

ATTACKS ON TIGER DECLARED UNJUST

Clemenceau Held Lovable, Honest Old Man.

LEAGUE NEVER BACKED

Mark Sullivan Says War Premier Doubled Success of Venture, But Agreed to Try It Out.

BY MARK SULLIVAN.

(Copyright by New York Evening Post, Inc. Published by Arrangement.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—It illustrates the unhappy state of fear and suspicion which afflicts the whole world to find Georges Clemenceau the object of criticism on the one hand from Senator Borah, who was the chief of the "irreconcilables" in opposition to the league of nations, and, on the other hand from Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska who led the fight in the senate in favor of the league of nations.

Clemenceau was never a league of nations man. He was willing to tolerate it because Wilson wanted it; but he had no great faith in it. At Paris he used to say, in effect: "I am an old man. I have seen a great deal, and I do not believe war can wholly be banished from the world by the league of nations."

At the same time he used to add, speaking to some Americans, "You men are younger—your nation is younger. Maybe you are right. Maybe you have the better vision. I am willing to let the experiment be made. If it doesn't stop war completely, maybe it will, at least, remove some of the causes of war and give time for reflection before nations take the sword. I am willing to try it, although I am not willing to intrust France's safety to that alone."

Treatment Held Unjust.

It is not only unjust for the enemies of the league of nations to treat Clemenceau as if he were their antagonist; it is equally unjust to hold Clemenceau responsible for the spirit of extreme revenge which actuates some parts of the Versailles treaty. The truth is that at the peace conference Clemenceau represented a contrast to the extreme French militarist opinion. It was not Clemenceau, but Foch and Poincare, who wanted the extreme of revenge on Germany. Clemenceau was constantly in disagreement with Foch and Poincare and constantly under attack from them.

In the end, after the peace conference was over, these enemies of Clemenceau who thought he had been too mild with Germany succeeded in ousting him. Clemenceau today is prescribed by Poincare and the others who compose the present government of France and are responsible for France's present policies.

It was Foch and Poincare who pressed Clemenceau to seize the left bank of the Rhine and make the Rhine France's permanent frontier and otherwise to act with extreme ruthlessness toward Germany. It was Foch who wanted to march into Poland and take the American army with him, and march also into Persia, taking the American army.

Clemenceau stood out against these extreme militarists and always under pressure from them. Also it was not Clemenceau who was responsible for making the German reparations so impossibly large. That fault lies chiefly on the shoulders of Lloyd George.

Lloyd George, in order to win the election in Great Britain in December, 1918, just before the peace conference began, ordered the British people to make Germany pay the entire cost of the war, including the pensions for British soldiers who were killed and the separation allowances for the wives of British soldiers who were at the front during the war. It was in the attempt on the part of Lloyd George to get good on these promises that the German reparations were fixed at an impossible sum.

Clemenceau would have been content with forcing Germany to make good merely for the devastation done in France, Belgium and elsewhere.

Of course, it is undeniably true that Clemenceau wanted, and still wants, Great Britain and the United States to make reparations to France, guaranteeing that they will come to France's help if ever France should be attacked. To this proposal our American public is even less friendly than it is to the league of nations. Wilson, although he did not believe in this proposal, finally during the course of the negotiations at Paris promised Clemenceau that he would recommend it to the American people.

So hopeless was it, however, that Clemenceau never received any degree of support for this proposal in America that it never received any except the most perfunctory discussion here and was never formally passed by the senate. If it had been brought up formally in the senate there would have been fewer votes for it even than there was for the league of nations.

Among all the Americans who were at Paris either officials or as observers, I can recall not one who did not think of Clemenceau as a man apart. There were many who disagreed with him completely, but all regarded him as a fine, honest, frank old man, who stood by fixed principles, always said what he meant, and never practiced the diplomatic subtleties that were characteristic of some of the other Europeans.

Good Will to Be Created.

As a practical matter, so far as Clemenceau means to bring forward this old proposal of an American guarantee for France, it is quite impossible. If it were brought before the senate it probably would not get more than five or ten votes. Nevertheless, the weight of opinion here is less excited than that of senators who have spoken up sharply. The bulk of feeling here favors taking Clemenceau as he is, a fine and brave old man, who loves his own country and speaks the truth as he sees it. There is no serious idea that anything specific will develop as a result of his visit, except a good will and tolerance as will come from listening to him with respect and treating him with the attention courtesy to which he is entitled, not only as a great Frenchman, but by virtue of his own unique personality.

RESERVES TO ORGANIZE

Headquarters of 382d Infantry to Open in Medford.

MEMPHIS, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—The headquarters of the 382d infantry, organized reserves, is to

FRENCH TIGER LOOKS AT SKYSCRAPER.



GEORGES CLEMENCEAU LOOKING UP AT WOOLWORTH BUILDING IN NEW YORK.

be opened here as soon as suitable quarters can be obtained, according to Staff Sergeant C. R. Lucy, who has been detailed by the war department to assist in the opening of the headquarters and organization of the 382d infantry which is a component part of the 88th division, organized reserves. Sergeant Lucy states that a regular army captain will be detailed in charge of the office.

The 382d infantry is commanded by Gordon Voorhies of Medford, who is a colonel in the officers' reserve corps, a world-war veteran and a graduate of the United States military academy.

R. R. COSTER LOSES BOND

Plaintiff in Election Recount Ordered to Pay \$2000.

SALEM, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—R. R. Coster, plaintiff in the election contest proceedings filed against Governor Ott following the primary election last May, must bear the cost of the recount to the full extent of \$2000, according to a decision of Judge Percy Kelly in the circuit court yesterday. The amount of the bond posted by Mr. Coster at the time the proceedings were instituted.

The court found that attorneys for Governor Ott were employed 25 days in assembling evidence in the case, and that 12 days were spent in trying the action. For the two attorneys, Jay Bowman of Portland and Roy Shields, the court allowed \$820.75.

SCHOOL HAS SMALL FIRE

215 Children at Gladstone Leave Building in 60 Seconds.

OREGON CITY, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—While 215 children were at their desks in the building, fire broke out in the Gladstone school at Wednesday afternoon. A spark from the chimney caught on the roof above the sixth grade room and burned a hole in the roof.

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Roseburg Youth Appointed.

EUGENE, Or., Nov. 23.—(Special.)—Notification that an appointment to the United States military academy at West Point will be given to Junior Bell, son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bell of this city, has been received by Mr. Bell from Senator Robert N. Starfield. The appointment will be made in March. Junior Bell is now enrolled at the Columbia military academy in Tennessee, and his record was a factor in his receiving the appointment.

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TIGER IS CENTER OF FIRE

Franco-American Relations Are Discussed in Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 23.—Ex-premier Clemenceau of France and his mission to America, as well as policies of the present French government, were subjected to a bipartisan fire today in the senate in a nearly two hours' frank discussion of Franco-American relations.

Senator Hitchcock, democrat of Nebraska, ex-chairman of the foreign relations committee, and leader of the senate forces which sought ratification of the Versailles treaty, was joined by Senator Borah, republican of Idaho, prominent treaty opponent, in the criticism. Both rejected the plea of M. Clemenceau for co-operation between America and France for peace as long as present French policies are pursued.

Senator Sterling, republican of South Dakota, who followed with a brief defense of M. Clemenceau, asserted the French statesman's assertion that French fear of German militarism was justified.

Senator Hitchcock flayed the French policies toward Germany, which he said were harsh, naming particularly the reparations demands and use of black troops in Germany. France, he declared, might have had "a more appropriate spokesman" than M. Clemenceau and he called upon the former to "justify" in future speeches in this country the French policies which he attacked.

Senator Borah, charging France with being militaristic, also called upon M. Clemenceau for a statement as to the French position on armament and declared that the distinguished visitor was "studiously obscure" in his proposals for a peace rapprochement between France and America.

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