

### PREMIER OF FRANCE SUMS UP COVENANT

#### Viviani Divides Views Into Fourteen Points.

### LEAGUE FIRST PROBLEM

#### America's Co-operation Declared Indispensable for Progress Toward World Goal.

Mr. Viviani, arriving in New York on La Lorraine late today or tomorrow, will proceed to Washington this afternoon. President Harding will hear from the American president his theory for the association of nations. Mr. Viviani here will present his own views as to the league, cabled from France prior to his departure on a trip which has excited world-wide comment and interest. Oddly enough, these views are summed up in 14 very interesting points.

BY RENE VIVIANI.

1. The greatest problem of today is the league of nations. An exchange of views, therefore, is better than silence, even if it should not result in agreement. We of France have been pleading for accepting the league from President Wilson without first inquiring whether it was approved by the United States senate. Certainly, out of respect for the American nation, we could not question Mr. Wilson's right to speak for his country. It is to be regretted that this political misunderstanding, resulting from our very respect for the laws and officials of the United States, continues.

2. The situation with respect to the league, however, may be summed up as follows:

#### Ratification Must Stand.

1. The league of nations pact has been ratified by France, England, Italy, Belgium and others. We hope that America, while dissatisfied here, will appreciate the fact that these countries have accomplished an act which they cannot repudiate.
2. The pact proclaims itself open to revision. I am a member of the committee on amendments. Forty already have been proposed. Others will, undoubtedly, be made.
3. The pact no longer belongs to governments. The league alone is sovereign and alone has the power of modification.
4. The co-operation of America is indispensable to humanity. America's presence always is desirable at any meetings of minds and consciences.
5. American statesmen seem determined on the destruction of the covenant. Article 10, they say, is a threat against national independence; it creates a super-government. Article 10 is objectionable for very definite reasons. It merely authorizes suggestions and therefore promises more than it can fulfill.

#### Strength Built on Weakness.

6. Whatever may be one's conception, a league, a society, or an association, means reciprocal obligations. When two individuals form a partnership that seems to increase their separate strength in collective strength, they also undertake certain obligations toward each other. If we do not wish to do this, it would be far better for us to remain separate.

7. Whatever sort of combination is proposed—if it really is to be a combination—there must be an exchange of duties and rights by the associates. So if Americans desire to form a combination the question is how will they form an association without committing themselves to anything, or without receiving commitments in return?

8. Some persons complain that the league is a political organization which should be replaced by a judicial organization. We already have had the Hague court, composed of eminent jurists. In the past they have done their best, but they never have been obeyed.

9. The league, in September last, created a court of justice which was accepted by all of its members; by some instantly; by others in accordance with the procedure required by their constitution.

#### Judicious Settlement Hoped.

10. If a court is established, nations must not bring before it merely their commercial, industrial and economic interests. Indeed, not for we are striving toward the time when conflicts of national pride, which are of the gravest sort, because they stir up entire populations, thereby becoming irremediable, will likewise be settled judicially. Unless these conflicts are brought immediately before the court, the most profound

### PACKER MEDIATION RESULT HELPS DAVIS

#### Standing of Secretary With Labor Is Strengthened.

### SHORT DAY IS BIG POINT

#### Unions Show Ability to Resist Indiscriminate Wage-Cutting and Keep Some Wartime Gains.

BY HARDEN COLFAX.

(Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) WASHINGTON, D. C., March 26.—(Special.)—Settlement of the controversy in the packing industry and recent developments in the railroad situation indicate that labor has at least been able to resist indiscriminate wage cutting thus far and to hold that part of its wartime gains which, after all, it considers of most importance—improvement in hours and working conditions.

Leaders in the trade union movement have long recognized that shorter hours and better conditions constitute permanent gains, whereas higher wages are often illusory because prices as a rule pretty nearly keep pace with them or even surpass them.

#### Davis Strong With Labor.

Of hardly less importance than the evidence that labor has been able to consolidate its gains of the war in some degree is the practical certainty that the position of James J. Davis, secretary of labor, with the organized workmen of the country has been greatly strengthened by his successful conduct of the packing-house conference.

It is no secret that the selection of Mr. Davis for the position of secretary of labor was not altogether related by the American Federation. Although retaining a union card, Mr. Davis has had no connection with the labor movement for many years. He had become a banker, in which occupation he would hardly be expected to have much sympathy with the aims

### NUDE STATUE OPPOSED

#### "PAGAN" ROUSES FURORE IN NEW YORK ART CIRCLES.

### Ban Barring Work From Museum Is Reversed Before Sculptor's Friends Get to Court.

BY JESSIE HENDERSON. (Copyright, 1921, by The Oregonian.) NEW YORK, March 26.—(Special.)—Much bickering was had this week over an unclad statue called "Pagan" by the sculptor, Captain Charles Rumsby, son-in-law of Mrs. E. H. Harriman. "Pagan" was barred from a forthcoming exhibition in the metropolitan museum. The architectural league, which put up the bars, thought the semi-reclining figure was not nice. Just as the matter was being rushed into the court by the indignant friends of the sculptor the art committee decided maybe the "pagan" wasn't so bad. Captain Rumsby says the huge marble figure typifies the bolshevik woman. If that's the case, the climate of Russia must be far different from what the geography has led one to believe. But the argument at least insures a large attendance at the April exhibit.

Two other adventures in the fine arts stand to the credit of a fairly adventurous week. John Drinkwater, author of "Abraham Lincoln," produced "Mary Stuart," with a new actress, Claire Eames, in the title role—a production so full of beauty and fire that both play and actress became notable on the instant.

An old masterpiece stolen from Italy two years ago was found in accordance with the best romantic traditions in an east side saloon. The priceless picture, repurchased for a few hundred dollars, will be restored to the national gallery at Bologna.

Speaking of theft, women have had important roles this week as both the robber and the robbed. With the equal ballot they now demand the equal bullet. Hence the gun girl. One of them with a permanent wave and a fur coat entered a man's apartment at 2 o'clock the other morning with a revolver in hand took away \$15, which she said was essential to her happiness.

Mrs. Charles M. MacNeill, who after the opera went to supper at the home of a woman friend, lost a \$3000 pair of opera glasses. A judge sentenced a disorderly boy to three months' reading of Dickens and Hawthorne. Another judge—it occurred in Jersey—decided that a man can't compel his wife to live with his mother.

#### Use of Fair Grounds Asked.

YAKIMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—The question of permitting wider use by Yakima people of the state fair grounds will be taken up with the state attorney-general by Director French of the state department of agriculture, according to plans outlined Thursday by Mr. French to farmers and stockmen here.

#### Yakima Man Made Deputy.

YAKIMA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—George W. Harris of this city has been selected assistant state game warden for the district east of the Cascades, according to Fish and Game Supervisor McKinney.

### Attitude Agreeable Surprise.

The attitude of Mr. Davis in the packing controversy is an agreeable surprise to labor. The settlement, whether temporary or permanent, is at least looked upon as equitable. The great masses of data collected by the conciliation service of the department of labor were fully utilized in the mediation process and the efficiency of the service was demonstrated.

### Influence Is Considerable.

Obviously the influence of these men is considerable, and practically every member of the present staff is an specialist in some particular industry, for the reason that the men have had a number of years' experience and have become well grounded in the work. There has been some apprehension in organized labor lest this staff be broken up.

The handling of the packing controversy may serve to relieve this apprehension. Mr. Davis has done much, it was believed, toward winning the respect of organized labor, and now his attitude toward the conciliation service will undoubtedly be watched with great interest.

Its preservation in its present form, though not necessarily with precisely the same personnel, would do much to improve the somewhat strained relations that still exist between the department and the federation.

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### MISS WEST IS HONORED

#### Banquet to Be Held at Olympia for Veteran Teacher.

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 26.—(Special.)—To commemorate the seventh birthday anniversary of Miss L. West, of Spokane, veteran school teacher of the state, prominent educators will gather for a banquet and reunion at the hotel Dayenport on April 1, according to an announcement made Friday by Mrs. Josephine Corliss Preston, state superintendent of public instruction.

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