

REPUBLICANS SEEK MIDDLE GROUND ON PEACE LEAGUE

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Washington, May 17.—Republican party leaders this week will definitely begin the serious task of building a tenable peace treaty and League of Nations position from the conflicting proposals of its platform architects.

Owing to the fact that several members of the national committee's platform builders are in the house and senate, it was decided to have the executive committee meet here Tuesday, where it could be in intimate touch with the different treaty forces.

There has been much preliminary jockeying in the matter of the party's stand on the issue, many formal arrangements, and even reports that some decision had been reached.

PROBABLE MIDDLE GROUND

As a matter of fact the subject has been postponed for definite action until various proposals have had a run for their money in congress, and nothing final has been decided. With the convention only three weeks off, however, it is agreed that work should begin on the league problems and disposed of and provided for in so far as possible, in order to avoid possibility of a serious clash of interests at Chicago. Hearings therefore will begin Tuesday.

And the course finally decided upon as that which the party should advocate at Chicago will have an important bearing on the aspirations of the respective candidates. For example, if the convention should endorse a league of nations, "Americanized," as advocated by Senator Lodge, it could scarcely accept either Senator Knox or Senator Johnson as its ticket leader, because both have opposed the "Lodge league" along with the "Wilson league."

KNOX POORLY SUPPORTED

And Knox very recently stated that the Lodge reservations did not "Americanize" the league as a majority of the Republican senators have contended.

Nevertheless the party has its choice of adopting a platform plank squaring with the Lodge position or denouncing the whole league covenant, reserved or otherwise, and offering in its stead some constructive counter proposal to the Wilson league. Knox has suggested as such a compromise a plank calling for codification of international law and the establishment of a world court for peace.

If the committee should favor some such arrangement it might well strengthen the forces of either Johnson or Knox at Chicago.

But the Knox resolution did not command the support in the senate Saturday that the Lodge program did on the last vote taken in the upper branch of congress.

VETO WILL KILL IT

The house probably will pass the Knox resolution, but when the president vetoes it there will not be the necessary two-thirds votes in either side of congress to repass the resolution over the president's veto.

From the point of view of numerical support, the Lodge position will go into the convention stronger than the course advocated by Knox.

And discussions with Republican leaders would leave little doubt that the party will favor a plank as nearly as possible along the line consistently maintained by Lodge and a majority of his followers during the treaty fight.

Then, if the Democrats support the president in his stand for an unaltered league as originally submitted, the issue would be clear between the "Wilson league" and the Lodge "Americanized league."

If the Democrats declined to follow Wilson's advice at San Francisco there would be so little vital difference between the two party planks that the league would cease to be the foremost issue and the campaign could be fought out on other issues, which the Republicans greatly prefer.

MESSAGE LOOKED FOR

The Republican platform executive committee, while in session here, will confer with leaders of all factions in the treaty fight and attempt to arrive at some satisfactory conclusion.

Owing to the fact that the Republican nomination will be materially affected by the party's position on the league and that the Democratic nomination may in large measure depend upon the identity of the Republican nominee, the foremost political question today is what disposition the Republican party will make of the league.

President Wilson may help solve the Republican problem by showing plainly what he purposes the Democrats should do when he sends congress his answer to the Knox resolution.

DONNELL AND HICKEY FAVOR LEAGUE WITH RESERVATIONS

Answering the queries of the Hoover Republican club of Oregon, M. Z. Donnell, candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention from the Second congressional district, and Oliver M. Hickey, candidate for delegate at large, both declare themselves in favor of the League of Nations with the reservations adopted by the majority of Republican senators.

Their answers follow:
"The Dallas, May 15.—I am in favor of the League of Nations with the senate reservations adopted by the majority of the Republican senators."

"If elected as a delegate to the Republican national convention I will favor the adoption of a plank in the Republican platform endorsing the prompt ratification of the treaty and approving the reservations adopted by the majority of the Republican senators."

"Portland, May 15.—As candidate for delegate to the Republican national convention you have the right to know my position in reference to the two queries asked and I do not hesitate to advise you.

"Your first query was: 'Are you in favor of the League of Nations with senate reservations adopted by the majority of the Republican senators?' In answer to this query I wish to state I am."

"Your second question was: 'If elected as a delegate to the Republican national convention would I favor the adoption of a plank in the Republican platform endorsing the prompt ratification of the treaty and approving the reservations favored by the majority of the Republican senators?' I am not in favor of the League of Nations without reservations suggested, but in favor of prompt ratification of the treaty with reservations and believe that the interests of the whole country will be best served thereby."

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