

President Wilson's New York Speech

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world; and the inspiring influence of every meeting was the concurrence of purpose on the part of all those men to come to an agreement and an effective working agreement with regard to this league of the civilized world.

PLEGGED TO FORM LEAGUE

"There was a conviction in the whole impulse; there was conviction of more than one sort; there was the conviction that this thing ought to be done, and there also the conviction that not a man there would venture to go home and say he had not tried to do it.

"Mr. Taft has set the picture for you of what a failure of this great purpose would mean. We have been hearing for all these weary months that this agony of war has lasted because of the sinister purposes of the central empires, and we have made maps of the course that they meant their conquests to take. Where did the lines of that map lie, of that central line that we used to call from Bremen to Bagdad?

"They lay through these very regions to which Mr. Taft has called your attention but they lay then through united empire, the Austro-Hungarian empire, whose integrity Germany was bound to respect as she really lay in the path of that line of conquest; the Turkish empire which interests she professed to make her own lay in the direct path that she intended to tread.

PEACE OF WORLD AT STAKE

"It is one of the agreements of this covenant that it is the friendly



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right of every nation a member of the league to call attention to anything that it thinks will disturb the peace of the world, no matter where that thing is occurring.

"There is no subject that may touch the peace of the world which is exempt from inquiry and discussion, and I think everybody here present will agree with me that Germany would never have gone to war if she had permitted the world to discuss the aggression upon Serbia for a single week.

"The British foreign office suggested, it pleaded that there might be a day or two delay so that the representatives of the nations of Europe could get together and discuss the possibilities of a settlement. Germany did not dare permit a day's discussion. You know what happened. So soon as the world realized that an outlaw was at large, the nations began one by one to draw together against her.

"We know for a certainty that if Germany had thought that Great Britain would go in with France and with Russia she never would have undertaken the enterprise and the league of nations is meant as a notice to all outlaw nations that not only Great Britain, but the United States and the rest of the world will go in to stop enterprises of that sort. And so the league of nations is nothing more or less than the covenant that the world will always maintain in the standards which it has now vindicated by some of the most precious blood ever spilt.

LIBERATED PEOPLES WANT IT

"The liberated peoples of the Austro-Hungarian empire and of the Turkish empire call out to us for this thing. It has not arisen in the council of statesmen. Europe is a bit sick at heart at this very moment, because it is seen that statesmen have had no vision, and that the only vision has been the vision of the people. Those who suffer see. Those against whom wrong is wrought know how desirable is the right and the righteous.

"The nations that have long been under the heel of the Austrian; that have long covered before the German; that have long suffered the indescribable agonies of being governed by the Turk, have called out to the world, generation after generation, for justice, for liberation, for succor and no cabinet in the world has heard them.

"Private organizations, pitying hearts, philanthropic men and women have poured out their treasure in order to relieve these sufferings, but no nation has said to the nations responsible, 'You must stop; this thing is intolerable, and we will not permit it.' And the vision has been with the people.

"My friends, I wish you would reflect upon this proposition. The vision as to what is necessary for great reforms has seldom come from the top in the nations of the world. It has come from the need and the aspiration and the self-assertion of great bodies of men who meant to be free. And I can explain some of the criticisms which have been leveled against this great enterprise only by the supposition that the men who utter the criticism have never felt the great pulse of the heart of the world.

AMAZED AT HOME IGNORANCE

"And I am amazed—not alarmed but amazed—that there should be in some quarters such a comprehensive ignorance of the state of the world. These gentlemen do not know what the mind of men is, just now. Everybody else does. I do not know where they have been closeted, I do

not know by what influences they have been blinded, but I do know that they have been separated from the general currents of the thought of mankind.

"And I want to utter this solemn warning, not in the way of a threat; the forces of the world do not threaten, they operate. The great tides of the world do not give notice that they are going to rise and run; they rise in their majesty and overwhelming might, and those who stand in the way are overwhelmed. Now the heart of the world is awake, and the heart of the world must be satisfied.

"Do not let yourselves suppose for a moment that the uneasiness in the populations of Europe is due entirely to economic causes or economic motives; something very much deeper underlies it all than that.

"I have tried once and again, my fellow citizens, to say to little circles of friends or to larger bodies, what seems to be the real hope of the peoples of Europe and tell you frankly I have not been able to do so because when the thought tries to crowd itself into speech, the profound emotion of the thing is too much; speech will not carry. I have felt the tragedy of the hope of those suffering peoples.

"It is tragedy because it is a hope which cannot be realized in its perfection, and yet I have felt besides its tragedy, its compulsion, its compulsion upon every living man to exercise every influence that he has to the utmost to see that as little as possible of that hope is disappointed because if men cannot now, after this agony of bloody sweat, come to their self-possession and see how to regulate the affairs of the world, we will sink back into a period of struggle in which there will be no hope, and therefore no mercy.

NO MERCY WITHOUT HOPE

"There can be no mercy where there is no hope, for why should you spare another if you yourself expect to perish. Why should you be pitiful if you can get no pity? Why should you be just if, upon every hand, you are put upon?

"There is another thing which I think the critics of this covenant have not observed. They not only have not observed the temper of those splendid boys in khaki that they sent across the seas. I have had the proud consciousness of the reflected glory of those boys, because the constitution made me their commander-in-chief, and they have taught me some lessons. When we went into the war we went into it on the basis of declarations, which it was my privilege to utter, because I believed them to be an interpretation of the purpose and thought of the people of the United States.

"And those boys went over there with the feeling that they were sacredly bound to the realization of those ideals; that they were not only going over there to beat Germany, they were not going over there merely with resentment in their hearts against a particular outlaw nation; but that they were crossing those three thousand miles of sea in order to show to Europe that the United States, when it became necessary, would go anywhere where the rights of mankind were threatened.

"They would not sit still in the trenches. They would not be restrained by the prudence of experienced continental commanders. They thought they had come over there to do a particular thing and they were going to do and to do it at once. And just as soon as that rush of spirit as well as rush of body came in contact with the lines of

the enemy, they began to break and they continued to break until the end.

EFFECT OF UNITED STATES ENTRY

"They continued to break, my fellow citizens, not merely because of the physical force of those lusty youngsters, but because of the irresistible spiritual force of the armies of the United States. It was that they felt. It was that that awed them. It was that that made them feel, if the youngsters ever got a foothold, they could never be dislodged and therefore every foot of ground that they won was permanently won for the liberty of mankind.

"And do you suppose that, having felt that crusading spirit of these youngsters, who went over there not to glorify against, but to serve their fellowmen, I am going to permit myself for one moment to slacken in my effort to be worthy of them and their cause. What I said at the opening I said with a deeper meaning than perhaps you have caught; I do mean not to come back until it's over, over there, and it must not be over until the nations of the world are assured of the permanency of peace.

"And men who, when I first went over there were skeptical of the possibility of forming a league of nations admitted that if we could but form it, it would be an invaluable instrumentality through which to secure the operation of the various parts of the treaty; and when that treaty comes back gentlemen on this side will find the covenant not only in it, but so many threads of the treaty tied to the covenant that you cannot dissect the covenant from the treaty without destroying the whole vital structure. The structure of peace will not be vital without the league of nations, and no man is going to bring back a cadaver with him.

PUZZLED BY THE CRITICISM

"I must say that I have been puzzled by some of the criticisms not by the criticisms themselves; I can understand them perfectly even when there was no foundation for them, but by the fact of the criticism. I cannot imagine how these gentlemen can live and not live in the atmosphere of the world.

"I cannot imagine how they can live and not be in contact with the events of the times, and I particularly cannot imagine how they can be Americans and set up a doctrine of careful selfishness, throughout to the last detail. I have heard no counsel of generosity in their criticism, I have heard no constructive suggestion. I have heard nothing except 'will it not be dangerous to us to help the world?' It would be fatal to us not to help it.

"From being what I will venture to call the most famous and the most powerful nation in the world we would of a sudden have become the most contemptible. So, I did not need to be told, as I have been told, that the people of the United States would support this covenant. I am an American and I knew they would.

"What a sweet revenge it is upon the world. They laughed at us once, they thought we did not mean our profession of principles. They thought so until April of 1917. It was hardly creditable to them that we would do more than send a few men over and go through the forms of helping, and when they saw multitudes hastening across the sea and saw what those multitudes were eager to do when they got to the other side, they stood amazed and said, 'The thing is real