I understand, of course, you are expressing the view which was entertained by the commission which drew the league?"

"I am confident," the president replied, "that that was the view."

The Shantung question came in for long discussion, Senator Johnson taking a leading part in the questioning. The agreement given by the Japanese was again gone into by the president. He declared unqualifiedly that he had every confidence Japan would live up to the agreement.

After Senator McCumber had obtained from the president a description of how the big five conferred each day in Paris, telling them within twenty-four hours a record of each such conference was distributed to each of the conferees, McCumber asked:

"Where are those records kept now?"

"They are in Paris, sir," said the president.

"Is there any objection to their being produced for the committee?" asked McCumber.

"I think there is a very serious objection, senator. The reason we constituted that very small conference was that we could speak with the utmost absence of restraint and I think it would be a mistake to make use of those discussions outside. I do not remember any blazing indiscretion of my own, but there may be some."

Senator Moses asked if these records again were to be deposited anywhere as a matter of public record. The president said certain grave disadvantages would be involved in making such a deposit.

Moses asked how, with out such a depositary, the engagement of Japan regarding Shantung could be enforced.

"There would be as many copies as there were members of the conference in existence much longer than the time within which we shall learn whether or not Japan will fill her obligations," said the president. "I should deem it my duty—I cannot speak for the others—to leave those papers where they could be made accessible."

Under questioning by Senator John

House Passes Repeal Of Daylight Saving Over Veto

Washington, Aug. 19.—The repeal of the daylight saving law was passed today by the house over the veto of President Wilson. The vote to override the veto was 223 to 101.

son, the president pointedly said he was notified in Paris that the Japanese had been instructed not to sign without Shantung. Secretary Lansing's testimony, in which Lansing said he did not believe Japan would have refused to sign was read to the president but he replied his conclusion was different. The president said he agreed to the Shantung settlement as it stands because he believed that it was the best that could be obtained.

Senators Borah, Lodge and McCumber questioned the president in considerable detail concerning the effect of reservations. The president was asked whether the other nations could not accept the reservations simply by keeping silent with regard to them. He replied that it would take months for the United States to learn whether their silence meant acquiescence or not. He stated it as his opinion that affirmative action would be absolutely necessary by the other nations on reservations.

Senator Lodge stated that it was his impression that under international law silence would constitute acceptance of the reservations. The president replied that there was a difference of opinion among experts about that.

Senator Pittman, Nevada, asked if the president knew whether Germany put the same interpretation upon the doubtful clauses of the covenant as the allied governments and the United States. The president said he had no means of knowing, but pointed out that if any dispute should arise in future years over reservations accepted by silence, Germany could claim that they constituted new matter in the treaty to which he had never agreed.

Following the reading of his prepared statement, the president remarked: "I thought that the simplest way, Mr. Chairman, to cover the points that I know to be of interest."

To this Senator Lodge replied:

Other Treaties Held Up

"Mr. President, so far as I am personally concerned—and I think I represent perhaps the majority of the committee in that respect—we have no thought of entering upon argument as to interpretation or points of character, but the committee was very desirous of getting information on certain points which seemed not clear, and on which they thought information would be of value in consideration of the treaty, which they, I think, I may say for myself and others, desire to hasten in every possible way."

"Your reference to necessity of action leads me to ask one question. If we have to restore peace in the world, it is necessary, I assume, that there should be treaties with Austria, Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. Those treaties are all more or less connected with the treaty with Germany."

"The question I should like to ask, is, what is the prospect of our receiving those treaties for action?"

"I think it is very good, sir," replied the president. "And so far as I can judge from the contents of dispatches from my colleagues on the other side of the water, the chief delay is due to the uncertainty as to what is going to happen to this treaty. This treaty is a model of the others. I saw enough of the others before I left Paris to know that they are being framed upon the same set of principles and that the treaty with Germany is the model. I think that is the chief element of delay, sir."

Lodge: "They are not regarded as essential to the consideration of this treaty?"

The president: "They are not regarded as such, no, sir. They follow this treaty."

Lodge: "I do not know about the other treaties, but the treaty with Poland, for example, has been completed?"

The president: "Yes, and signed; but it is dependent upon this treaty. My thought was to submit it upon the action on this treaty."

Senator Lodge then asked concerning the manner in which the American plan of the league was drafted.

Other Draft Unavailable

Lodge inquired if it would be possible to see drafts submitted by Great Britain, France and Italy. The president replied that he would have sent them to the committee with pleasure, if he had found that he had them.

The president: "The British draft was the only one, as I remember, that was in the form of a definite constitution of a league. The French and Italian drafts were in the form of a series of propositions laying down general rules and assuming that the commission would build upon those principles. If they were adopted I remember saying to the committee when I was here in March—I have forgotten the expression that I used—but it was something to the effect that the British draft had constituted the basis. I thought afterward that that was misleading, and I am very glad to tell the committee just what I meant."

The president declared that the United States can interpret for itself moral obligations under the league covenant such as the use of force under Article X.

U. S. May Get Island.

Senator Lodge asked what the prospects are for getting the other treaties now being drawn up in Paris.

The president said the prospects are very good and that the delay in completing them is due to the uncertainty about what is going to happen to the German treaty.

He said it is the model upon which all the others are based.

Lodge then inquired whether the United States would get any of the Pacific islands taken from Germany for use by the navy.

The president stated that following the recommendation by the general board of the navy, the disposition of

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certain islands had been left open so that the United States may get a footing on one of them for a radio and cable station. The president agreed with Lodge that the United States should have such a footing. The president stated that Japan's secret agreement with Great Britain for the disposal of Shantung and Germany's Pacific islands would not interfere with the United States getting an island in the Pacific.

boards and bureaus, expressed different opinions as to whether such consolidations really effected economies, or allowed loopholes for wastes. State budget questions were also informally discussed at the meeting which was held this morning.

A visit to the Great Salt Lake and dinner at Saltair are events which have been arranged for this afternoon and evening.

The governors will be in session until Saturday evening.

Commissions And Boards Discussed By Governors

Salt Lake City, Utah, Aug. 19.—State administrative boards and commissions—the subject of many a bitter fight in legislatures throughout the nation this morning—came up for consideration at the first business session of the annual convention of the governors of the various states. Executives of several states where there has been a consolidation of state

for Seattle, 12 to 2.

The league leaders further clinched last week's series by defeating the Bees 4 to 2 despite the latter's shifts in lineup.

Curley Brown of the Angels is again topping the Coast league pitchers. Gould Salt Lake thrower is just five points behind him.

Jacques Fournier will play with the Angels again today. A \$50 figure in his comeback after a recent scrap on the field.

Chicago—Police answered a riot alarm from the black belt. "It ain't started yet, boss," announced a portly colored woman, but it will if my ole man don't gimme some money."

Chicago—Walter G. Storms, traffic officer, wanted to be a "regular" cop. So on his way to the examination, he picked up four automobile bandits.



SCENE FROM "NAUGHTY WIDOW" BY ELLIS CO' OPENING A THREE DAYS ENGAGEMENT AT THE BLIGH TONIGHT