

objection to fair competition in trade; I am not here to discuss what the United States can get; but I am here to stand by my words when I say that the boys in the trenches who are giving us a place on the map of the world will have something to say about the peace terms. We should take good care that we participate in every advantage that belongs to us, or we shall have been untrue to those hundreds of thousands of men who have made the supreme sacrifice in the name of liberty on the battlefields of France.

There is just one more matter that I think should be placed on Hansard. It shows how the world's history repeats itself from time to time, that this great war is centred precisely where other wars have centred; and that the same conditions are about to arise that arose when England and France were negotiating as to peace one hundred and sixteen years ago, when Pitt, the Prime Minister of England, in answer to those who urged peace at any price, said:

I see no possibility at this moment of concluding such a peace as would justify that liberal intercourse which is the essence of real amity; no chance of terminating the expense or the anxieties of war or of restoring to us any of the advantages of established tranquillity. . . . As a lover of peace, I will not sacrifice it by grasping at the shadow, when the reality is not substantially within my reach. Why, then, do I refuse peace? Because it is deceptive, because it is perilous, because it cannot exist.

The motion was put and declared agreed to.

After some time:

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: Honourable gentlemen, I may be belated—in fact, I am belated—but I had intended to ask my honourable friend the member from Compton (Hon. Mr. Pope) not to press for a pronouncement by the Senate on the motion which he has made. It seems to me that it would be inadvisable for the Senate to urge its opinion not only on the Imperial Parliament but upon the Allied Nations as to the course they should pursue in negotiations for peace.

Some hon. SENATORS: Hear, hear.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I thought the discussion would continue for some little time, and that I should have an opportunity of discussing the matter with my honourable friend; but it terminated so quickly as not to leave me that opportunity. I think the House will agree with me that, while it may be quite proper to discuss the course that should be pursued in regard to

negotiations that may take place looking to the establishment of peace, it would be undesirable and unbecoming of the dignity of this Senate, that we should arbitrarily express our opinion as to what should be done by the Allied Nations. With the leave of the House, I would therefore move that the motion which has been passed be rescinded, and if my hon. friend desires to bring it up again I shall be very glad to facilitate his doing so.

Hon. Mr. POWER: We have a rule of the House which prescribes the method in which a resolution of the House may be rescinded, and the honourable leader of the Government is not pursuing the course laid down.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I have assumed that it was by leave of the House.

Hon. Mr. POWER: I notice that the honourable gentleman from Compton (Hon. Mr. Pope) is not here. If there is no difference of opinion and the unanimous consent of the Senate can be procured, I for one will not object.

Hon. Mr. DAVID: While there is much to be said in favour of the position taken with so much eloquence by the hon. member for Compton, I think it would be undesirable for the Senate to pass such a resolution.

Hon. Mr. CLORAN: Does the rescinding of the motion expunge the speech from Hansard?

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: No.

Hon. Mr. POPE: As I was called out of the Senate, I would like to ask the leader of the House what is desired.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: I would suggest to my honourable friend that we rescind the motion that has been passed, and that my honourable friend allow it to stand on the motion paper for further discussion.

Hon. Mr. POWER: You cannot do that.

Hon. Sir JAMES LOUGHEED: There is nothing to prevent it.

Hon. Mr. POWER: I understand that the honourable leader of the House has asked for unanimous consent to rescind the resolution. We had better accept that, and if the honourable member from Compton wishes to bring the matter up on some other day, he can do so.

The motion to rescind was agreed to.