

## ATTEMPT TO TRAP HARDING FAILURE

### Cox's Naming Frenchman Branded as Trick.

## ACQUAINTANCE IS DENIED

### Republican Chief Issues De Kobra Statement.

## "COACHING" IS SCENTED

### Journalist Traveling With Ohio Governor's Party Declared Expected to Make Advances.

MARION, O., Oct. 19.—An unsuccessful attempt by Governor Cox to trap Senator Harding was charged in a statement by Harding headquarters tonight in response to suggestions by the democratic nominee that Mr. Harding had conferred with Maurice de Kobra, French journalist, regarding the French attitude toward the league of nations.

The statement, issued over the signature of Judson C. Welliver, headquarters director of publicity, said that Senator Harding never had heard of De Kobra until today, though the latter had made an unsuccessful effort to see him in Indianapolis last Friday.

Harding Declines Discussion. "Therefore," continued the statement, "when Senator Harding on the next day at Greenacres, Ind., made his casual observation about France having sent a spokesman to him in regard to anything further in regard to his attendance at Greenacres. He indicated that with his reply to President Wilson's letter he was inclined to regard the incident as closed and that he did not intend to reveal the identity of his informants or any other details of the 'informal' advice he received.

Harding to Start Tour. Senator Harding will leave tomorrow morning for Indianapolis on a speaking trip outside his own state. He will reach Jackson, O., in time to make an afternoon speech at a republican barbecue there, and on the following day will speak at Rochester and Buffalo, N. Y.

Mr. Welliver's statement follows: "In his speech at Rochester, N. Y., last night, Governor Cox is reported as saying in reference to Senator Harding's statement that 'spokesman from France' had informally asked that America should lead the way for an association of nations: 'I dare Senator Harding to tell America publicly whether or not the representative of France was Maurice De Kobra of Paris.

"If this be true and I have strong reasons for believing it, I wish to remind you of Senator Harding's oft-repeated assurance that he intended to take counsel always with others. We have here a statement of the kind of counsel he will seek in connection with international affairs. Monsieur De Kobra appears to be a fine gentleman, but he is a humorist and in his own behalf I doubt if he would say he is profound in international affairs."

Cox Held Victim of Ova Trap. "Governor Cox has fallen into a neat little trap that had been set for Senator Harding. Senator Harding never saw M. de Kobra and never heard of him until today. The facts about this pleasant little conspiracy are briefly these:

On Friday night last, a few minutes after Senator Harding's train had arrived at Indianapolis, M. de Kobra came to me at the Severin hotel, introducing himself as the correspondent of La Liberté of Paris and asked that an audience with Senator Harding be arranged. I declined to do so. Mr. de Kobra became insistent. He said he had been traveling with Governor Cox's party and having secured the Cox viewpoint on international matters, was now desirous of an interview with Senator Harding in order that he might present the republican side of the matter. He was very insistent upon seeing Senator Harding and seeing him immediately. I finally told him it was impossible.

M. de Kobra did not, at that time, say any other, even speak to Senator Harding. Senator Harding was not informed of M. de Kobra's importunities; indeed never saw or met him at any time. Monsieur De Kobra was evidently expected by Governor Cox to obtain an interview with Senator Harding and to say certain things to him.

Therefore, when Senator Harding

## SPOKANE BANK HELD UP BY LONE ROBBER

### LOOT IS \$200—THOUSANDS IN BIG BILLS OVERLOOKED.

### Cashier, Bookkeeper and Vice-President Are Locked in Vault at Point of Gun.

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 19.—A lone robber who entered the Union Park bank, in an outlying industrial district of the city, shortly before closing time this afternoon, ordered Cashier Anderson and two other employees into the vault and escaped with \$200 in small bills, which he scooped from the counter. He overlooked several hundred dollars in bills of larger denominations, bank officials said, evidently having been nervous.

Today's robbery was the third time within the last three years that the bank has been held up in similar manner.

The robber approached Cashier Anderson and asked to buy a draft, giving the name of Myers. While the cashier was preparing the draft away from the window a burglar alarm, Miss Glenna Lee, bookkeeper, was carrying books into the vault and L. D. Means, vice-president, stepped outside the cage to lock the front door.

At this point the robber produced a gun and forced the three persons into the vault, which he locked. They effected their escape shortly after he had left the building and gave the alarm.

Alleged perpetrators of previous robberies of the bank are serving sentences in prison. Cashier Anderson and Miss Lee were forced into the vault on the occasion of the last preceding robbery.

## PRINCE SLOW TO MARRY

### Heir to English Throne Determined Not to Be Rushed.

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LONDON, Oct. 19.—(Special cable.)—An editorial in the Times, which has attracted much attention, advocating the marriage of the Prince of Wales to an English girl, is said at Buckingham palace to have no special significance though its purport is approved there. The prince, according to his friends, is in no hurry to marry and is determined not to be rushed into matrimony for merely public or political reasons. What he needs most just now, as it is plain to any one who has seen him, is absolute rest from all public occupations, and it is said that the queen is resolved he shall have it.

His next brother, the Duke of York, is said to be a mislaid rumor, the young lady picked for him being the granddaughter of Sir Ernest Cassel, Miss Edwina Ashley, one of the richest heiresses in England. She is also pretty, but whether her German strain would please public opinion is questionable.

## GUTTER QUENCHES THIRST

### Imbibers Take Copious Draughts as Liquor Is Confiscated.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 19.—Wine was drunk from the gutter in front of the federal building here today when 800 gallons of various vintages flowed in the streets under the direction of deputy United States marshals. The pouring out of the fluid took place during the sixeta hour of the Mexican colony. When the banned liquid began to run into the street, Mexicans with a few American imbibers, surrounded the truck from which the wine was descending and gathered up the output in tobacco cans, cups and bottles. Several were observed to swallow copious draughts. Police officers took the containers from others and returned the contents to the gutter.

No arrests were made.

## J. C. WILSON IS SUICIDE

### Resident of Forest Grove Kills Self on University Campus.

FOREST GROVE, Ore., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—John C. Wilson, a well-known citizen of this place, committed suicide at Pacific University campus here some time during Saturday night. He left a note saying the act was done because of ill health. The body was found Sunday about noon after a party had been out all morning. There was a revolver by his side.

He was about 60 years old and leaves a widow, three sons and a daughter, who has been a resident of this community for many years.

## RENT LAW HELD LEGAL

### Protection of Homes in Power of Police When Emergency Exists.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Supreme Court Justice Edward R. Finch, in the Bronx, today handed down a decision holding that New York's new rent laws are constitutional. He said protection of homes is within the police power of the state when a public emergency exists.

The decision was reached in an election proceeding brought by a landlord who desired use of premises upon which the lease expired October 1.

## WILSON FALLIBLE, SAYS ELIHU ROOT

### Control of Abstract Justice Questioned.

## TREATY FLAWS DISCLOSED

### President Held Main Obstruction to Ratification.

## ARTICLE 10 DISAPPROVED

### America, Says ex-Secretary, Should Not Undertake to Carry Out Proposed Big Contract.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—Elihu Root, in his only address on the league of nations during the presidential campaign, tonight declared that the treaty of peace with Germany would have been ratified and America would have been a member of the league—if President Wilson "had been willing."

"Mr. Wilson, however, was not willing," he insisted upon the treaty, absolutely unchanged. Mr. Root said, adding later in his speech, "I do not question Mr. Wilson's belief that the disposition of the treaty or which he was contending on May 31, 1919, was just and fair, but, without disrespect, I doubt Mr. Wilson's infallibility. I doubt the complete control of abstract justice in the process by which the four men who dictated those treaties, which undertook to make over eastern Europe, reached their conclusions.

Mistakes Quite Possible. "I have an impression that there was the accommodation of conflicting interests; the giving of something here to get something there; the yielding of some things in order to avoid losing others; the shading of justice by expediency which is characterized such conferences since history began. I have a strong impression that some of their conclusions were mistakes.

"And I think it most objectionable that the American people should enter into a solemn and positive agreement to guarantee and maintain by force of arms for all time the dispositions of territory and sovereignty which these four men made in the year 1919.

"That is a part of what article 10 undertakes to do."

## HARDING'S STAND INDORSED

Mr. Root declared that "we shall promote the peace of the world" by electing Senator Harding president.

Who stand on the league, he said, was unchanged from the time he voted for ratification of the peace treaty and league of nations with the senators.

## HANGING IN PLAY FATAL

### Lad Killed Accidentally While Parents Attend Funeral.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 19.—"Playing hanging" proved fatal yesterday to Charles Wells, 11-year-old son of Sam Wells of Eudora, Ark. A rope placed under the boy's arms by several companions as part of a game of "co boys" and "highwaymen," slipped, caught under his chin and strangled him.

The victim's parents were attending a funeral.

## EX-ELECTOR DESERTS WILSON FOR HARDING

### EX-REPRESENTATIVE WOOTEN OF TEXAS QUITS PARTY.

### Prominent Democrat, Now in Washington, Pledges Support to Harding Ticket.

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Dudley G. Wooten, ex-democratic member of congress from Texas, and for many years prominent in the democratic party in Washington, has joined the Harding-Coolidge club of King county.

Wooten came to Seattle in 1903 and entered the practice of law. He had held many high political offices in Texas under democratic regimes, among them those of prosecuting attorney and district judge, as well as being a member of the Texas legislature. He was a presidential elector on the democratic ticket in 1912, and sat in congress from 1901 to 1903.

"I dislike having to turn my back on the old party now, but when it comes to the respect and support of thousands of conservative democrats who are opposed to all that Wilsonism represents.

"I am going to vote for Governor Hart because I believe that he represents Americanism and stands for the preservation and integrity of our country. I know Robert Bridges and count him a personal friend, but in this campaign he is in with the wrong crowd as I view it and I believe that in this political crisis a vote cast for Judge Black is a vote thrown away.

It is my belief that thousands of level-headed democrats will vote for Governor Hart next month believing that the fight is between him and Bridges, with Bridges representing the radical elements in the state."

Wooten supported Woodrow Wilson in 1912 and was a personal friend and political adviser of the late Governor Wister.

## CHEAPER PAPER VISIONED

### Press Association Official Sees Signs of Easier Market.

CHICAGO, Oct. 19.—Fifty-five new members were voted into the Inland News Association today. The membership of the association now is 250.

The report of a committee appointed to investigate the newspaper situation was read by H. J. Page of Waterbury, Conn., chairman, who stated that indications are promising of a "softening market."

Imported paper, the supply of which from Sweden and Germany is increasing, can be sold for only 6 cents a pound and is of slightly better quality than domestic grades selling at 12 cents, the report said.

## 30 STATES FOR HARDING

### Republicans Predicted to Carry All of North and Break Into South.

NEW YORK, Oct. 19.—At least 30 states will be carried by Harding and Coolidge in the November election, C. C. Bone, director of publicity of the republican national committee, predicted today.

"This means that the republicans will carry all the north and break into the south," he said.

## 30-CENT SANDWICH TO BE INVESTIGATED

### SALE AT FIVE TIMES COST IS ORDERED PROBED.

### Boston Hotel and Restaurant Men to Be Asked to Explain Phenomenal Profits.

BOSTON, Oct. 19.—The federal grand jury was ordered in special session October 27 by Daniel Gallagher, United States attorney, today to decide whether present high prices for food at hotels and restaurants involve criminal profiteering. As an exhibit for its consideration, he indicated that the grand jury would be shown that a ham sandwich which cost 6 cents was sold for 30 cents.

The announcement followed a conference with hotel proprietors, who, like restaurant keepers who were heard yesterday, said there was no way they could cut prices and make their dining rooms pay. Although profits running to 3000 per cent on vegetables and into hundreds of per cent on certain dishes were admitted, they said that in most cases their eating places were being run at a loss.

"Overhead expenses" were blamed by most of those heard and this reason Mr. Gallagher declared to be "humbbug."

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 19.—The 25-cent haircut made its reappearance here today.

It had been absent for some time, while those costing 35 and 50 cents took its place.

The reappearance was noted only in a few of those shops which had been charging higher prices, but there it was predicted it soon would become general again.

## WHEAT PRICE TAKEN

### And there is even room for argument from the standpoint of Vale, for V. T. Herrem, a rancher of that county, certain ranchers have gone far afield from the routine crops.

They have grown experimentally and with apparent success such crops as tobacco and peanuts and they are prepared to let wagers to any amount that the typical sagebrush county, plus water, will outvie the acres of western Oregon in any sort of productivity. They are partial to the belief that Portland's water, which has annexed the first award on barley and first and second awards on potatoes, not to mention any number of minor items of agricultural excellence.

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## TRADE PARTY SEES IRRIGATION NEEDS

### Sage Country Close to Idaho Line Visited.

## CROPS DOT DESERT TRACTS

### Portland Tradesmen Note Benefits of Water.

## VALUE OF LAND SOARS

### Typical Malheur Rancher Declares Vast and Rich Territory Would Be Opened.

BY BEN HUR LAMPMAN.

ONTARIO, Or., Oct. 19.—(Special.)—Close to the Idaho boundary and at times on the deeply bitten ruins of the old Oregon trail, Portland's trade excursionists toured the sagebrush country today and learned at first hand how potent is irrigation.

They saw the flats and valleys that lie between the big buff colored buttes, gray with the desolation of sage where the kindly water had not touched, but decked with huge haystacks, green alfalfa fields and prolific orchards, where the ditches carry their precious burden from the Owyhee and Malheur rivers.

From Nyssa, the eastern Oregon outpost, on the Snake river, the excursionists set forth by automobile in the frosty morning to circle through the Owyhee irrigation project where land that sold for \$1.25 an acre but a few years ago now commands a price of \$300 with the water on it.

Land Is Transformed. Not so long ago it was that the sagebrush country was lightly esteemed as fit only for jack rabbits and their roving coyote. Today Malheur county points to its own water at the state fair for its 18-foot corn and its 60-bushel wheat as proof that the answer to state development in this section at least is in the streams that wind through the antelope pastures of yesterday.

"Help us to place upon this vast territory of fertile soil the irrigation that is feasible," said the typical Malheur rancher, "and we will pour into Portland such an amount of treasure as will demand recognition for your port."

At Vale, where the trade special stopped for luncheon, as the guests of community enthusiasts, the Warm Springs irrigation project, with 30,000 acres of land under ditch, drove home again the fact that a dusty waste may be made to blossom and bring forth as abundantly as the comfortable old Willamette valley itself.

Wheat Price Taken. And there is even room for argument from the standpoint of Vale, for V. T. Herrem, a rancher of that county, certain ranchers have gone far afield from the routine crops.

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## REPORT AVERS KING OF GREECE IS DEAD

### BULLETIN, HOWEVER, SAYS CONDITION UNCHANGED.

### Temperature of Monkey-Bitten Ruler Is 102—Drowsiness Taking the Form of Coma.

LONDON, Oct. 19.—The Central News' Rome correspondent says tonight that the Giornale d'Italia published a report obtained by wireless from the Greek steamer Brindisi that King Alexander of Greece is dead.

The last bulletin received by Reuters' Limited from Athens, timed 11 o'clock this morning, said the king's condition was unchanged.

ATHENS, Oct. 19.—The condition of King Alexander, who is critically ill from infection caused by the bite of a pet monkey, was unchanged early today, according to a bulletin issued by his physicians. The congestion of the lungs persists, drowsiness is taking the form of coma. His temperature was reported as 102, pulse 134 respiration 34.

Newspapers here speculate on his successor, should his illness terminate fatally. A number of foreign princes are suggested for the throne. It appears that Prince Charles of Belgium, younger son of King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, is the favorite. Opposing journals point out that the natural heir to the throne under the constitution would be Prince Paul, brother of King Alexander and third son of former King Constantine.

PARIS, Oct. 19.—A noted surgeon, whose name has not been disclosed, left here for Athens yesterday by special train in answer to an urgent summons from the bedside of King Alexander. It is understood he will attempt a further operation on the king.

## LIQUOR HEARING HELD UP

### Government Not Ready to Show Its Hand in San Francisco Case.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 19.—After stating that "the government was not ready to show its hand," United States District Attorney Silva was allowed a postponement today of the hearing of the cases of Francis J. Mannix, ex-federal census supervisor here, and three alleged co-conspirators on a charge of conspiring to sell liquor illegally.

Simultaneously the federal grand jury took renewed consideration of an alleged illicit liquor conspiracy said by government officials to have been participated in by Harry B. Lask, prominent broker, and others.

## BOY SLAIN, FATHER HELD

### Body of Two-Year-Old Child Is Discovered in Woods.

COBURG, Ontario, Oct. 19.—George Albert Hines, two years of age, whose body was found yesterday in the woods near here, was murdered, according to the coroner's jury verdict today.

Bert Hines, shell-shocked Canadian soldier and father of the boy, is held on a charge of attempted suicide pending a further investigation into the death of the child.

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## COMMITTEE OF 15 BACKS PORT PLAN

### Objections to Swan Island Project Flouted.

## CHAMBER IS GENTLY CHIDED

### Reversal of Opinion on Eve of Election Is Rapped.

## URGENT NEEDS ARE CITED

### Unless Measure Passes, Portland May Be Denied Deep-Draft Vessels, Is Declaration.

ARGUMENTS OF COMMITTEE OF 15 FOR SWAN ISLAND PROJECT.

Present channel of Willamette is so tortuous as to be dangerous to navigation.

Designing of new west channel will require removal of vast amount of material and place must be provided to deposit it. Dumping of material on Guild lake and Mock bottom will answer this need and increase value of these lands as factory sites.

By acquisition of this property, public, instead of private owners, will receive benefit of increased value.

Objections of opponents to the Swan Island project are flouted and the vital necessity of the proposed legislation shown in a statement made public yesterday by the committee of 15. Beginning with a history of the committee and its work for the last year in determining the most economical and expeditious plan for development to assure the commercial future of Portland, the statement gently chides the chamber of commerce for its reversal of opinion on the eve of election, and then disposes of the chamber's objections one at a time.

One of the salient facts brought out is that if the port of Portland-dock commission consolidation measure does not pass at the November election, deep-draft vessels presently serving Portland's commercial needs will be unable to come here because the port of Portland will be without funds with which to carry on the usual maintenance work in the Columbia river channel.

Committee's History Given. The full text of the statement issued by the committee of 15 follows: "The attention of the committee of 15 has been called to the published criticisms of the Chamber of Commerce and others of the two measures which will appear on the ballot at the November election relating to port development.

"The committee of 15 feels that these criticisms are the result of misunderstandings of the scope and purpose of the measures and therefore submits to the public the following statement.

"1. History of committee of 15—By a resolution adopted by the city council on April 25, 1919, the mayor was authorized to appoint a committee of 15 disinterested persons to formulate plans for waterways, public terminals and water sites. The following persons were appointed: Emory Olmstead, E. C. Knapp, E. J. Janger, George H. Kelly, Harry Anderson, C. D. Bruun, William Cornfoot, Max H. Houser, John H. Burgard, Ira F. Powers, J. P. Newell, F. S. Doernbecher, Nathan Strauss, J. E. Wheeler and James E. Kerr.

"Subsequently J. P. Newell and Harry Anderson resigned on account of absence from the city and press of business, and Frank M. Warren and C. C. Hindman were appointed in their places.

"The city council directed the committee to co-ordinate its work with the commission of public docks and the Port of Portland commission.

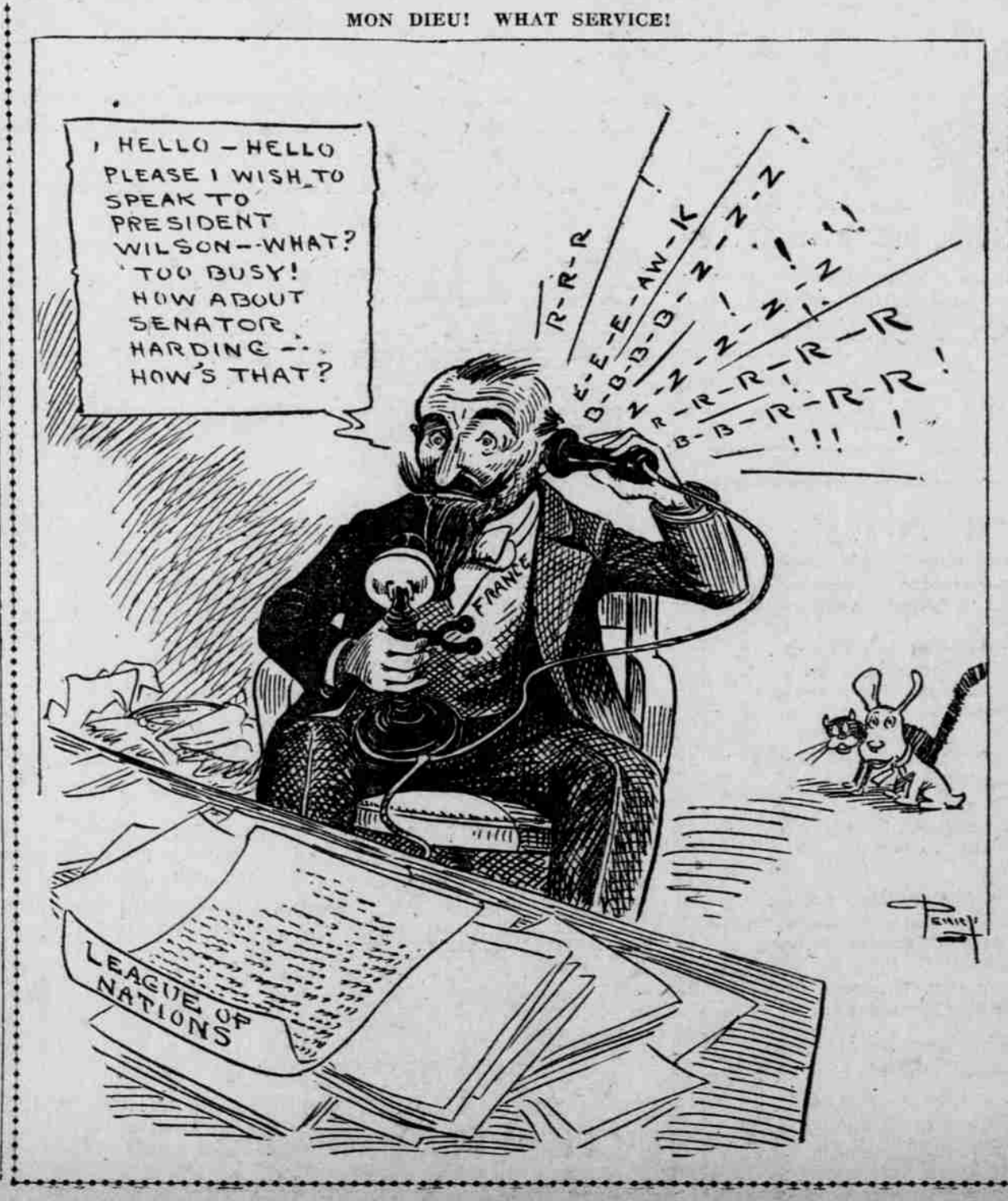
"The commission of public docks and the port of Portland commission thereupon jointly employed an engineer to prepare and render a report on the improvement of the Portland harbor.

"This report was presented to the committee of 15 on March 16, 1920.

"The engineer's recommendation submitted on March 16, 1920, showed the following facts:

"a.—That the present channel of the Willamette river to the east of Swan Island is so narrow and crooked as to be a menace to navigation.

"b.—That it is desirable to close the east channel by a causeway to the east shore immediately below the Portland Flouring mills and to dredge a straight wide channel on the west side of Swan Island.



MON DIEU! WHAT SERVICE!

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