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ORGANIZATION OF MIDDLE CLASS

Object is Protection From Wealth Aggression on One Hand and Wage Demands on the Other.

LONDON, March 21.—Members of the great middle class of England at last have taken steps to organize to protect their own interests against the aggressions of capital on the one hand and increasing wages of workmen on the other. Leaders of the middle class declare that only by organization can they escape an unfair share of the burdens of life.

English people of education and moderate incomes have felt for some time that they were being ground between the upper and nether millstones operating in the social mill. Profits of capitalists from war contracts have increased and the wages of workmen steadily advanced. But nobody had to have the services of the professional man, the small business man nor the school master. They felt that they simply made up a large part of the population whose public duty, it seemed, was to meet constantly increasing costs of living and tax rates without any corresponding increase in income. It was not until now that they summoned sufficient courage to give their protests weight by forming the nucleus of an organization with which both capital and labor may eventually have to reckon.

A preliminary meeting was held under the chairmanship of Major J. R. Protzman Newman, member of Parliament. It was decided to call the organization the "Middle Class Union." Among the purposes of the union are:

"To remove undue burdens upon the middle class, including the cost of living.

"To protect the middle class against bureaucratic and industrial tyranny.

"To combine for common protection of those members of the community who have no organization to safeguard their interests."

Letters appearing in support of the union show that many army officers and other soldiers are deeply interested in the movement. One soldier wrote:

"Unless we of the middle classes organize and combine to thwart and destroy the anarchical aggressions of certain communities in the industrial

world we will sooner or later be Bolshevized out of existence."

How the Middle Class Union will be received in the political field by the capitalists and the trade unions which now monopolize it, remains to be seen.

MEXICO MAY DECIDE TO ENTER LEAGUE

Resolutions in Senate Express Such Desire but Have Not Been Acted Upon or Debated.

MEXICO CITY, March 21.—There were made public Wednesday resolutions introduced in the Mexican senate, but not yet acted upon, in connection with the League of Nations project. One of the resolutions expressed "sympathy and admiration" for President Wilson, and the other declares the Mexican senate "wishes that the noble democratic proposals of President Wilson, which it admires and applauds, be realized, and manifests its desire that, if it has the opportunity, the Mexican republic form a part of the proposed League of Nations."

Thus far these resolutions have been the only expression available in any way indicating Mexico's stand relative to the proposed league. No official statements have been forth coming.

The resolution regarding the League of Nations was introduced December 13, just before the adjournment of the senate, upon the completion of the first half of the present session. Its appearance in print Wednesday was the first intimation that such action had been officially projected. The lack of a quorum was given as the reason the resolution was not acted upon.

The news article carrying the text of the resolution quoted Juan Sanchez Azcona, senator from the federal district and chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, as asserting that the majority of the senate favors the league and the participation of Mexico in it. Senor Azcona declares also, that, while he has no official ground for the statement, he is sure that the principles of the League of Nations are in line with the ideals maintained by President Carranza.

BOOM TRADE WITH MEXICO

Movement Started to Promote Markets in Neighbor Republic

CHICAGO, March 20.—Steps toward promoting an important volume of trade with Mexico were taken Wednesday at a conference of representatives of the Mississippi Valley association, the newly organized central body of chambers of commerce between the Allegheny and the Rocky mountains, the Chicago Association of Commerce and the New Orleans Association of Commerce.

It was decided to accept the invitation of President Carranza of Mexico to send a trade mission to the sister republic and to invite General Salvador Alvarado, who soon will head a trade mission to this country, to attend the first annual convention of the association here on April 23 and 24.

Strong efforts will be made to obtain the establishment by Mexican interests of a foreign trade headquarters office in the Mississippi valley.

CHIEF OF UNITED STATES GAS STAFF TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

NEW YORK, March 20.—Captain Reginald E. Taylor, chief of personnel of the gas staff, chemical division, U. S. A., with headquarters here, committed suicide here Wednesday by inhaling gas.

His wife assigned a nervous breakdown from overwork during the war as the reason for Captain Taylor's act. Captain Taylor was a regular army officer, having enlisted as a private during the Spanish-American war. He was about 40 years old.

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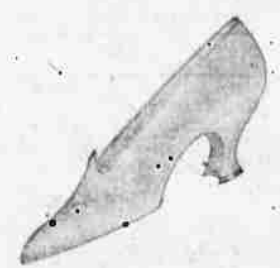
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