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The attempt by Senator Harding yesterday to bring the true League of Nations issue up dragging in the name of Mr. Wilson is merely further evidence of the historical fact that a certain type of senatorial mind cares more about creating an ancient grudge against an individual than it does to consider the true welfare of the nation. It is of course well known that seven-eighths of the Senate and the League of
Nation but of the person of the President of the U.S. himself.

History will take care of the great fact Woodrow Wilson has played. But the Democratic Party faces the campaign with the clear cut formula of proving that the World War is not here fought in vain. Senator Harding says, "Should the Treaty and the Democrats win, the League will be ratified." He is right. No one, apparently, rose
even Senator Harris himself
knows what would happen should
the Republicans win. The
Council of the Republicans such
as Senator Johnson assures
the Nation that a Republican
victory means no League of
Nations, but other things not
by such men as James
Pres. Taft assures the Nation
that a Republican victory
brings the acceptance of the
League with certain restrictions.
The cost of Senator Harding's statement is the usual vague
ominous threat of tragedy and imaginary ghosts of
terrible failure of American
soldiers being taxation in
Poland Russia and Turkey,
and at the end the Talks
in flattering terms about
the danger of "a despot
of the Republic".

I yield nothing
in my Newton shot
United States. To Senator
Henderson, to Senator Paine,
and Senator Johnson in the
name of their followers. Rather,
I believe, are they the
ones who fail to visualize
the great fortune, and the
independent fortune of this
section.

Of the pamphlet issue,
This coming early and clearly
shown. A Democratic victory
means notification of the
Treaty and the League of Nations, which are the world know, is already constituted. A Republican victory means that the U.S. will be with Russia, Mexico, and Turkey which remain on the outside. The election of Hoover means that in case of future war the U.S. will enter the war after the conflict has begun. The election of Governor Cox means that the U.S. can
in participation with the other civilized nations of the world and through the League of Nations endeavor to solve international difficulties and prevent a recurrence of the tragedies of 1914 to 1918.

If I am quite with an I know how common law is it to the American people which whether they will go back to the conditions prior to 1914 or whether they will join with
Civilization and Humanity in this great step forward.

Franklin Pierce

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