

OLD TIME AMERICA BEATS ANY LEAGUE, IS VIEW OF BORAH

Nothing Can Take Its Place, and Surely Not Internationalism, Unless Republic Is to Fall, Declares Idaho Senator.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—A demand for a return to old-fashioned Americanism and rejection of plans for internationalism by Senator Borah (Rep. of Idaho) featured a debate in the Senate to-day on the League of Nations. Senator Shafroth (Dem. of Colorado) championed the league idea.

A resolution calling for a postponement of the formation of the League of Nations until the peace treaty is formulated and demanding the immediate withdrawal of our soldiers from Europe was introduced by Senator France (Rep. of Maryland).

Mr. Borah made a general assault on any plan which would contemplate the enforcement of a world peace. He declared, the advocates of such ideas contemplated big armies, and he quoted Secretary Daniels's demand for the greatest navy in the world. In his peroration he said:

For America Disentangled.

"I am not ashamed to say in these days of advanced thought that I believe in the old time Americanism, in the policies and principles which made us great and which alone will keep us great. I want America, disenthralled and disentangled, by precept and example, through influence and counsel, to continue her lead in the great march of civilization—in the world struggle for free government.

"What we need—and may Providence hasten the hour—is a rebaptism of the national spirit and a re-consecration of the national ideas. Give us again the vision and the courage of that steadfast pilot who guided our frail bark through the first perilous years. Give us the Americanism that inspired the fighting soul of Jackson. Give us the faith in our institutions and the love of our common country of him who walked unscathed through the fierce fires of an internecine war to the deathless glory of martyrdom.

"Give us a people bound together by the ties of respect and confidence, inspired by a common hope, devoted to the preservation of which men are willing to die, and you will have an America, a United States, which will exert far more influence and dispense greater happiness and lead more certainly to world contentment than an America shorn of her individuality and embarrassed in her free movements by alliances or sickened and enfeebled by the international virus.

Nothing to Take Its Place.

"I beg you to believe there is nothing to take the place of this old time Americanism. Let us cling to it as of old they clung to the horns of the altar. Let us foster it as you would foster the virtues about your own family hearthstone. Without it we will go the way of all the republics of the earth.

"The fact is we have come in contact with two evil forces from the Old World—Prussianism and Internationalism. Instead of subduing them and destroying them, we are yielding to their slimy maw the proudest heritage ever left to the keeping of any people—American principles and the American conception of government.

"They were both against America and everything for which America stands. But while civilization stands back in shuddering contemplation of the rule of either, American statesmen propose to take something from the teachings of both and substitute it for the teachings of Washington and the faith of millions of American homes.

No International Superstate.

"Instead of our Government controlled and directed by the intelligence and patriotism of our own people, instead of American standards and American principles, instead of devotion to our institutions and our own flag, we are to have an interna-

tional super-state resting upon Prussian force, with a vast army of repression, a super-state in which the national spirit stands rebuked and the international flag is the symbol of our hopes.

"I cannot look very far into that time which is not yet, but I do know that there was brought into being on this western continent nearly 150 years ago an experiment in government which has weathered every storm, which has given freedom and prosperity to the people at home and precept and example and inspiration to the world abroad, and as for me I shall not by any act or vote of mine surrender it or even jeopardize it in the eyes of the world.

"The thing which finally won this war, which overcame and beat down militarism, trained, efficient, brutal militarism, was the Frenchman's love of country, the Briton's love of country, the American's love of country—that thing which Internationalism would murder.

"God pity the ideals of this Republic if they shall have no defenders save the gathered scum of the different nations organized into a conglomerate international police force, ordered hither and thither by the most heterogeneous and irresponsible body or court that ever confused or confounded the natural instincts and noble passions of a people."