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Nearkt a ninth ago I tried to make it clear that the Republican candidates were trying to becloud the real issue of the League of Nations. Since that time they have continued the same absurd campaign methods and their own position in regard to our foreign policy is, if anything, more vague than eve .We have had statement after statement from Marion, Ohio, telling how disincere the Republican nominee is in favor of world peace and good will among themnations. These are fine words and we all agre with them because I assume that all good americans want the same thing but these hasbeen no defining of how he proposes to cocomplish the result.

The latest offering is some kind of a permanent kind of arbitration. We are of course reminded at once of the fact that the permanent court of arbitration called the Hague Tribunal, has since its im action prevented no ward Such a court might be useful of course in patchingup troubles after they had occurred Such a court is basedon the same theory as what the doctors call curative medicine. The Democratic policy which is in favor of joining practically all the othe nations fo the world in the alreay already existing League of Nations believes in the theory of preventive medicine for international ills.

When natinz approach the high and dangerous precipice of strained real tions they are in danger of grave injury if they continue their course. Seb? Hardings idea seems to be to build a hospital at the foot of the precipice in order to care for the broken limns of the ntons who fall over the edge. The Dem. theory which he is to establish is that "Name not or build a stmatte hospital and the top in order to prevent the at ons of the world from all falling off. This is really the great achievement which we may gain from sending ou men across the sea and from the expenditure of many billions of dollars. This is the one great purpose which willjustify the death of those splendid america boys who gave their all on the battlefields of france.

HOPES TO LINE UP 6,000,000 GERMANS

Vlcek Admits Nation-Wide
Recruit Move to Elect Hard-
ing and Best League.

CONGRESS CONTROL SOUGHT

COMMITTEE OF 60—Directing Ef-
forts to Secure Control of
Twenty-Five States.

Confederation of the existence of a
new party in the United States, the
one of which the Germans are of
course attracted, according to
Vlcek, who said: "The German
people for Roosevelt, as stated
in their manifesto for Roosevelt, as stated
yesterday from George Sy-
kes, the 'Committee of Sixty,' which
has been organized by the leaders of all existing German organizations in
the country, to elect President Roosevelt
for the National ticket."

The scheme of Mr. Vlcek and his
associates is to obtain the League of Nations
from the League of Nations, and Mr.
Cox, the Democratic nominee for President,
is to be nominated by the League, as
admitted by the leaders, that the master
of all existing German organizations in
the country, Senator Harding and Gen-
eral Vlcek organized, that between 300,000
and 400,000 Germans would be
indifferent to the German cause,
but would be influenced by the German
leadership, and that he would
make no secret of his belief that
the German leadership would be
sufficient to hold the balance of pow-
er in the election.

Vlcek, Mass. Statement.

Mr. Vlcek, who became well known through his efforts to secure the
pro-German attitude before, during
and after the war, has now
said the movement was a purely American
movement, and that it was not
a German movement, with which the United
States is still friendly, was. Mr.
Vlcek, who is a Trustee of the
East Ferrywood Street, tacked frankely
on the political movement, but declined to
say whether he had been in contact with
General Vlcek, or the leader of the
"Committee of Sixty," of which he is
a member, and was supporting.

The name of the mem-
ber of that committee, he said, was
public made public. Mr. Vlcek said in reply
to a question concerning the
name of the member of the
committee who had been instrumental
in making those statements:

"One may be as estimable a gentleman
as any he is the superior of the
views he holds, and I am inclined
to distrust him. We have decided
that we will support the Democratic
President for a generation." Mr. Vlcek said the
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it is 18, was the result of a conf-
erence between the two men, and
the two organizations would be used in the
movement, which has been organized
for several years back by the Ciga-
rette and the German Citizens
League, which also includes many
of the German organizations in this
country, and the German organiza-
tions in the different States.

Mass. Control. Also,

Mr. Vlcek said that the
German movement with the Repub-
lican party, and that the German
organizations are not much for Senator
Harding, and that the German
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for the League of Nations, and that
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It also was implied that the German

is to carry on propaganda in support of
the League of Nations, and for ready
recognition of the League by the
United States, and to get the
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We do not know; neither do we care. As long as he is in the support of the Wilson party the Germans will be determined to defeat him. We have decided that there must not be another Democratic President for a generation."

Mr. Vierack said that the formation of the German-American Citizens League, which induced Senator La Follette at a meeting in Chicago on August 17 and 18, was the result of a conference of representatives of existing German organizations from twenty-two States. He said that existing German organizations would be joined in a movement mentioning the Citizens' Alliance, which has been in existence for several years both in New York City and in Chicago. The Queens Citizens' Alliance, which has been in existence for a number of years, has been taking action, has taken the lead in this respect among local German organizations.

It also was learned that the Citizens' Alliance or German-American Citizens' League, which has been known by different names in different localities and States, will not confine its political activity to support and opposition of the Presidential candidates, but will extend to prevent the election of members of the House of Representatives and the United States Senate, on a basis of "defeating its enemies and supporting its friends."

Darlin Deserves Movement.

Publication in THE TIMES of the contention of the Queens Citizens' Alliance that the German-Americans had caused surprise among both the Democratic and Republican leaders in that borough. The latter were inclined to be exultant in the belief that the support of the German voters would result in a victory for the Republicans, according to the unusually heavy Democratic majority. The Democratic leaders were inclined to believe there would be a reaction and that the German support for any candidate might prove to be the double-edged sword that would cut both ways.

One Republican of prominence who commented forcefully upon the situation was Ira G. Darlin, former District Attorney and candidate for the Republican nomination for Congress in the First Congressional District against Rudolph Hartmann. Mr. Darlin, who incurred the displeasure of his party by attacking the performance of a German-American Assemblyman, Frankel, took the view that the plan to organize German citizens into a solid voting group would be beneficial.

"I have read the article in THE TIMES on the subject of the Citizens' Alliance," he said. "I am very much surprised to learn that the Germans are co-operating with George Sylvester Merriam and the Wilsonites. It is my belief that they are engaged in this movement not for the benefit of Germany and not for the benefit of the Germans in the United States and have been so engaged for many years."

"I have read the article in THE TIMES on the subject of the Citizens' Alliance," he said. "I am very much surprised to learn that the members of the members of the Citizens' Alliance of Queens are aware of the work that is being carried on by some of their leaders. I have known most of the members of the Citizens' Alliance for many years. They have been to me as loyal as I claim to be. I am sure that, when they do come to know that the purpose of the leaders

united incorporation, solely for the sake of opinion of Eugene V. Debs and urge his immediate release from prison. We sympathize with Ireland's struggle for self-determination and freedom, with the people of Ireland and small, who vainly wait for the avowal of the British Government that it would, if we avowedly went to war, be fighting unfold wealth and the flower of our country.

We protest against the contemplated violation of American neutrality and the extension of the war powers conferred upon the President by the参議院 resolution of the war against Japan.

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