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HARDING DEMANDS REPLY ON ISSUES

Policies Are Befogged by Democrats, Is Charge.

CONSTRUCTIVENESS IS URGED

To End Mismanagement of Government Is Aim.

RIVAL REGIME RAPPED

Over-Centralization of Power and Unnecessary Taxation Among Accusations in Statement.

MARION, O., Oct. 24.—Senator Harding, accusing the democratic party of failure to place its policies clearly before the people, asked in a statement tonight that his opponents answer numerous charges he has brought against them.

At the same time, he re-stated his own position on various issues and declared that in his public utterances he had proposed a constructive policy "to brink our people out of the jungle of mismanagement."

"Extravagance, unpreparedness for both war and peace, over-centralization of power; unnecessary taxation; unsound industrial policies and "grotesque inefficiency" were among the accusations which Mr. Harding said had not been answered by the democrats.

Democrats' League Opposed.

As to the league, he said he was wholly against the democratic programme, but believed there was "full expectation of becoming a member of a wise association of nations."

The senator's statement, addressed "To the American People," follows:

"I believe that the men and women of this country are entitled to receive from any political party seeking their support a clear answer upon the predominant issues which affect the future course of America.

"Seldom in the history of our country has there been such an avoidance of this duty upon the part of any candidates as has been evident among our opponents.

Mismanagement Is Charged.

"The American people are satisfied that the conduct of our domestic affairs has been grossly mismanaged. They hunger for a constructive American policy. It has been my sense of obligation to treat with clarity and definitiveness the republican plan for putting our house in order.

"I call upon the democratic party to answer the charges that its management of domestic affairs had brought us to the brink of an industrial crisis in 1914 from which only the world war saved us and is even now leading us toward another precipice.

Cost Put at Billions.

"There has been no answer to the well-known fact that they have cost America untold billions of dollars and the precious lives of our sons by unpreparedness for war, persisted in for political expediency.

"They have made no answer to the charge that they were equally unprepared for peace and reconstruction.

"They have made no answer to the charge that their experiment with the American railways, their industrial policy and their maintaining in the federal government hundreds of thousands of unnecessary employes has cost the taxpayers a fearful burden, which our men and women, and even their children, will have to pay.

"They have made no answer to the charge that their rule has been one of grotesque inefficiency.

Constitution Held Violated.

"They have made no answer to the charge that during the control, which they now seek to perpetuate, they have perverted the form of government of our republic and overridden the purpose of our constitution by maintaining extreme and undemocratic centralization of executive power which would have been an offense to Thomas Jefferson and to Grover Cleveland as much as it would have been to Washington, Lincoln and Roosevelt.

"I have spent this campaign in setting forth a constructive republican policy. I have demanded the restoration of the constitutional government of a representative democracy which shall represent the will of the people rather than the will of one-man government descending toward the people.

"I have stood for more business in government and less government in business. I have demanded a reorganization of administrative government so that it shall become a source of pride to the American spirit of efficiency and will remove the drain from the taxpayers.

Conservation Is Urged.

"I have set forth a plan for the conservation of our human resources. I have suggested means for the protection of motherhood and childhood and for the alleviation of human suffering at home. I have discussed in detail a policy of reclamation, irrigation and development of natural resources and I have stated clearly a plan for the wholesale expansion of our foreign trade and for the protection of our industries and for the

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BOY SLAIN BY BROTHER IN HUNTING ACCIDENT

SHOTGUN CHARGE STRIKES WILLIAM MOORE, AGED 14.

Tragedy Takes Place While Lads Are Walking Along Road Southeast of Damascus.

William Moore, 14-year-old son of John Moore of Damascus, was instantly killed about 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a 12-gauge shotgun in the hands of his brother, Henry Moore, 12. The full charge of shot entered the boy's heart from a short distance.

At the time of the accident the boys, in company with an older brother, Edward Moore, 16, and Clayton Hall, 15, were walking along the public highway a short distance southeast of Damascus on a hunting trip. Only two guns were in the party, a single-barrel, 12-gauge carried by Henry Moore and a .22-caliber rifle carried by Edward Moore. No explanation is offered for the discharge of the piece unless the small boy was carelessly toying with the mechanism as he walked along.

BLIND AFFINITY JAILED

Sightless Trio Involved in Battle Royal Over Woman.

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 24.—(Special.)—That love is blind has just been proved in the police court here when a blind man, his blind wife and her alleged affinity, also blind, were arraigned for trial following a battle royal between the two men after the husband had come home unexpectedly. Martin Strong, the husband, told the recorder that while peddling religious pamphlets in the streets some friend had warned him that a rival was paying court to his wife and that he had better go home.

On his arrival there, he said, he found Sam Stewart enjoying a chat with the wife. Then the fight started. Most of the furniture in the room was wrecked. But the combatants suffered less injury due to their inability to get at each other properly. One day in a dark cell at police station for Stewart, said the judge.

TRADE RELATIONS PEND

Britain Awaits Return of Prisoners by Soviet Government.

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LONDON, Oct. 24.—(Special Cable.)—Within 30 days at the latest, providing Soviet Russia keeps her promise to return all British prisoners, trade relations between Great Britain and the Soviet government should be established, so the World correspondent was informed authoritatively.

It is believed Finland will acquiesce in the plan to exchange prisoners over the Finnish border. There are varying estimates of the size of contracts which Russia is anxious to make in England, one figure mentioned being $100,000,000, largely for agricultural machinery, locomotives and rolling stock.

The Russians will have to put up gilt-edged securities or cash to close the deals.

FALL FROM WINDOW FATAL

J. B. Middleton Declared Under Influence of Liquor by Police.

J. B. Middleton, 35 and single, died yesterday morning at St. Vincent's hospital from injuries sustained when he fell from a window on the second floor of the Edenhoim apartments, 325 Market street. He died from internal injuries three hours after he had been taken to the hospital.

That Middleton fell from the window while under the influence of liquor was the report of Police Inspectors McCulloch and Powell, who conducted an investigation. So far as the police have been able to learn there was no other person in the apartment at the time of the fatal accident.

The body was taken to the morgue, but it is not believed an inquest will be held.

STORY PICTURE PLANNED

Baruch Gives $35,000 to Film "Uncle Sam of Freedom Ridge."

WASHINGTON, Oct. 24.—B. M. Baruch of New York filed a sworn statement yesterday with the clerk of the house recording an agreement between himself and the Harry Levy service corporation to produce a moving picture version of the story, "Uncle Sam of Freedom Ridge." He said he had advanced $35,000 toward expenses of the production and had signified his willingness to advance $14,000 additional.

Mr. Baruch said that while the story was written long before the campaign, it was calculated "to influence votes for representatives to congress who believe in adoption of the league of nations."

WAR CLEMENCY ASKED

Year Sought for Trio Sentenced to Three Under Espionage Act.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 24.—Recommendation that the three-year sentences imposed upon E. A. Stephens, Edward Hamm and E. J. Sonnenberg, all of San Bernardino, Cal., for violation of the espionage act by distribution and sale of certain literature, be commuted to one year each has been sent to the department of justice by J. Robert O'Connor, United States district attorney.

They were taken to the federal penitentiary at McNeil's island last May.

BRITAIN PINS HOPE ON MINER PARLEY

Cabinet and Strikers in Conference 3 Hours.

PREMIER MAKES PROMISE

Increase Hinges on Boost in Output in New Offer.

VOTE IS EXPECTED SOON

Belief Is Strong Both Sides Will Submit Difference on Equal Basis in Few Days.

LONDON, Oct. 24.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George, cabinet members and members of the striking coal miners conferred for three hours today. After the miners' delegates had departed the cabinet members continued in session with Lloyd George, Frank Hodges, a miners' representative, said the discussions would be continued.

Later the miners' executive body went into conference and then adjourned until tomorrow.

The conversations with Mr. Lloyd George will be resumed tomorrow, it was announced.

Hope in Settlement.

Hope seemed to prevail that there would be a settlement of the coal strike as a result of the renewal of the direct negotiations between the miners and the government. Neither side has disclosed the nature of these negotiations, but, according to official reports, Premier Lloyd George suggested some new formula which would satisfy the government that if a two-shilling advance in wages was conceded it would be accompanied by an increased output.

There seems to be a strong belief that the full executive committee of the miners' federation will meet the government within a few days on a basis which can be submitted to the miners for acceptance or rejection.

Law at Conference.

At the conference today, in addition to Mr. Lloyd George, the government representatives included Andrew Bonar Law, the government leader in the house of commons; Sir Robert S. Horne, president of the board of trade; the minister of mines, the coal controller and other experts. Robert Smillie, president of the miners federation, Frank Hodges and Herbert Smith represented the miners.

Mr. Lloyd George outlined a number of ideas he suggested might ultimately lead to a peaceful solution.

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DONOR TO COX FUND OPENLY SELLS LIQUOR

SOME QUEER REASON BRINGS IMMUNITY FROM LAW.

Concoction, Labeled 20 and 40 Per Cent Alcohol, Piled High in East's Store Windows.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 24.—Examination of the list of contributions to the Cox campaign funds shows a donation of $5000 by Michael Bosak of Scranton, Pa., who manufactures Horke Vino.

This concoction, made in two grades, one of 20 per cent and the other 40 per cent alcoholic content, and widely drunk as a beverage, has for some strange reason enjoyed immunity from the ban of the department of justice and prohibition enforcement officers.

It appears to be a good quality of sour wine with a kick that exceeds the most of the bootlegger variety of old-fashioned booze. In cities through the east it is stacked up in countless windows in great quantities and is sold openly, much to the surprise of both prohibitionists and the indifferently inclined.

Bosak is the owner of a bank in Scranton who embarked extensively in the manufacture of "Vino" after the country went dry under the Volstead enforcement act. Miners in the Pennsylvania coal districts are said to have found it a most satisfactory substitute for real liquor.

As a testimonial to its purity, the fact is published in newspapers that, notwithstanding a wide sale for a period of months, only two persons so far have expired after drinking "Vino."

Besak does not undertake to conceal the exhilarating qualities of his product because every bottle carries a label which sets forth in plain letters that the alcoholic content is 20 or 40 per cent as the case may be.

1 KILLED, 4 SHOT IN ERIN

Police Arrest and Jail Financier in Belfast.

DUBLIN, Oct. 24.—James McCormack, a shop attendant, was shot by two men, said to have been in uniform, when the men entered the shop Saturday night. The victim died later.

Four persons are reported wounded in police raids last night.

BELFAST, Oct. 24.—The police and military Saturday night arrested Bernard O'Rourke, an Irish financier, and conveyed him to the barracks at Dundalk.

CAR HITS AUTO; 5 DEAD

Electric Tramway Crashes Into Auto With Fatal Results.

ALLENTOWN, Pa., Oct. 24.—Five persons—two families—were killed when a Lehigh Valley Transit company car crashed into an automobile near Quakertown tonight.

The dead are Mr. and Mrs. Hardie Fehnel and daughter, aged two, and Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Miller, all of Philadelphia.

PAIR IN AUTO HELD UP; GIRL'S ESCORT MISSING

LOUISE BAKER, 15, TELLS OFFICERS OF STRANGE ATTACK.

Robert Christensen Sought After Report of Battle With Men Traveling in Automobile.

What may prove a fateful ending to a pleasant Sunday evening's drive is the problem which is confronting authorities as a result of the forcible abduction of Robert Christensen while motoring with Miss Louise Baker, aged 15, of 1030 Arnold street.

According to the story told by Miss Baker, three or four men passed them in a car, proceeded some distance ahead, then blocked the road with their machine. Forced to stop, Christensen fought against odds, she said, but the outcome of the fight was not known last night, as Miss Baker made her escape and ran for help after she had seen her escort struck on the head.

The girl made her way to the home of C. W. Kretzer, Craig boulevard, where her story was telephoned to police headquarters. She then was taken in charge by the woman's welfare department, while county officers were sent on the trail of the assailants. At the scene of the hold-up, near Buckley and Glisan streets, both cars had disappeared, leaving no clew.

Miss Baker could give no motive for the attack.

THREE DIE UNDER AUTO

Women Are Drowned When Pinned in Irrigation Ditch.

ASHLAND, Neb., Oct. 24.—Mrs. Zella Miller, Mrs. Lena Service and Miss Fern Hoffman were drowned tonight when the automobile in which they were driving overturned, throwing them into a drainage ditch and pinning them down in the water. Jesse Miller, husband of Mrs. Miller, who was driving, was seriously injured and may not recover.

He said the headlight from another car blinded him and he swerved from the roadway.

COLLUSION IS CHARGED

Seattle School Head Says Contractors "Get Together."

SEATTLE, Wash., Oct. 24.—Charges by Judge Richard Winsor, president of the Seattle school board, that contractors of the city are in collusion in submitting bids on public work for the board have resulted in the institution of an investigation, it was announced yesterday.

Judge Winsor made the statement that the contractors "get together" on bids.

MARBURG DECLINES POST

Appointment to Shipping Board Refused by Republican.

BALTIMORE, Md., Oct. 24.—Theodore Marburg tonight confirmed that he had declined his appointment by President Wilson.

Mr. Marburg had been appointed as a republican member of the United States shipping board.

POOR AMMUNITION AND TOO "DAMP."

WILSON IS GUILTY OF INDISCRETION

Charge Against Harding Proves Boomerang.

FOREIGN DEALINGS ILLEGAL

President Seemingly Forgets Italian Episode.

DISCUSSION AGAINST LAW

Further Developments Expected in Controversy Over "Anonymous" French "Spokesman."

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

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WASHINGTON D. C., Oct. 24.—The Wilson-Harding exchange over that anonymous French "spokesman" seems to have died down so far as headlines are concerned, but in Washington there is marked speculation about future developments, especially right after the election. I cannot recall whether Harding has ever said so in his speeches, but it has been understood by persons who have been to Marion that it was Harding's intention, if elected, to send, within a week after the election, several leaders of American thought of both parties to Europe to consult with European statesmen about modifications of the league.

But if President Wilson insists on his present attitude this could not be done and there would be four months' delay before a start can be made.

There undoubtedly is a statute that makes it a crime for any American citizens to have dealings with the representative of a foreign government about an issue pending between that foreign government and our own. The statute was passed, by the way, in Washington's time at a period when the United States was in the same kind of frenzied political excitement that we now have on the same kind of issue—an issue of foreign entanglements. Literally, the statute condemns to imprisonment every American citizen "who, without the permission or authority of the government, directly commences or carries on any verbal or written correspondence or intercourse with any foreign government, or any officer or agent thereof, with an intent to influence the measures or conduct of any foreign governments or any officer or agent thereof, in relation to any disputes or controversies with the United States."

Whether those words would fit the case of Senator Harding, assumming that Senator Harding's conversation had been with an agent of the French government, is for lawyers to say. But if this statute does fit the case of American citizens who have talked with members or foreign governments about the United States entering or not entering the league of nations, then a good many of us would go to jail. I know I should be seriously inconvenienced if I should have to spend three years in jail for every time a member of a foreign government has talked with me about America entering or not entering the league of nations.

I have heard it as gossip—and this is a matter of gossip only—that during the war General Leonard Wood and Senator McCormack of Illinois had certain conversations with members of the French and British governments and with British and French army officers, which conversations on the part of the two Americans were critical of President Wilson, or Secretary Baker, and of our conduct of the war generally. I have been told that President Wilson secured transcripts of these conversations from abroad, and that he at one time contemplated some kind of punishment of the two men. It is within my knowledge that Viscount Grey, when he was here, had many talks with republican senators who are members of the foreign affairs committee, in the homes of some of these senators, in regard to what America should do about the league of nations. The conversations would seem to be a perfect analogy to Senator Harding's recent case, even assuming that the Frenchman in this case was a formal representative of the French government.

Government Has Only Right.

It is undoubtedly not only an obligation of statute, but also an obligation of propriety, that no foreign government shall deal directly with the leaders of party or with anyone else except the government. On the other hand, President Wilson himself in his relations with foreign governments has most certainly not merely infringed but flouted the precise rules which he now cites to punish Senator Harding. During the peace conference President Wilson's ignoring of the Italian government and his address direct to the Italian people over the heads of the Italian ministry and the Italian delegates to the peace conference was one of the most sensational episodes of the president's sojourn in Europe. Mr. Wilson did this once and tried to do it on another occasion. In the latter instance he was prevented by the adroitness of the frightened Italian government. Of this incident there is a most readable account in a book published during the past few weeks by George Creel, "The War, the World

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U. S. BALLOON SEEMS TO BE LEADING RACE

ALL APPEAR DRIFTING IN NORTHWARD DIRECTION.

Pilot Bag Birmingham Lands in Cornfield Near Vandalia, Ill. Identifications Few.

CHICAGO, Oct. 24.—Reports of several of the seven balloons which left Birmingham, Ala., yesterday in the international race for the Gordon Bennett trophy were received from Illinois and Indiana towns tonight. While, in most instances, the bags could not be identified, the American entry, the Goodyear II, piloted by Ralph Upson, apparently was leading and all semed to be drifting in a generally northward direction toward the great lakes and Canada.

Four balloons were sighted at Marion, Ill., at 7:30 A. M. The Goodyear II was the only bag identified. Thirty minutes later Johnson City, 10 miles north of Marion, glimpsed five bags. Four were flying about 5000 feet up, but the Goodyear II was only a few hundred feet from the ground.

The big gas bags, apparently, were spreading out somewhat in this territory, for Pana reported three between noon and 1 P. M. Windsor reported Upson holding his lead at 1 P. M. and Danville sighted a bag at 1 P. M.

One of the entries passed over Logansport, Ind., 250 miles east and 200 miles north of Danville, Ill., at 4:30 P. M. It was reported "at a great height," and headed northeast toward Lake Erie. Champaign, Ill., sighted the Goodyear II at 5 P. M. and reported it still held the lead.

The pilot balloon "Birmingham," which left the field half an hour before the racers, landed at noon in a cornfield near Vandalia, Ill. An altitude of 12,000 feet was reached.

REV. E. H. PENCE IS ILL

Westminster Presbyterian Pastor Stricken While Down Town.

Rev. E. H. Pence, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, has been seriously ill at his home, 410 East Nineteenth street North, since last Tuesday. His relatives fear that he will be unable to attend to his pastoral duties for several weeks.

Rev. Mr. Pence became sick while downtown, and has been confined to his bed ever since his return home. Dr. Alvin W. Baird, who took charge of the case, recommended that the patient be kept in absolute quiet. Dr. Pence, who is about 50 years old, came to Portland from Detroit, Mich., three years ago last January. He was educated in Hanover college in Hanover, Ind., and in McCormick seminary, Chicago.

CROWD MENACES AUTOIST

Man Who Ran Down Woman Has Narrow Escape From River.

The dark waters of the Willamette held menacing terror for William E. Galloway yesterday afternoon when a crowd, angered because he ran down Mrs. Hazel Guild, 622 Syracuse street, while leaving the St. Johns ferry in his car, threatened to throw him into the stream. The driver escaped that fate by accompanying E. D. Ritter, citizen and witness of the accident, to police headquarters, where he was booked on a charge of reckless driving.

Mrs. Guild sustained injuries about the head and hips, the seriousness of which had not been ascertained last night.

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MAC SWINEY DIES OF HUNGER STRIKE

Lord Mayor of Cork Succumbs on 74th Day.

RELATIVES ARE KEPT AWAY

Wife Allowed Hour's Visit on Day Before Death.

MOANS INDICATE PAIN

Eyes Opened Only Occasionally During Periods of Unconsciousness Just Before Last.

LONDON, Oct. 25.—Terence MacSwiney, lord mayor of Cork, died at Brixton prison this morning, following a hunger strike of 73 days.

The lord mayor's death occurred at 5:40 o'clock this morning. Father Dominic, his private chaplain, and his brother, John MacSwiney, were with him at the time. MacSwiney never regained consciousness.

"Lord Mayor MacSwiney still was unconscious tonight," said a bulletin issued by the Irish Self-Determination league at 7 o'clock last night, and giving the details preceding his death.

Eyes Opened Occasionally.

"He opened his eyes occasionally," added the bulletin, "staring sometimes at Father Dominic, but gave no sign of recognition. He lies quiet, moaning as if in pain.

"The restrictions suddenly imposed on the mayor's relatives, limiting or prohibiting their access to the mayor, and removing their facilities for communicating with friends outside, continue in force. Misses Mary and Annie MacSwiney remained in the waiting room of the prison all day yesterday and refused to leave. Shortly after 10 o'clock last night they were put out by force.

Wife Visits MacSwiney.

"Mrs. MacSwiney was allowed to be with her husband a little more than an hour yesterday. This extra strain and the fatigue placed on her has brought on an indisposition and she was unable to visit the prison this morning."

MacSwiney's hunger strike was begun on August 12 when, with ten of his associates, he was arrested by soldiers in Cork while attending a session of a Sinn Fein court. After trial by a court-martial under the regulations of the defense of the realm act, he was found guilty of sedition and sentenced to two years' imprisonment, which he was serving in Brixton prison in London.

MacSwiney, then an alderman of Cork, when sentenced was elected lord mayor of the city at a special session of the Cork corporation on March 30 of this year. He was a well-known Sinn Fein leader and prior to his election had been deported and imprisoned several times, one of the latest notable instances of his confinement having been in 1916 in connection with the Irish Easter revolt.

When arrested on August 12 MacSwiney managed to escape to the street from the back of the city hall, which soldiers had surrounded, but was captured outside. He was taken to the military barracks and came up for trial August 16. The court-martial found him guilty of having control of the secret police cipher, of having in his possession a document likely to cause disaffection, namely, a copy of a resolution of the Cork corporation pledging allegiance to the Daily Eireann, the Irish republican parliament, and of having made a seditious speech on the occasion of his election.

Already weak at the trial because of his refusal to take food, MacSwiney disputed the jurisdiction of the court, saying: "I am the lord mayor of this city and its chief magistrate. I declare this court illegal and those taking part in it liable to arrest under the laws of the Irish republic."

MacSwiney Is Deported.

The day following his trial Lord Mayor MacSwiney was deported to England aboard a destroyer under a heavy military escort, and was lodged in Brixton jail. The government announced on August 19 that he was sentenced to two years' imprisonment.

MacSwiney's hunger strike brought numerous solicitations and protests to the British authorities, many of the appeals being from sympathizers in the United States; even a threat from the Sinn Fein in Ireland that, in the event of his death, a general strike and serious disturbances would prevail throughout the island. An appeal was taken directly to the king, but this also proved unavailing.

During his imprisonment the lord mayor received numerous messages of encouragement and also petitions to abandon his strike. He replied to the latter that if he gave up his fight he would "give away Irish liberty," and that he would "rather die than do that."

Replying to reports that sustenance was being given Mayor MacSwiney, the British home office declared "if he is being fed we do not know it," while members of Mac-

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