

### WILSON NEUTRAL IN LEADERSHIP FIGHT

Asserts He Is Not Displeased With Hitchcock's Management of Treaty.

### UNDERWOOD IS GAINING

Both Sides Assert Confidence, but Alabamian Seems to Be on Inside Track.

Special Dispatch to THE SUN.  
WASHINGTON, Nov. 23.—According to a statement from the White House today, the President has no choice between Senator Underwood (Ala.) and Senator Hitchcock (Neb.) as leader of the Democratic forces in the Senate to succeed the late Senator Martin (Va.). The statement is the product of Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to Mr. Wilson.

The statement was in answer to the story published in newspapers this morning that Senator Underwood's friends had obtained the backing of twenty-four of the forty-seven Democrats in the Senate for him for leader and that the President was not particularly pleased with the idea of having Senator Hitchcock become the leader.

This is what was issued from the White House:

The statement carried in certain newspapers that there has been a breach between the President and Senator Hitchcock is not true. Senator Hitchcock's management of the recent contest over the ratification of the treaty of peace was masterly and was satisfactory to all of the friends of the Administration. No one is more appreciative of Senator Hitchcock's fine efforts than the President himself.

The statement that the President is taking sides in any contest over the leadership of the minority of the Senate is wholly without foundation. The object of such statements can only be to create discord among the friends of the treaty.

Swanson Case Is Cited.  
It is just such another situation as a while ago when the President became dissatisfied with Senator Swanson's efforts and used Senator Swanson (Va.) as his spokesman in the Senate for a time. When it became apparent that the White House issued a statement in the name of Mr. Tumulty—although he was many miles away at the time—denying a break of a kind of a break, for weakening further the one too staunch band of absolute Wilson followers in the treaty fight.

The sponsors for the report of the break between Senator Hitchcock and the President on the matter of leadership are, as a matter of fact, the Senator's own friends. They were incensed at what they construed as ingratitude for Senator Hitchcock's efforts for the unamended treaty.

The whole root of the trouble goes way back to when Mr. Wilson discouraged making Senator Hitchcock chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee to succeed Senator Stone (Mo.), who died. It is believed that with Senator Hitchcock as leader, though, the President might be more pleased than with Senator Underwood at the helm.

How Senators Now Stand.  
This is the way a Democratic Senator from a Northern State today listed the forty-seven Democratic Senators in the leadership fight:

Claimed for Hitchcock—Smith (Ga.), Sheppard (Tex.), Culbertson (Tex.), Chamberlain (Ore.), Simmons (N. C.), Walsh (Mont.), Myers (Mont.), Kendrick (Wyo.), Johnson (S. D.), Nugent

(Idaho), Swanson (Va.), Ashurst (Ariz.), King (Utah), Shields (Tenn.), Fehlan (Calif.), Pomerene (Ohio), Woolcott (Del.), Hitchcock (Neb.), Owen (Okla.)—19.

Claimed for Underwood—Robinson (Ark.), Kirby (Ark.), Williams (Miss.), Harrison (Miss.), Pittman (Nev.), Henderson (Nev.), Bankhead (Ala.), Dial (S. C.), Gay (La.), Gorry (R. I.), Harris (Ga.), McKellar (Tenn.), Ransdell (La.), Reed (Mo.), Smith (Md.), Smith (S. C.), Trammell (Fla.), Underwood (Ala.)—18.

Listed as doubtful—Thomas (Colo.), Walsh (Mass.), Beckham (Ky.), Stanley (Ky.), Fletcher (Fla.), Gore (Okla.), Jones (N. M.), Overman (N. C.), Glass (Va.), Smith (Ariz.)—10.

Both sides asserted today they would carry away the plum, the Hitchcock forces showing distinctly more confidence than they did yesterday. There was disposition to make the contest pretty sharp, if necessary. The Underwood supporters attacked the management of the treaty fight by Senator Hitchcock while some of the Hitchcock people insisted that on the eve of a Presidential campaign it would be particularly bad business to go back to the South for a leader.

One of them declared that Senator Underwood's opposition to prohibition and woman suffrage would be found to make him unavailable. The report from the other side was that Senator Hitchcock's record was identical on those issues. There was also quiet circulation of the story, without any particular foundation being produced, that Senator Underwood had a record of too much friendliness for the steel corporation interests.

A chief source of strength for Senator Underwood has been developed in the group of Senators who were members of the House of Representatives during the period of the Underwood leadership, and who always have been particularly devoted to the Alabama Senator.

The President's attitude toward the leadership will continue a matter of decided interest to both sides, in view of an obviously close contest. In the last two days of the Congress session Postmaster-General Burleson spent much of the time on the Senate floor and it became known that he was doing what could further the Underwood movement. That fact caused the President to be regarded as definitely committed to the Alabama's cause.

ISHII CONSIDERED RESERVATION VAIN  
Doubted if Allies Would Have Acquiesced in Shantung.

By the Associated Press.  
Tokyo, Nov. 19 (delayed).—Viscount Kihajiro Ishii, former Japanese Ambassador to the United States, commenting today in the Asahi on the reservation adopted by the United States Senate on the clause in the German treaty concerning Shantung, said he doubted whether the other Powers would approve the reservation. The Senate's action, he declared, would probably revive the drooping spirits of the Chinese, "who lately have evinced an inclination to open negotiations with the Japanese."

"The reservation will have no practical effect on the validity of the Shantung stipulation, since all the rights are in the hands of Japan and the question can hardly be submitted to the League of Nations," Viscount Ishii continued.

"The only effect America obtains is the good will of China. However, the reservation may place an obstacle in the way of Sino-Japanese negotiations, resulting in an unfavorable situation both for China and Japan, as well as for America in the Far East."

By the Associated Press.  
TSING-TAO, Shantung Peninsula, Nov. 19.—The Japanese residents of Tsing-Tao, after a warm debate, have sent a memorial to the government at Tokyo declaring that they will not surrender the rights they have acquired in Shantung.

[Viscount Ishii's remarks were made before the action of the United States Senate in voting down the treaty.]

### GERMANS MAY NOT SIGN THE PROTOCOL

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quires, however, that five of the principal Powers first shall have signed the league. This would make Switzerland's membership depend upon the entry of the United States.

Newspaper commentators are beginning now to look the situation in the face and to speculate on a way out. The Temps last night pointed out that the other Powers had accepted American reservations to the Algeiras treaty and indicated that according to the trend of opinion about the French Foreign Office America should be induced to participate, even at the price of reservations and as a sort of limited partner.

On the other hand, Socialist papers are beginning to scoff at the attempt of the Allies to put life into a treaty that the Socialists never have liked. In a long editorial article Humanite asks if the decision of the Supreme Council to put the treaty into effect is a joke, it adds:

"Nobody imagines the war would have reached its conclusion if America had remained passive. What, then, is the treaty worth to which America will not subscribe; that it even has condemned by its simple refusal? There are certain clauses which interest France especially, and these threaten to be broken into fragments if the Senate affects indifference toward them."

"The Society of Nations is reduced to an alliance like the others and to an alliance without value if one of the world's greatest powers now retires from it. The Anglo-French-American pact of which so much has been heard also is destroyed in this process."

"But the point which dominates all the rest is this: the rejection of the treaty signifies that the United States repudiates the article which places Japan in Shantung. Shantung and one of the great conflicts, namely, that of the Pacific, come into full view. One, therefore, can only admire again the great work of the conference and the presumption of its directors."

"Peace without America means continuation of a state of war. The American and Anglo-French alliances crumble with a crash. And an American-Japanese conflict appears in its full light. A League of Nations without America simply means reverting to pre-war alliances."

L'Action Francaise, calling attention to the work of President Wilson, says that whether a compromise is adopted or not the wish of America not to expose herself to the chaos of Europe, where twenty causes of future conflicts have been created, seems to be clearly established. It adds:

"It is asserted now that the Society of Nations will exist even without the United States, or if the States parties take only to the extent of giving it their benediction. In that case upon whom is to fall the duty of protecting the peoples

of and policing Europe left in this state? Upon France alone? This question we should like to have answered."

### SAYS GERMANY MAY YIELD TO ENTENTE

Anxiety, However, Follows Action of U. S. Senate.

By the Associated Press.  
BERLIN, Nov. 23.—Commenting on the failure of the United States Senate to ratify the peace treaty Forcaerts says: "As Germany has undertaken only to submit to the dictates of the commissions made up according to stipulations laid down in the peace treaty, Germany could take the stand that she will not recognize the decrees of the commissions otherwise constituted. It is questionable, however, whether fresh peace negotiations would bring grief to Germany's mill in view of the prevailing situation of the Powers."

"Therefore it is to be expected the German Government will cooperate in the most loyal manner in endeavors to stop the gaps produced by America's reticence. Recognition at any rate is to be expected. On the other hand, Germany has the right to be anxious about the consequences of American retirement and to seek protection against its possible effects. Even if an essential alteration of the European situation is not to be expected from America's retirement, it means nevertheless great

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