

Shantung Goes to Japan but Where Did the Fourteen Points Go?

- If—in the conflict of interests which were considered by the “Big Four” at the Peace Conference, the United States found itself in a minority—
If—President Wilson found, after he got to Versailles, that he had been mistaken as to the purposes of the associates of the United States in the War—
If—because of such fundamental misunderstanding, it was found necessary to abandon “open diplomacy” and enter secret session—
If—in such secret session, President Wilson found universal application of the principles of universal justice impossible—

Why on Earth Did Not President Wilson State the Case to the American People, As Lincoln Would Have Done, And Let the People Decide?

A grave responsibility now rests upon the Senate of the United States.

FOR INSTANCE: When we entered the War, the people of Ireland took President Wilson's declarations of principles at their face value.
By an overwhelming majority, they decided to separate from the British Empire; they proclaimed a Republic and so far as permitted by the hostile military force which dominates the country that Republic is to-day functioning.

Ireland Went Through All of the Forms of Self-Determination

and

Had the Fourteen Points Become Effective the Irish Republic Must of Necessity Have Been Internationally Recognized Before Now.

And the case of Ireland is but one of many. It is, however, the most clear-cut, decisive, longstanding and best known among the cases of all of the small nations.

UNLESS the traditions of the United States are to be violated we cannot become guarantors of the territorial integrity of far-flung Empires based upon conceptions the antithesis of ours—

UNLESS the experiences of President Wilson abroad are in future to be accentuated by the experiences of other and perhaps less able men, we should not entangle our country in the meshes of European politics—

UNLESS we are to forsake the policy of supporting right, justice and liberty wherever found and irrespective of powerful tyrants—

UNLESS we are to abandon the advice of Washington and of Jefferson, then

For America's Sake the League of Nations Must Be Defeated

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