COVENANT DECIDING ISSUE, COX ASSERTS

Battle Now on Lines Drawn by Harding.

31 OPPONENTS ANSWERED

Governor Gets Rousing Reception in Ohio Cities and Thousands Cheer at Marion.

DETROIT, Mich., Oct. 15.—Governor Cox announced today that his campaign would be fought squarely upon the league of nations issue as drawn by Senator Harding in the latter's Des Moines, Ia., speech, in which the senator said he favored "staying out."

The governor's announcement was made in a statement replying to that issued by 31 prominent republicans, headed by Elihu Root, Herbert Hoover, Henry W. Taft and others, declaring their support of Senator Harding.

That he did not see how the 31 signers could support Mr. Harding consistently was asserted by Governor Cox here in an address at the auditorium. The governor's statement said:

"The gentlemen say 'the question is whether we shall join an agreement containing the exact provisions negotiated by President Wilson, or an agreement which omits or modifies some of its provisions.' It is to be inferred that anyone who stands for the covenant as adopted with or without reservations is friendly to the league, and that anyone who is against the covenant, with or without reservations, clearly is opposed to the league.

Senator's Words Recalled.

"Senator Harding in his Des Moines speech said: 'Governor Cox favors going into the league and I favor staying out. It is not interpretation, but rejection that I am seeking.' I leave the people of America to decide the case just as these gentlemen have presented it. I submit in answer the spoken words of Senator Harding. If these gentlemen do not accept what he has said to the American people, then it is past my understanding how they can, as a matter of ethics, advocate his candidacy.

"If, on the other hand, they do accept in good faith what he has said, then I cannot see how they can, as friends of the league, advocate his candidacy. They attempt to justify their most astonishing position on the theory that President Wilson was unbending in his attitude on the league. On that subject they say Mr. Wilson insisted upon the agreement absolutely unchanged. These gentlemen, upon reflection, must realize that this statement is not justified by the facts."

Citing the reservations offered by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, Governor Cox recounted that President Wilson had written Senator Hitchcock saying he could accept the reservations "as they stand."

Opponents Held Desperate.

In conclusion Governor Cox said:

"If things continue as they have been going for the last ten days, it will be a difficult matter to determine whether the people are more amused at Senator Harding himself or at the desperation of his sponsors. A frantic effort is being made to stem the tide of resentment. It is flowing in every community. The senatorial oligarchy has apparently drawn on its last reserves, and yet Mr. Root, pre-eminent and distinguished as he is, is unable to bolster up the wiggling and wobbling candidate. After a long period of vacillation the people have taken him at his spoken word at Des Moines and upon this the campaign will be fought from now on. Senator Harding is against the league, with or without reservations. Upon that we are willing to rest our case."

In his speech here tonight and also in a half dozen other cities in Ohio today Governor Cox continued his league preachments. A feature was a speech at Marion, O., the home of Senator Harding. Several thousand persons there and at other Ohio points cheered and applauded him. At Marion the governor made no personal reference to Mr. Harding.

Covenant Stands Alone.

Caustic reply was made by the governor at Carey, O., to Senator Harding's statement yesterday regarding printing of the league covenant. He said:

"Senator Harding refers to my charge that the republicans dare not print as a document the covenant of the league in order that the public might read it, by saying that the peace treaty runs into 80,000 words, but of course he knows the difference between the treaty and the covenant. The latter stands out separate and alone. The covenant requires less than four columns of space in a newspaper and yet the candidate for the presidency attempts to justify the conspiracy of silence by a clearly implied misrepresentation.

"He might as well have said that you couldn't print the 10 commandments without printing the entire Bible."

HARDING'S SCHEME SCOUTED

Proposed Substitute for League Vain, Declares Colby.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 15.—Members of the league of nations are prevented by article 20 of the covenant from entering into any association of nations such as has been proposed as a substitute for the league of nations by Senator Harding, Secretary Colby declared tonight in a speech here.

The league had vindicated itself as the foremost issue of the campaign, the speaker said. The democratic platform so described it, and, he added, the republicans had been forced to admit the fact.

Senators Borah and Johnson were described as "honest and outspoken adversaries of a league of nations" by Mr. Colby, who said they need not be reminded of section 20. "They know it is in the covenant of the league and they know that what Senator Harding says of some sort of an association of nations is void of meaning," he continued. "Borah and Johnson favor isolation. They have yielded themselves up so completely to their deluded reasoning or their insensate opposition to the democratic administration that they accept a dangerous and hateful isolation in the gretous work of a peaceful ordering of the world as an endurable position for the United States."

ANTI-LEAGUERS CHALLENGED

$25,000 Offered for Proof Pact Abridges U. S. Sovereignty.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Democratic national headquarters today announced that a cash prize of $25,000 had been offered by the pro-league independents to Senator Harding, Senator Johnson, Senator Borah, Speaker Lodge, Chairman Hays of the republican national committee or anybody else in the United States who could first prove that the league of nations would "abridge the sovereignty of America."

Professor Irving Fisher of Yale university, chairman of the pro-league independents, explained that under the terms of the offer essays must be received by mail or wire at 17 East Forty-first street, New York city, by October 22; that each member of a jury of 12 citizens would be appointed jointly by George White and Will H. Hays, chairman of the democratic and republican national committees—all to be republicans if desired by Mr. Hays; and that in case the jury was not unanimous half the prize still might be awarded, provided a majority of the jurors so voted.

"This announcement is intended for every newspaper in the United States," Professor Fisher said, "with the request that each newspaper publishing it send to the pro-league independents here a marked copy of the issue containing it so that the independents may report on how many newspapers of each party publish or fail to publish it.

"If Mr. Hays admits that such statements and notions are unproved, unprovable, untrue and absurd he is respectfully asked publicly so to state, and also to state publicly that he is requesting his speakers, press bureau and republican newspapers to cease making false statements."

SENATOR HARDING RECEIVES ONE OF THE STAGE'S GREATEST BEAUTIES.

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An interesting photograph taken on the famous Harding front porch, where a few days ago Lillian Russell (Mrs. Alexander P. Moore) called upon the presidential nominee and addressed a gathering in his behalf. Left to right—Alexander P. Moore, Mrs. Warren G. Harding, Lillian Russell and Senator Harding.

PONZI HELD INSOLVENT

DECISION ON FINANCIER IS MADE AT BOSTON.

Investors Who Sought 50 Per Cent Declared Seemingly Guilty of Usury, if Such Existed.

BOSTON, Oct. 15.—Charles Ponzi, whose international postal coupon scheme and offers of 50 per cent profits in 45 days collapsed two months ago, with millions of public investments tied up in it, was declared insolvent today.

While Mr. Ponzi was not to be classed in the same category with a robber and burglar, the decision said, he was undoubtedly a clever manipulator who took advantage of the credulity of the investing public which in this instance is the usurer. "The investors who loaned their money for a return of the principal and 50 per cent interest would seem themselves to be guilty of usury if such existed."

On the question of Ponzi's solvency, the referee said that both federal accountants who testified had said he had issued notes in excess of $14,000,000, and that his outstanding liabilities at or about the time of filing the petition were $6,948,267. To meet this liability one of the accountants submitted a list of assets showing the total of $2,195,685.

TIMBER ACTION DISMISSED

Right of U. S. to File Amended Complaint Upheld, However.

Because of a defect in the original complaint, Federal Judge Bean yesterday sustained the motion of attorneys for the Grand Ronde Lumber company to dismiss the civil action brought against it by the government for the recovery of a large tract of timber land.

In sustaining the motion to dismiss Judge Bean granted Assistant United States Attorney Veatch the right to file an amended complaint. The original complaint was defective, ruled Judge Bean, in that it did not show the relationship between the defendant company and the first Grand Ronde Lumber company, which went out of corporate existence in 1914. Mr. Veatch said that he drew the complaint under instructions from Washington which advised him that complete identification was unnecessary.

WHEAT SHOWS ADVANCE

FEAR OF CANADIAN EMBARGO CAUSES UPWARD TREND.

Other Midwest Grain Markets Report Rise Similar to Illinois City.

CHICAGO, Oct. 15.—After fluctuating through a narrow range several days, wheat on the Chicago board of trade today advanced sharply, reaching a point 13 cents a bushel higher than yesterday's close, and closing 9 to 10 cents above the yesterday market. Possibility that the request of Governor Allen that the president take steps to protect wheat raisers might bring an embargo on Canadian imports was given as one of the reasons for the rapid climb, shorts covering their commitments hurriedly. Large Canadian importations have been given as one of the reasons for continued recessions.

While October options at Winnipeg went above $2.43 and closed at $2.41, the December wheat option in Chicago was around the $2.18 mark. Difference in exchange has held the American price equivalent to the higher Canadian figures.

Other midwest grain markets showed increases similar to those recorded in Chicago, the December option closing at Kansas City at $2.12, 9 cents above yesterday's price, and at Minneapolis the same option went from $2.11 yesterday to $2.18 today.

WHITE PLAGUE ATTACKED

U. S. Experts to Try Oil Used Successfully Against Leprosy.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—Refined chaulmoogra oil, which experts of the government public health service say has arrested the progress of leprosy, will soon be used by them in the fight against tuberculosis. The experiments with tubercular patients will be conducted in Hawaii.

Dr. J. T. McDonald, superintending physician of the leprosy investigation station in Honolulu, with Dr. A. L. Dean, chemist and president of the University of Hawaii, will start the fight against tuberculosis, while continuing their work against leprosy.

Unofficial reports from Honolulu quote Dr. McDonald as saying that scientists at the University of California have discovered that the fatty acids of chaulmoogra oil are bactericidal to an acid-fat bacillus, in which class are the leprosy and tuberculosis bacilli.

SLAYING CHARGE DROPPED

Driver of Death Car and Passenger Both Fined $250 Each.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—The charge of manslaughter filed against Walter Lace, Seattle taxicab driver, following an automobile accident near Olympia, October 8, in which Walter Eyres Jr. of Seattle was instantly killed, was dismissed today by Prosecuting Attorney O'Leary.

Lace and Herbert Jansberg, the other passengers in the car at the time of the accident, were each fined $250 by Justice of the Peace Crosby on a charge of having intoxicating liquor in their possession.

Salmon Shipments Increased.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 15.—Salmon consignments at the Seattle port commission terminals today totalled 40,020 tons valued at $11,000,000, showing an increase of 44 per cent over last year's consignments, it was stated by Captain Inar A. Pederson, traffic manager. The commission has shipped 12,000 tons of salmon to date.

Democrats Populate Town.

NEW YORK, Oct. 15.—Every one of the 858 registered voters of the Mississippi town of Tupelo has contributed a dollar to the democratic national campaign fund, Wilbur W. Marsh, treasurer of the democratic national committee, announced today.

ARMY QUIZ TO BE HELD

Applicants to Be Examined for Entrance Into West Point.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Examinations for appointment to West Point will be held in Salem December 17, according to announcement made by Adjutant-General George A. White today. From among those taking these examinations Governor Olcott will select candidates to represent Oregon at the army school, two of whom will be chosen at the final examinations to be held some time in March of next year. The examining board is composed of Colonel C. E. Dentler, inspector-instructor of infantry; Major James S. Dusenbury, inspector-instructor of artillery, Oregon national guard, and J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction.

Each unit of Oregon will hold examinations to select candidates to participate in the state tests. Members of the guard who have served not less than 60 days and who have attended 50 per cent of the drills are eligible to take these examinations.

DIVORCE DECREE ALTERED

P. M. McDowell Gets Privilege of Visiting His Child.

Slight modifications were made yesterday by Presiding Judge Tazwell in a decree of divorce recently granted Mrs. Effie M. McDowell from P. M. McDowell. These will give the husband the privilege of visiting his child, whom he recently was said to have "kidnaped."

Suit for a divorce was started in September, 1919, by McDowell and was answered by a cross-complaint charging cruelty. The couple effected a reconciliation and lived together a short time. Then the wife charged her husband had kidnaped their child. Mrs. McDowell then obtained a divorce by default, basing it on the cross-complaint she had never withdrawn. Efforts to serve papers on McDowell failed. Mrs. McDowell then took action to make secure her custody of the child, which had been awarded her in the decree.

Steamer Service to Astoria.

O.-W. R. R. & N. steamers now leave Portland, Ainsworth dock, 8 P. M. daily except Saturday, arrive Astoria 6 A. M. No boat from Portland on Saturday night. Returning, leave Astoria 7 P. M., daily except Sunday, instead of 7 A. M.—Adv.

Ashland Hears Stanfield.

ASHLAND, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—R. N. Stanfield, republican candidate for United States senator, made a short talk here this noon regarding his candidacy at an informal luncheon tendered him by members of the Ashland republican club.

KRAMER REPORTED READY TO RESIGN

Prohibition Commissioner Is Said to Be in Quandary.

PROBLEMS ARE MANIFOLD

Funds Short for Enforcement and Violations Appear to Be Increasing in Number.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Reports were circulated here today that Prohibition Commissioner Kramer is getting ready to throw up his job. Mr. Kramer was out of town and could not be seen for a verification or denial of the report. Leading drys expressed the belief there was nothing to it.

Mr. Kramer has had his hands full ever since he undertook the enforcement of prohibition. Congress, which a few months before had passed the drastic Volstead act, refused last winter to allow enough money for its enforcement. Mr. Kramer has been short of funds and short of men while bootlegging has been on the increase and the problems generally of keeping the country dry have become more and more perplexing.

The drys do not believe Mr. Kramer will quit as long as he has hopes of getting financial aid in his fight to keep the country dry.

Recommendations to Be Made.

Next session legislation will be recommended for blocking up the loopholes in the Volstead act. Many have been discovered since its enforcement was begun. Among the recommendations will be:

One hundred per cent increase in the field force and in the appropriation for enforcement.

Purchase of intoxicating liquors in bond to be concentrated in central warehouses for dispensing as needed for legal purposes.

Limit the issuance of wholesale permits for manufacturing and sale.

Appointment of all officers from Washington in order to keep prohibition machinery out of local politics.

More rigid passport restrictions and laws for stopping the illicit manufacture of whisky.

Lively Issue Expected.

With the drys clamoring for more rigid enforcement of the law next session of congress is likely to find the prohibition question quite as lively an issue as has been presented at the capitol since the 18th amendment was adopted.

The anti-saloon league wants some definitions of misconduct in office to enable them to go after judges who are regarded as lax in enforcing the laws. Several complaints have been made that the federal courts are not strict enough in their punishment of the violators.

Smuggling into the United States of liquors is a big problem. "Uncle Joe" Cannon once said it would take all the army and navy to stop the smugglers. Liquor smuggling has been a big problem in the Norfolk district. To prevent whisky being slipped out of bonded warehouses prohibition officials have a new plan. They will require distillers hereafter to verify permits for withdrawal before whisky can be taken from a warehouse. This is to get around what is believed to be an extensive practice of forging withdrawal permits.

The distiller or keeper of the warehouse will be required to communicate with the state prohibition director and ascertain the exact amount that may be withdrawn under permits that are presented.

Large amounts of bootleg whisky in the cities at low prices are thought to be traceable to forged permits.

Beck Pleads Not Guilty.

SALEM, Or., Oct. 15.—(Special.)—Truxton Beck, arrested recently on a charge of shooting John Frohmader, entered a plea of not guilty in the justice court here today. In default of bail he was committed to the county jail pending a preliminary hearing next Monday. Beck was arrested in Portland, where he was engaged in operating a for-hire automobile. The alleged shooting occurred last January.

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Misses' Mercerized Lisle Hose, in cordovan, white, black	50¢ to 75¢
Boys' Cotton Ribbed Hose, pair	45¢ to 75¢
Boys' Cotton Ribbed, No-Mend Hose, double knee, pair	65¢ to 75¢
Women's Cotton Burson Hose, pair	50¢
Women's Mercerized Lisle Hose, outsizes, pair	60¢ and 75¢
Women's Mercerized Lisle Hose, pair	65¢ and 75¢
Women's Mercerized Lisle Hose, full fashioned, pair	$1.25
Women's Wool Hose in brown, blue red, blue orange and green heather, pair	$2.00
Women's Worsted Sport Hose in gray, navy and green heather, pair	$4.00

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Palm Olive Soap 10c, 3 for	25¢
Creme Oil Soap 10c, 3 for	25¢
Mennen's Shaving Cream	25¢
Nadine Flesh Soap	25¢
Pears' Unscented Soap 17c, 3 for	50¢
Stork Castile Soap 20c, 3 for	50¢
Violet Glycerine Soap	10¢
Sepol Shampoo	50¢
Mulsified Cocoanut Oil	49¢
Beriaults Hair Bitters	$2.00
Romida Hair Grower	$1.50
Pebeco Tooth Paste	39¢
Pepsodent Tooth Paste	45¢
Kolynos Tooth Paste	25¢
Keep Clean Tooth Paste	15¢
Santiseptic Lotion	45¢
Tevela Cream	50¢
Mavis Talcum	25¢
Nadine Talcum	25¢
Air Float Talcum	10¢
Colgates Talcum (small)	10¢
Sylvan Talcum	15¢, 2 for 25¢
Pompeian Fragrance Talcum	25¢
Aspirin Tablets (box of 12)	15¢
Listerine	23¢, 45¢, 85¢
Lavoris	25¢
Boradent Mouth Wash	50¢
Mentholatum	23¢ and 45¢
Mustard Cerate	23¢
Squibbs' Mineral Oil	$1.00, 6 for $5.00
No. 2 Fountain Syringe	98¢
Gem Razor Blades	39¢
Gillette Razor Blades	39¢
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