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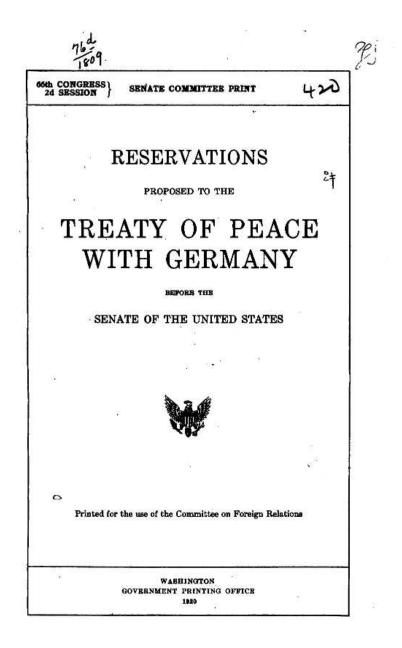
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SEPTEMBR 10, 1919.

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.

2. The United States declines to assume, under the provisions 4 5 of article 10, or under any other article, any obligation to pre-6 serve the territorial integrity or political independence of any other country or to interfere in controversies between other 7 nations, members of the league or not, or to employ the military 8 or naval forces of the United States in such controversies, or to 9 10 adopt economic measures, for the protection of any other country. whether a member of the league or not, against external aggres-11 sion or for the purpose of coercing any other country, or for the 12 purpose of intervention in the internal conflicts or other con-13

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

3. The United States reserves to itself exclusively the right 5 to decide what questions are within its domestic jurisdiction, 6 7 and declares that all domestic and political questions relating to its affairs, including immigration, coastwise traffic, the tariff, 8 commerce, and all other domestic questions, are solely within 9 the jurisdiction of the United States and are not under this 10 treaty submitted in any way either to arbitration or to the 11 consideration of the council or of the assembly of the league of 12 13 nations, or to the decision or recommendation of any other power. 4. The United States declines to submit for arbitration or 14 15 inquiry by the assembly or the council of the league of nations provided for in said treaty of peace any questions which in the 16 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, $\mathbf{20}$ 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

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the Congress to adopt the suggestions of the council of the
league, or to provide such military or naval forces or economic
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 its internal affairs, including immigration, coastwise traffic, 7 the tariff, commerce, and all other purely domestic questions 8 are solely within the jurisdiction of the United States and are 9 not by this covenant submitted in any way either to arbitra-10 tion or to the consideration of the council or the assembly of 11 12 the league of nations or to the decision or recommendation 13 of any other power.

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

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

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