

Miss M. Carey Thomas, Of Bryn Mawr College, Presents The Reasons Which, In Her Judgment, Make It Imperative Why Women Should Vote Against Harding.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir:
I shall be greatly obliged if you will kindly allow me to state in the Baltimore SUN why it seems to me that women should vote against Harding?

Women should vote against Harding because we believe that the League of Nations is the supreme issue now before the United States. Because it is the first great practical step toward international peace ever taken in the history of the world. Because we know that it is now in active operation and has been joined by over forty big and little nations. Because the United States, the four enemy countries who will soon be admitted, and Bolshevik Russia are the only important nations now remaining outside.

Because as long as the two party system rules in politics we believe in holding strictly responsible at the polls the party that defied our will and humiliated us by refusing, in a series of intolerable attacks on our Chief Executive that were published in every foreign country, to ratify the Peace Treaty and to enter the League of Nations which we through him had proposed to the world.

Because we utterly repudiate the insidious Republican argument that we shall in reality be voting against the League of Nations if we cast our votes for Cox and the Democratic ticket for the man and the party who from the first platform plank to the last Democratic speech have stood four square for immediately signing the Peace Treaty and the League of Nations.

Because as independent women voters we have read for ourselves the text of the League of Nations and we know that most of what is said against it is absolutely false. We know that the four amendments (offered by Senator Hitchcock, the Democratic leader of the Senate, and accepted by the President but flatly refused by the Republican Senators) safeguarded our constitutional power to make or refuse to make war, the Monroe Doctrine and all domestic questions such as Japanese immigration, and provided against the danger of our being outvoted by Great Britain and her dominions on matters affecting the United States. We know also that the constitution of the League of Nations permits any nation to withdraw after giving two years notice. We also know that no human invention is perfect, first or last, but that, if we join the League as it now is, its constitution, like the constitution of the United States, can be modified as may seem best; and we further know that in making such modifications the financial power and moral force of the United States will give us a preponderating influence.

Because as brand-new citizens of the greatest and most peace loving democracy of the world, now newly responsible with men for its course of action, we must under the two party system refuse to vote against that party which brought America into the great war with a united people behind her, and brought America out of the war holding the greatest position in the civilized world, admired and followed by our allies, almost worshipped by Belgium and the oppressed races of Europe, with an open door in front of her for her

an open door in front of her for her ideals, and even for her commerce, such as she had never known before. Because under the two party system we must repudiate by our votes that party who factional politics have temporarily deprived us of this proud and splendid position. We must make sure that no political party ever again dares to put party politics before the highest interests of the American people.

Because, finally, there seem to many women, of whom I am one, that there is good reason to believe that Cox and the Democratic party will pay more regard than Harding and the Republican party to the interests of women as such and give us more opportunity to work out our special women's problems in responsible government positions; and that the Democratic party will prove to be in the future, as during the past eight years, more responsive than the Republican party to the great movement for social justice and equal financial opportunity that is now sweeping over the world.

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