

THE IMPREGNABLE NORRIS.

Senator NORRIS of Nebraska has not denied the report that he declines Mr. WILSON'S invitation to come to the White House and confer with him about the League covenant. His refusal must give deep satisfaction to the Senator's admirers in Nebraska, among whom are included all the former or present admirers of Germany in that State. Why should Senator NORRIS be willing to hold counsel with the President, much less consent to receive information from him? Mr. NORRIS can look within his own bosom and find there all he needs to know. Was it not Mr. WILSON who persuaded the country to go into "war upon command of gold"? Was not Mr. NORRIS one of the undaunted few who refused "to do the bidding of wealth's terrible mandate" and "to put the dollar sign on the American flag"? Is not Mr. NORRIS just as good a judge of public opinion now as when he helped filibuster to death the Armed Ship bill and voted against the declaration of war?

Besides, an Arcadian statesman like Mr. NORRIS, lover of plain russet simplicity, would be shocked by the "splendor and gorgeousness" that, no doubt, prevail in the White House as they did in Mr. WILSON'S excursion among the crowned and uncrowned heads of Europe. "He used the money that came from millions of honest toilers," Mr. NORRIS was crying to the country a few weeks ago, "in a display of wealth and pomp never equaled by any king, monarch, or potentate, from the beginning of history." Is plain GEORGE NORRIS to allow himself to venture into the palace of a magnifico whose pomp outclasses Egyptian, Babylonian, Persian, and all other barbaric pearls and gold? Never. Gracefully and firmly he waves away the tempter and preserves himself from the soft Campanian brilliancy of the White House.

It is good to see that he is as wise about the League to keep the peace of the world as he was about the declaration of war.