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**REPORTED BY MR. LODGE FROM THE COMMITTEE ON
FOREIGN RELATIONS.**

- 1 1. The United States reserves to itself the unconditional right
2 to withdraw from the league of nations upon the notice pro-
3 vided in article 1 of said treaty of peace with Germany.
- 4 2. The United States declines to assume, under the provisions
5 of article 10, or under any other article, any obligation to pre-
6 serve the territorial integrity or political independence of any
7 other country or to interfere in controversies between other
8 nations, members of the league or not, or to employ the military
9 or naval forces of the United States in such controversies, or to
10 adopt economic measures, for the protection of any other country,
11 whether a member of the league or not, against external aggres-
12 sion or for the purpose of coercing any other country, or for the
13 purpose of intervention in the internal conflicts or other con-

1 troversies which may arise in any other country, and no mandate
2 shall be accepted by the United States under article 22, Part I,
3 of the treaty of peace with Germany, except by action of the
4 Congress of the United States.

5 3. The United States reserves to itself exclusively the right
6 to decide what questions are within its domestic jurisdiction,
7 and declares that all domestic and political questions relating
8 to its affairs, including immigration, coastwise traffic, the tariff,
9 commerce, and all other domestic questions, are solely within
10 the jurisdiction of the United States and are not under this
11 treaty submitted in any way either to arbitration or to the
12 consideration of the council or of the assembly of the league of
13 nations, or to the decision or recommendation of any other power.

14 4. The United States declines to submit for arbitration or
15 inquiry by the assembly or the council of the league of nations
16 provided for in said treaty of peace any questions which in the
17 judgment of the United States depend upon or relate to its long-
18 established policy, commonly known as the Monroe doctrine;
19 said doctrine is to be interpreted by the United States alone,
20 and is hereby declared to be wholly outside the jurisdiction of
21 said league of nations and entirely unaffected by any provision
22 contained in the said treaty of peace with Germany.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1919.

BY MR. McCUMBER.

1 1. That whenever the two years' notice of withdrawal from
2 the league of nations shall have been given by the United
3 States, as provided in article 1, the United States shall be
4 the sole judge whether all its international obligations and
5 all its obligations under this covenant shall have been fulfilled
6 at the time of withdrawal.

7 2. That the suggestions of the council of the league of
8 nations as to the means of carrying the obligations of article
9 10 into effect are only advisory, and that any undertaking
10 under the provisions of article 10, the execution of which
11 may require the use of American military or naval forces or
12 economic measure, can under the Constitution be carried out
13 only by the action of the Congress, and that the failure of

1 the Congress to adopt the suggestions of the council of the
2 league, or to provide such military or naval forces or economic
3 measures, shall not constitute a violation of the treaty.

4 3. The United States reserves to itself the right to decide
5 what questions are within its domestic jurisdiction and
6 declares that all domestic and political questions relating to
7 its internal affairs, including immigration, coastwise traffic,
8 the tariff, commerce, and all other purely domestic questions
9 are solely within the jurisdiction of the United States and are
10 not by this covenant submitted in any way either to arbitra-
11 tion or to the consideration of the council or the assembly of
12 the league of nations or to the decision or recommendation
13 of any other power.

14 4. The United States does not bind itself to submit for
15 arbitration or inquiry by the assembly or the council any
16 question which in the judgment of the United States depends
17 upon or involves its long-established policy commonly known
18 as the Monroe doctrine, and it is preserved unaffected by any
19 provision in the said treaty contained.

20 5. That in advising and consenting to the ratification of
21 said treaty the United States understands that the German
22 rights and interests, renounced by Germany in favor of
23 Japan under the provisions of articles 156, 157, and 158 of
24 said treaty, are to be returned by Japan to China at the
25 termination of the present war by the adoption of this treaty
26 as provided in the exchanged notes between the Japanese
27 and Chinese Governments of date May 25, 1915.

1 6. That the United States understands and construes the
2 words "dispute between members" and the words "dispute
3 between parties" in article 15 to mean that a dispute with a
4 self-governing dominion, colony, or dependency represented
5 in the assembly is a dispute with the dominant or principal
6 member represented therein and that a dispute with such
7 dominant or principal member is a dispute with all of its
8 self-governing dominions, colonies, or dependencies; and that
9 the exclusion of the parties to the dispute provided in the
10 last paragraph of said article will cover not only the dominant
11 or principal member, but also its dominions, colonies, and
12 dependencies.