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## HARDING REPLIES TO WILSON QUERY

### French 'Spokesmen' Are Sent, Senator Says.

## ACTION WHOLLY INFORMAL

### International Proprietries Held Not Violated.

## PERSONAL RAP ANSWERED

### President's Reference to "Private Citizen" Brings Retort From Republican Nominee.

MARION, O., Oct. 18.—In reply to an inquiry from President Wilson, Senator Harding wrote the White House tonight that although France had sent her "spokesmen" to him informally asking America to lead the way for an association of nations, the incident had not involved the French government in any violation of international proprieties.

The senator declared that in his reference to the subject in a speech at Greenacres, Ind., recently, he only had sought to convey the thought that there had come to him "those who spoke a sentiment which they represented to be very manifest among the French people." He added that his words "could not be construed to say that the French government had sent anybody to me."

Referring to Mr. Wilson's suggestion of impropriety in a foreign nation approaching "a private citizen" on such a subject, Senator Harding pointed out that he is a member of the senate foreign relations committee as well as a nominee for the presidency, and suggested that "an informal expression to me is rather more than that to a private citizen."

## Notes Disclose Errors

The president's letter had not purported to use the exact words of the Greenacres speech, but had repeated a paraphrase in which "a representative" was used in place of the plural "spokesmen." This representative had been used in the transcript of the official stenographer as made public on the senator's train in Indiana, the copy given to newspaper correspondents reading "France has sent her spokesmen to me."

Senator Harding said he had not had occasion to revert to the stenographer's notes until the president's letter raised the point. He then ascertained, he said, that notes and the transcript prepared on the train did not agree and that, although he had said "her spokesmen," the published reports of the speech had been incorrect in using the words "her spokesmen."

## Quotation Not Exact

The text of Senator Harding's letter, sent in reply to one from President Wilson asking whether the senator had been correctly quoted in his Greenacres speech, follows:

"Dear Mr. President: I have before me a press copy of your letter to me of this date, though I am not in receipt of the original copy. I am glad to make a prompt reply.

"It is very gratifying that you hesitate to draw inferences without my assurance that I am correctly quoted. The quotation as reported in your letter is not exact. The notes of the stenographer reporting my remarks quote me as saying: 'France has sent her spokesmen to me, informally asking America in its new realization of the situation to lead the way for an association of nations.'

## 10-CENT COFFEE HELD 1900 PER CENT PROFIT

### RESTAURANTS ACCUSED OF MAKING HUGE GAINS.

## PEACE ORGANIZATION TARGET

### Envoy Is Declared Busy Now, Seeking German Entry.

## SENATE PROBE RESUMED

### Confidential Letters of Enforcement Unit Are Introduced at Campaign Hearing.

BOSTON, Oct. 18.—Restaurant keepers were called on by United States Attorney Daniel J. Gallagher at an open hearing today to "explain away if possible the conviction in the mind of the public that you are gouging them in the prices charged for food," said they could not reduce prices at this time. As a consequence the federal attorney announced that he intended "to find some way to give persons charging excessive prices a chance to satisfy a court and jury on their charges."

Ham sandwiches that cost 62 cents and sold for 30 cents, a profit of 398 per cent; rolls which showed a profit of 300 per cent, and pie, costing 46 to 48 cents, which sold for \$1.40, figured in the items which the attorney made the subject of questions.

Other items which he thought required an explanation included alleged profits running to 1900 per cent on vegetables, sale of corn at 40 cents a can, coffee at 10 cents a cup and pie at 20 cents a cut.

NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—A flat 50 per cent reduction in the prices of printed materials to the cutting and jobbing trades was announced by selling agents of a well-known line today.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 18.—Retail dealers throughout the country will sell clothes at cost this fall, Andrea Burkhardt of Cincinnati, president of the National Association of Retail Clothiers, declared tonight.

"Rightfully or wrongfully, the public is determined to get lower prices," said Mr. Burkhardt. "Consequently the dealers have determined to forget all about profits and sell their commodity at cost."

"Dealers are not taking this action from fear of panic or necessity for quick turnover in money. It is simply because the country is passing through a temporary period of deflation and the good will of the people must be retained."

## PICKFORD CASE GOES OVER

### Action to Dissolve Divorce of Actress Again Postponed.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 18.—Preliminary argument in the case of the state of Nevada against Gladys M. Moore, known otherwise as Gladys M. Fairbanks or Mary Pickford, motion-picture actress, and her ex-husband, Oswald Moore, motion-picture actor, to dissolve the divorce obtained by Mrs. Fairbanks in Minden has been postponed for a second time, attorneys for Mrs. Fairbanks announced here today.

It was to have been heard on Saturday, November 6, after having been set over from Saturday, October 5. No new date has been set yet, it was announced here.

Argument will be on a motion to quash the action brought by the attorney-general to have the divorce invalidated.

## PUNCH BOARDS MUST GO

### Spokane Chief of Police Orders Confiscation of Devices.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 18.—The confiscation of all punchboards was ordered today by Chief of Police for as a step in the campaign recently launched in this city against gambling.

The punchboards, upon which are paper numbers that are punched out and used in the selling of merchandise, were ordered put away some time ago, according to Chief Weir, but numerous complaints have been received that they are again being used.

## FILLING STATION ROBBED

### Unmasked Man Reported to Have Obtained \$60 in Cash.

A. E. Moon, clerk in charge of the Standard Oil filling station at Sixth and Main streets, was held up last night by an unmasked man and robbed of about \$60 cash and some gasoline scrip. The robber entered the station as Moon was closing up for the night.

Moon described the robber as about 25 years old, 5 feet 10 inches tall and weighing about 150 pounds. He wore a dark brown suit and a light brown cap and carried an automatic pistol.

## DESERTER GETS 15 YEARS

### \$36,051 Embezzled; Wilson Confirms Dismissal From Army.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—President Wilson has confirmed the sentence of dismissal from service and 15 years' imprisonment at hard labor imposed by court-martial upon John C. Gottenskiend, second lieutenant of the 5th field artillery.

He was convicted of deserting his command at Neuhaus, Germany, in June, 1919, after embezzling \$36,051 of military funds.

## REDS RECAPTURE MINSK

### Bolshevik Report Poles to Have Abandoned City.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—The bolsheviks have recaptured Minsk, which, according to their official communiqué issued today, the Poles have abandoned.

The bolshevik troops, under pressure, however, are retiring to new positions in the Slutsk-Polesia regions.

## LAW VIOLATION LAID TO TAFT LEAGUERS

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ST. LOUIS, Mo., Oct. 18.—Scores of confidential letters from the files of the League to Enforce Peace, of which William Howard Taft is president, were introduced into the records of the senate committee investigating campaign expenditures here late today. Names of a number of prominent bankers were mentioned.

Dom I. Hunt, attorney for the committee that investigated the activities of the league, reported that "in my estimation" officials of the league have violated the Logan act, passed January 20, 1899, which prohibits American citizens carrying on negotiations with foreign governments or their agents regarding disputes or controversies without the permission of the United States. The act carries a penalty, upon conviction, of fines of not more than \$5000 and imprisonment of from six months to three years.

Agent Sent to New York.

The senate committee sent Hunt to New York several days ago to investigate the activities of the League to Enforce Peace.

"Hunt conducted an inquiry for five days in the league's offices there; read all the correspondence in its files and examined employes and officers of the organization.

"His report, a voluminous document embracing copies of all letters which he thought had a bearing on the campaign expenditures investigation, was presented today.

"The senate committee met here today to complete its investigation of the pre-convention campaign in Missouri and adjourned to meet again some time after the election. Before adjourning, telegrams were dispatched to the chairmen of the republican and democratic national, senatorial and congressional committees, directing them to file com-

## FIVE-YEAR SEARCH ON FOR MISSING LINK

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## ITALIAN REDS REPULSED

### Radicals Routed by Soldiers in Clash Near Rome.

### ROME, Oct. 18.—Anarchists today attacked the Aurelian fort, situated a few miles from Rome.