

of course includes correcting it if possible. That the League has this intention to rectify, modify, adapt as developing circumstances make it advisable - this was news.

I think it was news too, and not at all agreeable news to many that the League opens its doors to Germany when she has shown she can be trusted. ~~and~~ I made a point of referring to this, but never to my recollection did I 'get a hand' for the statement. On the contrary when I quoted the remark of Ebert - I believe it was Ebert - that the Treaty meant forty years in the desert for Germany ~~and~~ followed it by remarking that if Germany by this forty years in the desert could learn to put honor above love of power it would be the most profitable period in her history I was always applauded. ~~How~~ How was one to interpret the difference in the attitude? I took it to mean that they were still so doubtful about the good faith of Germany that they did not care to hear about opening the League to her even in the future; that they approved of a period of hardship, thought it the only road which would lead to her conversion. My impression was that few of my auditors were childish enough to suppose that Germany's defeat has ~~changed~~ changed her nature or revolutionized in a twinkling the ideas she has been taught for generations, and that they quite sincerely thought ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> ought to suffer until ~~they~~ <sup>she</sup> she had a change of heart and theory. But they had no vindictive or revengeful feelings, rather a calm satisfaction that here was another proof that you do reap what you ~~sow~~ sow.

If there was no where any heated feeling about Germany or any thing connected with League or Treaty, except in the old-fashioned

partisan or the new-fashioned radical, there was a very wide spread interest. It reached down to the humblest. I recall an interesting and animated discussion with a bus-driver, an old fellow who carried papers, many railroad men, though they should not be classed with the humble, I remember an elderly chamber maid in a hotel in a Mormon town who sat a half hour on the edge of my bed and thrashed the matter over. "It doesn't matter that I am a Republican we've got to help the world out and we've got to be patient" They couldn't do all there was to be done over there in Paris in a minute. I tell our folks they had a big job and we must be patient. What worries me is the next president. What we must have, I think, is somebody who'll finish the matter up right. I don't like a third term and I hate to vote for a Democrat, but if this isn't cleared up right I'm for President Wilson again"; and that was not the only time a man or woman of very <sup>lowly</sup> ~~humble~~ position expressed the same opinion. I came to feel that practically all the humble folks wanted the League of Nations and many well placed observers, teachers, preachers, editors, business men confirmed my impression. "The people want it", they told me. "They think it will help", and by the people they meant common working folk of all classes.

<sup>Small</sup> The upshot of this going about day by day in the land of Borah and Reed and Pointdexter was a conviction that if the League and Treaty could be put to a vote, <sup>they</sup> they would win three to one; moreover that if the opposing gentlemen had to stand for re-election this Fall they would be defeated three to one.

Only impressions, not proof at all of course, but I came away from my ten weeks association with our great Spinx feeling as if she

had lasted long enough in her enigmatical quiet to give me a wink  
which said "I'm with you".