

WILSON IS ISOLATED; HARDING ONLY HOPE

Hearing Declared Denied to European Envoys.

STATEMENT IS SHOCK

Advances of French Representatives Reported Recognition by Europe of Change.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 18.—Senator Harding's statement that he had been approached unofficially by France on the issue of a slight breach, but that the French ambassador, it is asserted, has consulted Senator Lodge and several other senators relative to some method of establishing order out of the present international chaos.

Envoys Kept From President.

It is true that under diplomatic etiquette it may look like some one has been guilty of a slight breach, but if so, there will be a disposition to excuse it on the grounds that the president has for months denied himself to the representatives of foreign governments. On top of this, it will be pointed out that the foreign diplomats have been compelled in dealing with the state department to confer with a secretary of state new to the job and wholly without experience in diplomatic functioning.

To some diplomats dealing with the state department it is declared by critics of the administration has been about as unsatisfactory as all that could be expected to get an audience at the White House. It will be recalled that with Dr. Grayson, White House physician, and Secretary Tammily declaring through out all of last winter that Mr. Wilson was rapidly recovering and was feeling fit as a fiddle, Viscount Greyton was dispatched here on a special ambassadorial mission, returned to England without being allowed to see the president.

Wilson Approach Held Useless.

European nations, it is said, are no less wise to what is going to happen on November 2 than are the people of the United States. They appreciate, it is asserted, the futility of further negotiations with Mr. Wilson and, they say to themselves, why confer with the state department when only a few months ago a secretary of state who was familiar with all the details of what went on in Paris was summarily dismissed from office for attempting to function in the president's absence?

This government is at a standstill. President Wilson is unable to act if he would and the election two weeks off is expected to show them that the people of this country reaffirm their expression of two years ago, when they rejected the administration in the congressional elections.

Democratic Defeat Sensed.

It takes time to do big things and it is no surprise here that representatives of foreign governments should be starting unofficial negotiations with the leaders of the party which is expected to take the reins of government next March.

European nations, with the possible exception of only one or two, are said to have lost hope of ever bringing the United States to subscribe to the present league of nations covenant. These nations appreciate that the manner in which Mr. Wilson engineered the matter for the United States and the secrecy which he undertook to throw around the negotiations at Paris have caused such widespread suspicion and distrust among the people of the United States that some kind of a new start will be demanded.

HARDING MAKES REPLY

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government has maintained that great respect for your position to which I myself subscribe.

With great respect, I am,
"Very truly,
"WARREN G. HARDING."

WILSON QUIZZES HARDING

Facts Regarding "Approach" of French Representative Sought.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—President Wilson took steps today to ascertain whether the French government had given authority to a representative of France to approach Senator Harding "informally" with the request that the republican presidential nominee take the lead in the formation of an association of nations.

The White House also made public the text of a letter addressed to Senator Harding by President Wilson inquiring as to the correctness of a statement attributed to the senator in a dispatch, dated St. Louis, October 16, in which he was quoted as having said he had been so approached.

"I need not point out to you," the president wrote, "the grave and extraordinary inferences to be drawn from such a statement, namely, that the government of France, which is a member of the league of nations, approached me and that I, who am not a member of the league, with a request that the United States lead the world to fraternity."

Neither officials at the White House nor at the state department would comment on the nature of the inquiry directed to the French government. It was understood, however, that the note was transmitted by the state department to the French government through Ambassador Wallace in Paris. At the French embassy it was stated that no such communication had been received there for transmission.

Secretary Tammily said that no reply had been received by the White House either from Senator Harding or the French government. Declaring that the state department "had always found the government of France most honorably mindful of its international obligations and punctiliously careful to observe all the proprieties of international intercourse," the president wrote that he hesitated "to draw the inference to which I have referred unless I am assured by you that you actually made the statement."

The letter of the president to Senator Harding follows:
"Eighteenth of October, 1920.—My Dear Sir: In the New York Times of

October 17, 1920, I find a statement dated St. Louis, October 16, which purports to report certain utterances of yours. In it occurs the following:

"Replying to criticisms of his proposal for an association of nations, he said in a rear platform speech at Greencastle, Ind., that he already had been approached 'informally' by a representative of France, who asked that the United States lead the way to a world fraternity."

"I write to ask if this is a correct quotation and if you really said what is attributed to you. I need not point out to you the grave and extraordinary inferences to be drawn from such a statement, namely, that the government of France, which is a member of the league of nations, approached a private citizen of a nation which is not a member of the league, with a request that the United States lead the way to a world fraternity."

"The department of state has always found the government of France honorably mindful of its international obligations and punctiliously careful to observe all the proprieties of international intercourse. I hesitate to draw the inferences to which I have referred unless I am assured by you that you actually made the statement."

"Very truly yours,
"WOODROW WILSON."

FRONT PORCH CROWDS BIG

HUNDREDS FAIL TO GET CLOSE ENOUGH TO HEAR.

Harding Asks Women Voters Not to Segregate Themselves Into Party of Their Own.

MAHON, O., Oct. 18.—The long succession of political pilgrimages to Senator Harding's front porch reached a high tide today in a gathering that defied the weather and a block away and hundreds were unable to go close enough to hear the nominee's speech on the obligations of the American voter.

Delegations from many states and representing many special groups were in the crowd, which passed the Harding residence shouting and singing and greeted the candidate and his wife with an uproar of political enthusiasm. More than a score of bands marched with the paraders and serenaded the nominee for two hours after his address, while he and Mrs. Harding shook hands with a stream of visitors.

The senator's speech, largely devoted to a discussion of the obligations of the American voter, was addressed particularly to those who are to exercise the ballot this year for the first time. He pronounced use of the franchise a duty as well as a privilege and urged that the two-party system be preserved as the most practical means of securing efficient government. New women voters he asked especially to segregate themselves in a party of their own.

MACSWINEY IS WORSE

Bulletin Reports Lord Mayor's Condition to Have Changed.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—The condition of Lord Mayor MacSwiney has taken a change for the worse, it was announced in a bulletin issued by the Irish secessionist league at 5 o'clock tonight.

In an earlier bulletin the league said a doctor told MacSwiney that his condition was becoming more precarious. When MacSwiney becomes unconscious, the doctor was said to have declared he would feel bound to do all he could to save the lord mayor's life and would feed him as far as he could while he was unconscious. MacSwiney was quoted as saying that if any attempt was made to feed him under such conditions he would again begin his hunger strike as soon as he revived.

500 KANSAS MINERS OUT

"Vacation" Involves Two Coal Mines in State.

PITTSBURG, Kan., Oct. 18.—Five hundred Kansas coal miners began a "vacation" today.

MISSING LINK SOUGHT

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must have lived approximately 500,000 years ago.

"With the exception of the Java specimens, all fossil human fragments have been discovered in continental Europe or England. Nevertheless, the leading scientists of the day believe that Asia was the early home of the human race and that whatever light may be thrown upon the origin of man will come from the great central Asian plateau."

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REPUBLICAN LOSSES NOT BOURBON GAINS

Slight Ebbing of Strength Due to Waning Interest.

TIDE UNLIKELY TO TURN

As Sentiment Is Today, So It Will Be on Election Day, Is Prediction of Sullivan.

BY MARK SULLIVAN
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—It is hard to conceive that the election will be materially affected by anything happening between now and November 2.

Elections, or at least one presidential election, has turned on an event that occurred during the last two weeks, but no such thing is likely to happen this year. As it stands today, so will it go on election day. Undoubtedly there is a slight ebbing away from republican strength, which was at high tide three weeks ago. This is due not so much to democratic gains as to republican loss of interest. Elections are largely a matter of crowd psychology and it is hard to keep the interest of the crowd at top pitch for five weeks.

Campaign Too Ripe.

The republican campaign ripened too early. It is like a crowd in a theater. If a play were so constructed as to come to a climax at the end of the second act, with the plot all clear and the outcome easily apparent, under such circumstances it would be difficult to keep the crowd in the theater and their interest on the stage during the last two acts.

In one section of the country this ebbing of strength is enough to turn what might have been several republican victories into genuinely doubtful fits. The republican claims about the border states and the south have been beyond what the facts have justified at any time.

Daniels Laughs at Assertion.

The republicans have talked about carrying North Carolina. I have made a survey of that state. I asked Josephus Daniels about it, and he laughed in a way that seemed to me to have evidential value. I don't think the republicans will carry Tennessee either or even come close to carrying it.

But undoubtedly there was at one time, and to some extent still is a condition in Tennessee that justifies the republicans in expecting to do better than ever before. There are several elements in it, but one of the most substantial is quiet disaffection of a good many democratic business men, large and small. They disapproved of many features of Wilson's administration.

The other day I overheard a southern business man, who had been whipped between the falling price of cotton and the rising price of coal, say to his neighbor: "If you make money, you're a profiteer and the government prosecutes you and takes it away from you. If you lose money, what are you? A loafer who does the government give it back to you?"

WHERE WAS THAT QUAKE?

Jolt 350 Miles From Chicago Reported East of Seattle.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—An earthquake shock starting at 3:24 A. M. today



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and continuing at 9 A. M. was recorded on the seismograph at the University of Chicago. C. A. Donnell, in charge of the bureau said the quake was of moderate intensity, about 5350 miles from Chicago.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 18.—An earthquake shock of moderate intensity, beginning at 3:40 A. M. today and continuing to 5:15, was recorded on the seismograph of the University of Washington. Dean Henry Landes, in charge of the laboratory, said the shock probably centered at a distant point almost due east of Seattle.

AIR INSPECTOR ON DUTY

Everything That Goes Up Is New Official's Charge.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 18.—George H. Harrison today entered on his duties as air traffic inspector here, under appointment from the newly organized county air commission.

Everything that goes up in the air, including kites, will be his charge.

MAN SLAIN; WIFE IS HELD

Body of Mate Is Found Wrapped in Blanket on Bed in Home.

EASTLAND, Tex., Oct. 18.—With the throat cut and head crushed with an ax, the body of Will Dunn was found wrapped in a blanket on a bed at his home last night.

His wife was placed under arrest.

Whey-Fed Hogs Top Market.

A carload of hogs fattened on whey, a by-product of cheese, topped the Portland market yesterday at the union stockyards. The shipment was consigned to the yards by Rudolph Zweifel, who operates a cheese factory at Mohler, Tillamook county, Oregon. The carload contained 83 hogs, averaging 200 pounds each. This is the second carload of hogs sent to Portland by Mr. Zweifel within a month.

Banker's Conviction Stands.

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and declares that the charges against him that he sold \$10,000 worth of notes under fraudulent representations were framed up.

prame court today refused to review the case of Charles B. Munday, former banker of Chicago, convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to an indeterminate penitentiary term. Munday was vice-president of the defunct La Salle Street Trust & Savings bank, of which former Senator William Lorimer was president.

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