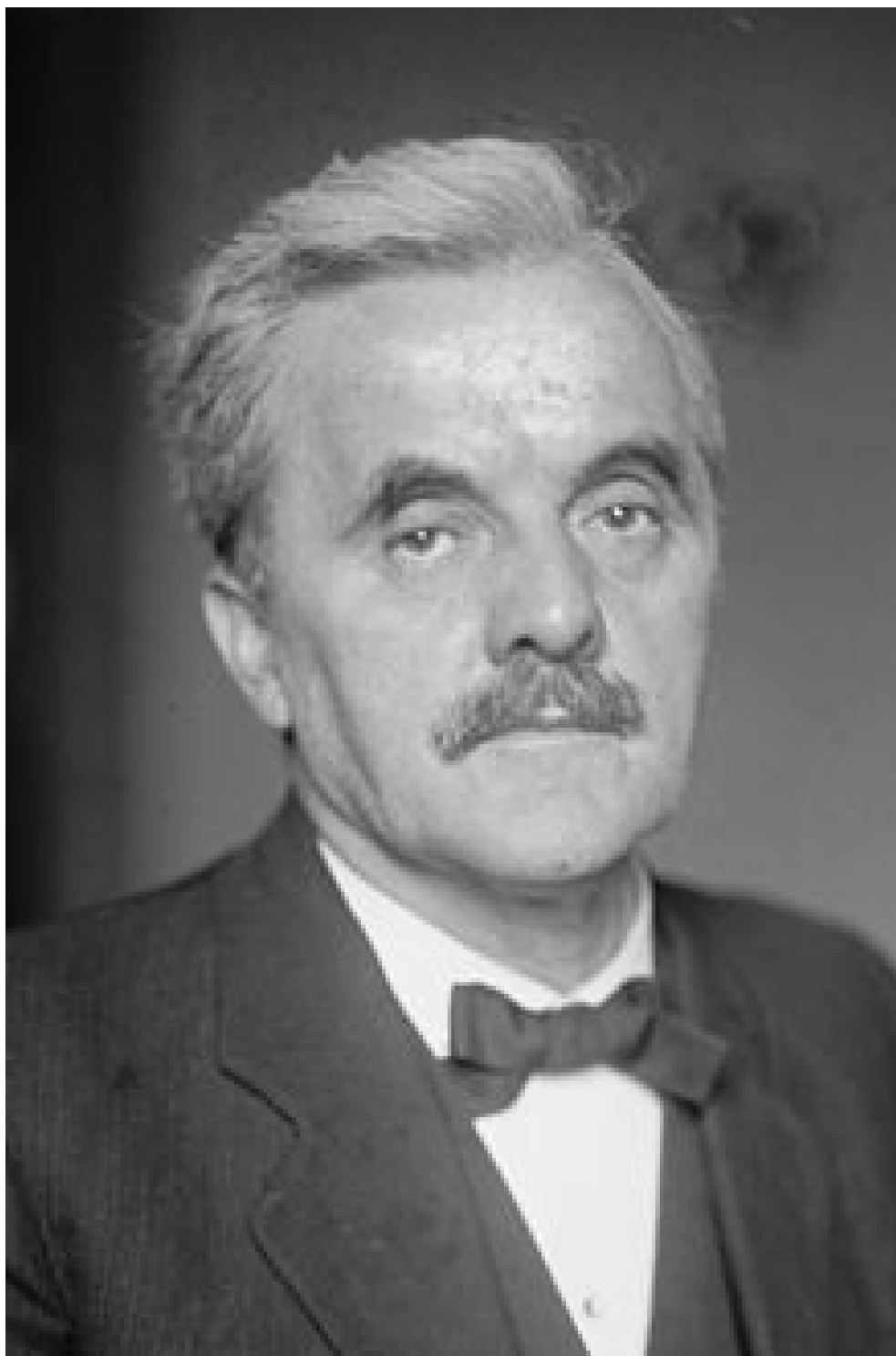


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The Question: World War I is over and the Treaty of Versailles could give the U.S. more responsibilities on the world stage. Should the U.S. ratify it?

My Life: (Deliver in a passionate tone. You didn't want the war and you hate the Treaty)

- My fellow Americans, let me make one thing clear: I hate war. I voted against going to war in Europe and I'm going to block this treaty today.
- I know I'll win because I have the Founding Fathers on my side.
- I am a Senator from Nebraska and a proud Republican. I endorsed Teddy Roosevelt in 1912 when the rest of my party tried to stick with Taft.
- I follow my conscience. I don't follow party lines. I work for the American people.

My Point of View and Personality:

- I am a white and extremely conservative Senator from the Midwest.
- I am also an **irreconcilable**: I think the Treaty of Versailles is a betrayal of everything that has made America great to this point. For the U.S. to live, the Treaty must die!

My Argument: We SHOULD NOT ratify the Treaty of Versailles because...

The Treaty strips the U.S. of its freedoms:

- I hated everything about this war. The whole reason this Great War even started was because some Archduke from Austria-Hungary got shot by terrorists from Serbia. Anyone remember Serbia? (Pause for dramatic effect) Didn't think so.
 - Then Kaiser Wilhelm from Germany used that as a chance to settle scores with the rest of his cousins in Europe because he felt his grandmother Queen Victoria didn't love him enough. **Did 50,000 Americans have to die because some German ruler had mommy issues?** I didn't think so, so I voted to stay out.
- The Treaty of Versailles means **WE have to put up with THE WORLD'S problems on THEIR terms!** Mr. President, I know you disagree with my argument but you know who I got backing me up? **GEORGE WASHINGTON.**
 - In Washington's Farewell Address he said that this country should not get involved in foreign alliances. Do you want to disobey our first President?
 - The League of Nations is the worst part because it commits American resources like money and troops to solve other countries' problems and we don't have a say. **If we get involved in the World's problems it should be on our terms!**
 - Take Russia for example: In their Civil War, we supported the White Army because they stood for democracy. When it became clear that the Red Commies were going to win, we got out. No muss, no fuss!
 - If we were involved in the League of Nations at that time, they might have told us to keep sending troops even though the war was lost. **OR WORSE the League might have had us send troops to support the Commies! If commies take over those countries, we do their bidding!**

(SAVE FOR ACT 2)(To Lodge) Oh, Mr. Lodge, so now you think you know more than George Washington?! Why don't you run for President?

(To Wilson) I **am** literate, Mr. President. **Are you blind?!** Don't you know that communists are trying to take over the world? Your treaty could help them do it.