

Mississippi from Keokuk to Memphis, and never before was there such a celebration. The shores of the river were lined with people, the sirens shrieked all night, and whistles were blowing, bands playing, and people cheering. But he went back to Washington and seemed to have forgotten all about it.

Two years after that Mr. Taft came along. I am saying this because of the talk about a St. Lawrence ship canal. Mr. Taft floated down the Mississippi river, and there was a great convention, with 5,000 people present. They were going to have a canal then. That was in 1909, and they have not put a spade to it yet. I do not suppose they will ever put a spade to the St. Lawrence ship canal either.

After what we have seen of the action of our friends on the other side of the line, we ought to be pretty chary about going into partnership with them in making a ship canal down the St. Lawrence from Lake Ontario. As I say, we should be chary when to-day, after the judgment of the Supreme Court, the Secretary of War issues a permit giving the Sanitary District 5 years during which they can take twice the amount of water stipulated in the treaty. What chance would we have with them? None whatever. Canada has protested, but protested in vain. We have never been able to get any satisfaction. They have kept right on taking the water that did not belong to them, and we have not been able to stop them.

Some people say: "You belong to the League of Nations: why do you not go to them and get some value for the \$500 a day you are paying?" Now, do you think the United States would mind the League of Nations very much? The League of Nations is all right: it is a fine institution, made for angels, not for men. However, they say the League of Nations could settle all these little difficulties. But I have not very much confidence in that, because I do not know how many who go to the League of Nations are sincere. I believe that visionary illuminati statesman who used to be the Right Honourable Sir Robert Cecil may be sincere, but still he seems to stultify himself when he says that if the articles of the League of Nations are not followed, then Europe ceases to exist. They have not been followed very often, and Europe still exists. He stultifies himself when he is in favour of the Singapore base, where the greatest fortress that the world has ever seen is going to be erected. If there is going to be no war, what is the

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use of that? Can Australia be sincere, breathing the invigorating air of the shores of Lake Lemna, and sipping the sparkling wines of France and observing that wonderful institution called the "frais de representation" in action—and then ask for the Singapore fortress. What about New Zealand? It is in exactly the same position. What about France, with the biggest army she ever had? And what about England, with her soldiers in Cologne, and building the biggest battleships that ever were. Look at the Renown. The world never saw anything like that ship that came around the world advertising Great Britain's navy. Does that look like peace? No, I do not think we can get any help from the League of Nations. They will get our \$500 a day, of which \$200 goes every day to that notorious socialist Albert Thomas, to keep up socialism throughout the world.

No, we have only one place where we can go for help, and that is the foot of the Throne. We are fortunate enough to be members of a great empire, the biggest the world has ever known—an empire covering one-quarter of the surface of the globe, 17,000,000 square miles since the war and 15,000,000 before; an empire consisting of one-quarter of the human race, and all under the rule of our King George. That is where even the humblest subject can bring his grievance. Surely the prayer of a people nine millions strong should be heard. I believe that if we apply to England we can get redress. The United States are doing what they themselves say is illegal in impairing the navigable capacity of the St. Lawrence and of the Great Lakes for the benefit of a route from the lakes to the Gulf of Mexico. I say that if we apply to His Majesty the King we will be heard, and that Canada would get if not all her rights—because we signed away part of our birthright—at least the balance of them. Surely we have made enough sacrifices. There are men in this Chamber and in another place who lost their sons in the war; others have been prisoners in Germany, men who wish they had been killed on the battlefield.

I am not ashamed to own that I am an Imperialist, always have been, and hope always to be. I believe in the unity of the Empire. I do not believe in the dismemberment of the Empire into small nations masquerading as sovereign states at the League of Nations at Geneva. I believe we should be protected, and there is only one place to get that protection—the foot of the Throne. It is only the strong and mighty arm of England