

HARDING PROMISES AID TO INDUSTRIES

Prompt Return to Protective Tariff Pledged.

ARTICLE 10 IS REATTACKED

League President's Views Cited in Argument.

FEW CALLERS ARE SEEN

Nominee Takes It Easy Just Before Starting Out on Last Speaking Trip.

MARION, O., Oct. 26.—On the eve of his departure for his final speaking tour, Senator Harding again directed the attention of the public today to two of the issues that have been in the forefront of his campaign, the protective tariff and the league of nations.

"A prompt return" to a policy of protecting American products was promised by the republican nominee in a telegram to Paul E. Ewert of Joplin, Mo., made public as a part of his attack on the democratic tariff program. He declared that "disaster" had been brought to mining and industrial interests through failure properly to protect American products and that now American agriculture was sharing a similar fate.

Harding to Go to Cleveland.

His comment on the league was in the course of an informal discussion of a recent interview with Leon Bourgeois, president of the league council. The latter's views, he said, furnished further evidence that the only safe way for the United States was "to remain outside until we may unite upon a plan for an association of nations that shall mean the same to everybody."

Leaving here after noon tomorrow, Senator Harding will speak at Cleveland and on the 29th at Columbus, Cincinnati and Columbus.

Few Callers Are Seen.

Mr. Harding took it easy, seeing few callers and clearing away many odds and ends of office work. His voice, which had been affected by a slight cold, showed improvement.

During the afternoon a glee club from Troy, O., marched to the front porch and serenaded the nominee and Mrs. Harding with patriotic songs. The senator made a short speech, thanking them for the visit and for their support.

The statement of M. Bourgeois was contained in an Associated Press dispatch from Brussels. In it he declared that article 10 was "not, in fact, anything more than the moral foundation of the covenant" and added:

"Illuminating" Is Comment.

"Article 10 could be eliminated without in any way modifying the effectiveness of the league of nations and that it was not considered so important by Europeans as Americans."

"This is most illuminating," said Senator Harding. "We are told by the great American authority on the covenant, President Wilson, that article 10 is its heart. Now comes M. Bourgeois, president of the league council, and says it is not important. He infers that the league is not so cautious in the covenant as it is effusive in other articles. This can only mean that, even if article 10 is eliminated, its effect would still be preserved in other articles. Does he mean that article 10 would still have the same effect."

Stay Out Is Advice to U. S.

"It all illustrates the utter impossibility of getting agreement as to what the United States should do. It is the complete demonstration that the only safety for the United States is to remain outside until we may unite upon a plan for an association of nations that shall mean the same thing to everybody and under which we shall know, beyond uncertainty or equivocation, our precise obligations. A free America can give that service to the world."

Volunteer suggestions for a vacation trip for Senator Harding today were coming to his headquarters here in increasing numbers from his friends and admirers throughout the country.

A number of popular winter resorts have asked to be his host and several elaborate private homes have been placed at his disposal for whatever rest he may decide to take after the end of the campaign.

It was said that probably no choice of a vacation spot would be announced until after election.

The telegram on the tariff issue related particularly to the zinc industry, but pointed out that along with the slump in zinc prices had come similar recessions in many other lines of production, including notably agricultural production. The senator's message said:

"Under the democratic tariff law of 1913 the country was already approaching industrial disaster when the world war began. The foreign demand was so great and prices were so unimportant that everything we could produce was promptly taken by the warring nations. So the disaster was postponed.

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MOONLIGHT CUT OFF BY EARTH'S SHADOWS

TOTAL ECLIPSE THIS MORNING SECOND FOR YEAR.

Students at Reed College, Local Astronomers and Others Rise to Study Phenomenon.

For the second time this year the moon went into total eclipse at 5:29 o'clock this morning, and remained so until 6:54 A. M. The eclipse began at 4:30 A. M., but the planet was not entirely within the earth's shadow until more than an hour later.

While the eclipse was the second lunar disappearance of the year, it was the first visible on the Pacific coast, and was of interest to local astronomers. Students at Reed college had made preparations to add data to their material on the subject, and amateurs in various parts of the city rose early in order to study the phenomenon.

However, so far as the greater part of the population was concerned, the Man in the Moon made his "get-away" unheralded, and attended to whatever private business he had without disturbing the slumber of the tired business man, or noting the grumbling of the milkman who missed the moonlight in fact, the boy did not return to his job at all, as he was scheduled to go off duty before he finished the eclipse.

The eclipse was visible throughout the Pacific coast, Asia and Australia. It could not be seen from the eastern section of the United States.

NEW AMBASSADOR LIKELY

Italy May Send Senator Rolandi Ricci to Washington.

ROME, Oct. 26.—Senator Rolandi Ricci, a member of the Italian parliament, is to be appointed Italian ambassador to Washington.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—Neither the state department nor the Italian embassy has received any word of the intention of the Italian government to appoint Senator Rolandi Ricci as ambassador to the United States.

Baron Avezzana, the Italian ambassador, is en route home on leave of absence, but his family remains in Washington. Senator Ricci is a distinguished lawyer, who at present is said to have been closely affiliated with the socialist leaders now in power in Italy.

WAR GAS PROVES WEAPON

Phosgene Used in Attempt on Life of Reno Liquor Witnesses.

RENO, Nev., Oct. 26.—Phosgene gas, one of the most deadly developed during the war, was used in the alleged attempt to kill Fred Anderson and C. P. Jensen Saturday night, according to Dr. C. W. West, who made a report to the police today. Two other persons into whose apartment the gas was thrown, are recovering today.

Jensen and Anderson, who were witnesses in the whisky case before the federal grand jury at San Francisco, were removed from Reno to an unknown destination last night by federal officers.

MRS. VANDERBILT RESIGNS

Woman Quits Cox Committee and Will Vote for Harding.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—The resignation of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., as a member of the finance committee of the democratic national committee and her support of the republican ticket through a campaign contribution was announced today at republican headquarters.

Mrs. Vanderbilt's only explanation, it was said, was that she was unable to continue to support Governor Cox and has decided to vote for Senator Harding.

CUBA ASKS FOR EXPERT

Government Wants American to Help Solve Financial Situation.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26.—The Cuban government today asked the state department to designate a financial expert to go to Cuba to assist in working out a solution of the Cuban situation.

The request was referred to the group of bankers who have agreed to assist Cuba financially.

They are expected to name the expert.

LIQUOR HAUL IS \$25,000

Thieves Raid Chicago Laboratory Getting 25 Barrels Alcohol.

CHICAGO, Oct. 26.—Seven liquor bandits raided the chemical laboratory of a drug company almost in the heart of downtown Chicago today and, after lining up the employees under cover of their guns, loaded 25 barrels of alcohol valued at \$25,000 in a motor truck and drove away.

The operation was conducted under cover of a dense fog.

WATCH SENT DEMOCRATS

Timepiece Is Minnesota Man's Contribution to Fund.

NEW YORK, Oct. 26.—Edgar Carlton Stinger of Clear Lake, Minn., sent a gold watch and chain to the democratic national committee as his contribution to the democratic campaign fund.

COAL OPERATORS PLEDGE FAIR PRICE

Support Is Promised to Palmer in Campaign.

SESSION ATTENDED BY 1000

Three-Fourths Soft Fuel Production Represented.

GENERAL MEETING HELD

National Association, However, Decides Against Taking Any Action on Prices.

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 26.—At an open meeting today of approximately 1000 coal operators representing 7000 soft coal operators and three-fourths of the total production a resolution was unanimously adopted pledging their support to Attorney-General Palmer to eliminate unreasonable high prices and unwise practices where such exist.

This action was taken following the receipt of a message from the attorney-general, requesting the bituminous coal operators to co-operate with the department of justice in bringing about elimination of "unreasonable high prices" for coal.

Today's general meeting was called by Colonel D. B. Wentz, president of the National Coal association, to consider a telegram sent by the attorney-general to the association last week urging that steps be taken to eliminate exorbitant prices for soft coal.

A meeting of the association members to consider the general coal situation has been called to be held here previous to the receipt of Mr. Palmer's message.

Members of the National Coal association at a meeting this morning, considered the attorney-general's request and the soft coal situation in general and voted to maintain their fixed policy against taking any action touching upon coal prices, because of restrictions in their charter. The association voted to refer the communication from the attorney-general to a second meeting, comprising individual coal operators from all parts of the country, both in and out of the association.

Short Adjournment Taken.

This general open meeting was held immediately after the association session and, after a short adjournment to give a committee of nine time to prepare a resolution pledging the attorney-general their support in (Continued on Page 8, Column 2.)

BRITISH COAL STRIKE CONFEREES ADJOURN

NEGOTIATIONS REPORTED IN CRITICAL STAGE.

Meeting Between Government and Executive Officers for Miners Will Resume Today.

LONDON, Oct. 26.—The strike conferences were abruptly adjourned tonight until tomorrow. The negotiations, it was stated, are now in a critical stage.

The governmental emergency power bill, giving the administration far-reaching authority in the event of a general strike or of disorders, entered the committee stage of consideration in the house of commons.

Formal negotiations between the government and executive officers of the Miners' Federation in an effort to settle the coal strike were reopened this morning, indicating that the previous discussions had proved satisfactory in some measure at least.

It was reported from South Wales today that the miners' officials there had before yesterday by the government's new formula on the wage question which is said to be based upon coal values. The miners are to get two shillings a day increase, but the future selling price of coal will depend on production, that is, if production falls below a certain level the price of coal will be increased to the householder, otherwise present prices will be maintained.

Under this plan the miners, while receiving more wages, would co-operate with the owners in preventing increased prices.

DUCKS DIE BY THOUSANDS

Alkali Water Declared Fatal to Denizens of Dobson Lake.

LAKEVIEW, Or., Oct. 26.—(Special.)—Ducks are dying by the thousands in Dobson lake, one of the small lakes in Warner valley, according to reports from residents of that district. The lake has been receding for the last three years and because of this has become a strongly alkaline solution.

According to reports, the ducks drink the alkali water or consume it in feeding and shortly become too weak to rise from the water. The United States biological survey has been informed of the condition and will probably take immediate action to save the ducks. There is a fresh water lake within six miles of Dobson lake to which the ducks might be moved and perhaps saved.

POSTMASTER IS REMOVED

Federal Investigators Oust C. H. Jones From Elma, Wash., Office.

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The "cost plus" system of letting (Continued on Page 2, Column 2.)

"STRIKE" BY GROWERS BOOSTS WHEAT PRICE

DECREASE IN OFFERINGS IS NOTED IN CHICAGO.

How Far Farmers of Southwest Are Obeying Proclamation Is Not Ascertained.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 26.—Wheat prices made a sudden ascent today and trade authorities ascribed as one of the reasons a falling off in offerings from the southwest apparently due to the "farmers' strike." An extreme advance of 10 3/4 cents a bushel took place, December delivery touching \$2.10 1/4 as against \$1.99 1/4 to \$2.05 at yesterday's finish.

The "strike" or stoppage of selling by farmers was announced some time ago by officials of the United States Wheat Growers' association as a step against continued cutting down of prices, until it was contended the financial returns to growers were below the cost of production.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Oct. 26.—Whether farmers of the southwest are obeying a "strike call" issued recently by the Wheat Growers' association in the form of a proclamation calling upon its members in several states to withhold their wheat from the market until a basic price of \$3 a bushel was reached could not be ascertained here tonight.

Reports from some grain market centers today attributed decreases in the wheat supply received and an increase in prices to the proclamation. No widespread curtailment of wheat offerings was reflected today in the grain markets of the southwest, grain men said.

ACCUSED MAN DEPARTS

Naval Commander, Declared Fath-er of Girl's Child, Sails.

HONOLULU, Oct. 26.—Commander William L. Culbertson, against whom a warrant was sworn out in San Francisco, October 13, charging him with failure to provide for the 18-month-old baby girl of Edna Merrill, San Diego girl, sailed from here for Manila today on the transport Sherman.

Miss Merrill charged Culbertson with being the father of the girl. She pursued him aboard the transport after police officers acknowledged their inability to serve the warrant, but was brought ashore after the vessel had cleared.

She then laid her case before the officials of the 13th naval district here, but they declined to announce what steps they would take.

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Russia Scene of One Uprising; Other Uprising Is in Bolivia.

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CONGRESS ARMY PROBE BREWING

Inquiry to Be Asked by Representative Kahn.

BRAKES ON APPROPRIATIONS

Leaders to Prevent Repetition of War Extravagance.

LAW REPORTED VIOLATED

General Staff Governs Purchase and Supply Instead of War Secretary Assistant, Charged.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Oct. 26.—Demand for an investigation of the manner in which the army reorganization act is being administered will be made promptly when congress convenes by Representative Kahn, chairman of the house military affairs committee, it became known today.

It also is learned that some rough sledding is ahead for the war department in obtaining appropriations, leaders in congress being disposed to hand out the money sparingly on account of the lavish hand with which past appropriations have been expended.

Mr. Kahn has been informed that the provisions of the law have been ignored and that the secretary of war, instead of having the question of purchase and supply conducted by the assistant secretary of war, as was contemplated by the new law, it has been turned over to the general staff.

Inquiry to Be Asked. He also is said to be that other important requirements outlined by congress have been violated, and has prepared the text of a resolution of investigation which he will introduce on the first day of the session.

The second handicap under which he will labor will be the accumulation of distrust that has been born of the series of investigations conducted by the special committee on war expenditures. There are other factors entering into the situation, of course.

There are sufficient to show, however, that the vast total of nearly a billion dollars asked for by the department this year will undoubtedly be greatly cut.

"The programme of waste and extravagance that characterizes the administration of public affairs by the war department in the last three years has jeopardized the proper maintenance of the military establishment in the future," was asserted by one member of the military affairs committee.

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PRINCE PAUL DESIRED AS NEW GREEK KING

YOUNGER BROTHER OF ALEXANDER TO BE OFFERED PLACE

Admiral Coundouriotis Probable Regent During Minority of New King.

ATHENS, Oct. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—The throne of Greece, made vacant by the death of King Alexander, will be offered to Prince Paul, third son of former King Constantine, it is officially announced.

Many difficulties regarding succession to the Greek throne will result from the death of King Alexander. King Constantine formally abdicated and Prince George, older brother of Prince Paul, must renounce his rights.

It is probable that King Constantine will at first refuse to meet these conditions, but it is understood that Venizelos will produce arguments of some importance. Constantine's financial status is well known and it is the understanding that the premier will agree to restore the ex-king's suppressed pension if the above terms are accepted.

Elections at which will be chosen members of the new Greek national assembly have been postponed one week, it is announced here. They were to have been held on November 8.

Admiral P. Coundouriotis, ex-minister of marine, is believed to be the official most favored for the appointment as regent of Greece, to hold office until the successor of King Alexander, who died last night, ascends the throne. He was formerly a member of the Saloniki government and is known to be friendly to the entente.

ATHENS, Oct. 26.—The funeral of King Alexander will take place Friday afternoon. The chamber of deputies will be convened Thursday.

The cabinet assembled immediately after the death of the king last night and drew up a message to the people expressing the grief felt at the monarch's death, and adding:

"In conformity with the constitutional order of succession the younger brother of King Alexander, Prince Paul, is called to succeed him. However, in view of his absence and the relations existing between the nation and the house of ex-King Constantine, the government has decided, in conformity with the constitution, to convene the chamber just adjourned to proceed to the election of a regent until the arrival of the new king."

Lucerne, Switzerland, Oct. 26.—King Constantine of Greece burst into tears today upon learning of the death of his second son, King Alexander of Greece, news of which was received last night, although it was withheld from the Greek public until today. He has not seen his son in several years.

Prince Paul was non-committal when asked recently by a newspaper correspondent whether he would accept the Greek throne in the event of the death of his brother, then still living.

"I will leave the matter in the hands of my father," he replied.

London, Oct. 26.—(Special Cable.)

Representative Kahn was called to London from Paris to attend King Alexander, has been given a fee of \$60,000 by the Greek government.

An Athens Dispatch to the Daily Mail is Authority for this Statement.

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The Weather.

YESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 63 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees.

TODAY'S—Rain; southeasterly winds.

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