

LODGE, HARDING IN MOOD TO COMPEL MEXICO TO FIGHT

Despite Obregon's Friendly Attitude, Republicans Use Threats Against Neighbor to South.

Washington, Sept. 25.—(WASH.INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Not much is being said about Mexico in the campaign. It is possible that under the rule of General Obregon, who is deemed genuinely friendly to this country, complications will disappear. On the other hand, if this country makes a series of demands such as have been forecasted by eminent authorities of the Republican party, Mexico is not likely to agree, and Mexico might soon become a place for military action.

Warnings to Mexico have recently been delivered by Warren G. Harding, by Senator Lodge, by the Republican national platform and by a subcommittee of the foreign relations committee of the senate, headed by Senator Albert B. Fall of New Mexico. These warnings differ in degree and in clarity, but taken together or singly they form a manifest threat of war and the military occupation of Mexico.

LODGE CALLS IT "DISGRACE"

"The time has come to put an end to this Mexican situation," said Senator Lodge in his address to the national convention. "It is a shame to the United States and a disgrace to our civilization."

Senator Harding recently made a speech in which he demanded the fullest regard for Americans and their property in foreign countries, and added a line to indicate that the Mexican situation is a disgrace to the United States.

The Republican platform pledges the party to a "consistent, firm and effective policy" which of course can be adjusted to meet the circumstances, and which must be interpreted, as other parts of the platform are, by what its sponsors and the candidates nominated upon it mean.

FALL REPORT EXPLICIT

A more explicit statement is contained in the report of the fall subcommittee, which was presented in the closing days of the last session of congress, and received less publicity than about count than it probably would otherwise have obtained.

This subcommittee laid down, to the extent of more than four pages, the conditions which should be agreed to by Mexico before the United States shall agree to recognize its new government. These conditions include agreement by Mexico that various provisions of that country's constitution shall not apply to American citizens, including one that foreigners shall be excluded from the ownership of property in lands, waters or their appurtenances, and another giving the president of Mexico authority to expel any foreigner whose presence he may deem inexpedient.

Having found a Mexican government ready to agree to the conditions set forth, it is recommended that financial aid without stint be given to refund Mexican bonds, to rehabilitate the railroads and to organize and equip an army. This aid to be given preferably as a national loan. The report proceeds:

"We have the legal right and it is our duty to refuse to recognize any government in Mexico which will not agree by way of a treaty to the foregoing conditions of recognition."

If the Mexican government will not enter into such a compact, immediate warning notice should be given of intention to protect American lives and property. It is stated, and then comes the direct statement of the means which should be employed if further attacks upon American citizens or property occur:

"That we will send a police force consisting of the military and naval forces of our government into the republic of Mexico to open and maintain every line of communication between

the city of Mexico and every seaport and every border of Mexico." The concluding paragraph of the report reads:

"In the giving notice that we are not warring upon the Mexican people, we should request their assistance or at least that they refrain from joining any armed bands in any attacks upon our forces or troops, whose purpose would be to restore a Mexican government of order; protection of our own citizens; protection of Mexican citizens; restoration of the Mexican government of order; the affording of opportunity for the opening of mines, fields and factories; and lastly, the opportunity for the Mexican people themselves, in whatever manner they desire, to control a friendly ground and bind themselves who will meet the civilized world upon a friendly ground and bind themselves to deal with other people as they themselves would be dealt with."

BORDER SENATORS SIGN IT

The report was signed by Fall of New Mexico and Brandegee of Connecticut, Republicans, and Smith of Arizona, Democrat, two of the members are from border states.

The significant features are the demand that before a Mexican government is recognized it shall by treaty nullify provisions of its constitution by expelling citizens of this country, restore Americans to their properties and afford the opportunity for opening of mines, fields and factories.

The announced policy of Obregon is to negotiate for fair settlement of damage claims and give guaranty for security of lives and property, but to maintain the Mexican constitution in regulating ownership and disposal of property as a domestic question, just as California does the right to exclude Japanese from the ownership and leasing of lands.

MAKE A WAR EAST

Herein lie the materials for a new war upon very short notice, should the validity of property by executive demands laid down, and which Mexico may not deem it consistent to give. Mexico may contend that this program smacks too strongly of a demand for the validity of property, but to interfere with domestic matters which Mexico claims a right to decide for herself.

Two courses seem to be open. One is negotiation with the new Obregon government, which appears now to be obtaining a firm grip on the situation, with a view to amicable adjustment of past accounts and recognition of American rights in property which have actually vested. The other is the making of a demand accompanied by the threat of military occupation, including the city of Mexico and "every seaport and border port."

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Veterans of 91st Hold Reunion in Argonne's Honor

Merry Gathering of Ninety-Three Members of Division Held at University Club Saturday Eve.

Ninety-three members of the famous Ninety-first or "Wild West" division of the U. S. Army, foregathered at University club Saturday night in a celebration of the anniversary of the battle of the Argonne. Officers and men mingled in glad reunion.

There was laughter and merry quip and ready shout and applause for the speakers and entertainers. There were also the more serious moments, when the comrades at arms in the great world war spoke reverently of their brothers who had "gone west." There was retrospection, every man at the banquet board introduced the man on his right, and this gave the opportunity for many an appreciated jest. Miss Slight gave an Hawaiian dance, accompanied by J. H. Diamond, private of Company H, Three Hundred and Sixty-third infantry. There were mess calls and impromptu songs. Messages of greeting and good cheer from American forces, Colonel H. C. Devett, chief of staff of the Ninety-first when in Belgium, and sent from Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Captain J. H. Irwin, sent from Great Falls, Mont., and others.

The general theme of the short talks was "Who Won the War?" The question is still unsettled, as each sector of the gathering with more or less modesty claimed this honor. Even the newspaper correspondents had in a claim, and it was numerous out-of-town members of the Ninety-first division were in Portland for this event. Among them was Arthur Lee of Seattle, who has been decorated with the D. C.

Announcement was made that the American Legion will sponsor a spirited celebration of Armistice day, November 11, in the city of Portland. The returned service men at 11 o'clock in the forenoon and various interesting events scheduled for the remainder of the day.

Local Price Cut Is to Be Gradual

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been caused by the drop in the price of upper leather," he said. "Wages are just as high. The tannings, eyelets, nails, hooks and finishing preparations are higher. It takes 3 1/2 to 2 1/2 feet of upper leather to make a pair of ladies' or men's shoes, and the reductions have been from 25 to 50 cents per foot, or an average of 38 cents per foot."

William Roberts of Roberts Brothers said that no material decrease could be expected this year. This year's shoes have been selling for less, on the average, than eastern merchants," he said. "Silks will drop, as they have dropped, but sheets, muslins and fine linens will decline only gradually."

D. A. Dinsmoor of Olds, Wortman & King declared that in some instances the buyers of that store were paying more money for goods today than before, but he does see a gradual decline in sight. He agrees that silks and luxuries have reached the peak and must fall, but precipitously, but cottons and the like "will hold their own for some little time."

William F. Lipman of Lipman, Wolfe & Co. declared the merchants of Portland had met declines in July and August that are just now being met in the eastern centers.

"There is no question of the inevitable fall in prices," he said yesterday. "As a matter of fact, it is the action of department stores, who are jointly buying only what they need for day to day consumption, that will force the manufacturer to lower prices."

LOCAL DEALERS UNITED

"The Portland merchants have been united in their stand against the manufacturer and the result of that stand is being felt," Edward A. Maclean of the Portland Grocers and Merchants association, who has made a study of price conditions, said.

"The consumer may expect a gradual decline, just as the trade expects such declines, but it will be over a lengthy period and there will be no radical break. In the primary market labor is the great element of cost, which some time will be cut, but will take longer than is expected."

"The market has a downward trend, and with such a trend, we are already eliminating the speculator. Let it be understood that speculators were, for an instance, perhaps the chief cause in the advance of sugar. With a downward trend the gambler is frightened away, and we will not have to deal with him from now on."

John F. Daly, president of the Hibbernia Commercial & Savings bank, said: "The reductions now made are on manufactured goods. When these stocks become depleted and have to be replenished, the manufacturer will be able to replace stocks at a cost that will make it possible to continue the declined prices."

MONEY MADE EASIER

"The reduction in basic commodities will have a tendency to increase prices in bonds and other securities and in time will make money much easier. The present condition was undoubtedly brought about by a retrenchment extravagance by the people throughout the country and the condition of the export market due to the unfavorable exchange rates between the United States and European countries."

C. I. Lamping, vice president of the Northwestern National bank, felt that "The downward trend in prices was bound to come. Merchants throughout the country have anticipated it for some time and have been buying very cautiously and placing their houses in order before the reduction. The 'silk shirt' day has passed. The economic buying of the American people during the past year has forced the manufacturers to place their goods on the market at a lower price. Immediately after the announcement of price reductions Liberty bonds took a jump. This cannot help but to have a good effect. While there has been but little increase in money rates the reduction in commodities will have a bearing on the money market to the

extent of making money easier for essential industries." Retail grocers generally expect lower prices, but are waiting action of the wholesalers. Jobbers hope for the same thing, but point and look to the manufacturer. And the manufacturer, calling his statistician, shows the investigator his terrific costs of raw material, and the producer of the raw material points accusingly at labor.

ARMOUR PREDICTS FURTHER MEAT REDUCTION IN 1921

Chicago, Sept. 25.—(U. P.)—Further price reductions on meat next year were forecast tonight by J. Ogden Armour, head of the meat packing company, in a statement discussing the cutting of prices on food and wearing apparel now general throughout the West.

"The present price cutting wave will not affect wholesale meat prices, Armour said.

The price reduction movement in the meat industry, he said, began when the war ended. "Livestock is at a lower level now than at any time within three years," said Armour. "The present low levels of livestock prices have not affected the retail price of meat to a great extent because of the tremendous decrease in the value of by-products."

"There are no immediate prospects for further reductions in wholesale prices of meat, but the excellent corn crop now in the making gives promise of cheaper production costs in the future and will probably make possible further price reductions next year."

Reports from the Middle West tonight showed practically every commodity affected by the price cutting in various cities.

Restaurants and hotels in St. Louis cut prices of all foods containing corn, wheat, meat and vegetables.

Many department stores were reported advertising 20 per cent reductions on all goods.

The Jiffy Desert company at Waukegan, Wis., manufacturers of food products, announced a cut of 20 per cent in all products.

Cotton goods supplied to Indianapolis hospitals were cut 25 per cent in price.

Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck & Co., commenting on the reductions in the new catalogue issued by that firm, said some prices had been cut 50 per cent.

"I am not by nature a pessimist," Rosenwald said, "and for that reason I am loath to predict hard times. Nevertheless, it may be that we may be compelled to go through a period of readjustment which will mean losses on accumulated stocks of merchandise and more or less of time for the working classes."

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HARBORS MEETING PLANS SHAPE UP IN RAPID FASHION

Scores of Delegates to Northwest Convention in Portland Are Already Listed to Be Present.

Plans are being shaped rapidly for the Northwest rivers and harbors convention, called by the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce to discuss harbor development in all Northwest points, in light of the railroad rate situation. The delegates hope to foster such harbor improvements as may be required to provide marketing facilities and to discuss shipping problems and canvass the need for construction of vessels in the Pacific Northwest to relieve shipping problems. The gathering will be held at the Multnomah hotel October 4 and 5, opening at 10 a. m.

Five delegates will be present from each official port body, five from each commercial organization and one from each industrial, commercial or transportation company or interest.

PROGRAM FORMING

The program of the convention is still incomplete, but the lineup of speakers includes some of the best known authorities in the Northwest and the country at large on shipping and transportation problems.

"The shipping problems of the Northwest are becoming acute," said Secretary George Quayle in speaking of the convention. "They demand the serious thought of manufacturers, merchants, farmers and in fact, all who must avail themselves of shipping facilities. The high freight rates in the past have worked seriously against the Northwest shipper and now with the new increase the whole matter is presenting a problem, the seriousness of which can only be contemplated."

LINES ASSURE RELIEF

"If there was ever a time in the history of the Northwest when the business men should be alive to the need of the development of maritime shipping and to cooperate on the program of such development or to consider seriously these problems which mean so much to the business interests of this section, it is now. A relief for merchants and industries of the Northwest can be secured through the development of steamship lines and harbor facilities which will be able to handle the shipping of this part of the country, giving the advantage of both rail and water transportation." Delegates whose credentials have al-

Jewish Observance Of Harvest Feast To Begin Tonight

The Jewish feast of booths begins tonight and extends during the eight days following, with special services tonight and Monday morning and concluding services the following Sunday and Monday.

The feast is a very old one, having been instituted in Bible times, and is described in Leviticus 23 as a time for dwelling in booths in recollection of the wilderness wanderings in the wilderness. Also it is a harvest feast and as such is generally observed. The services at the various synagogues will include the features of the booths and harvest as well as other distinguishing parts of the ritual.

At Temple Beth Israel the Sunday night services will introduce the harvest festival which is participated in by the children. This service commences at 7 o'clock, while the Monday morning service is at 10 o'clock. Persons of all faiths are always welcome at Temple Beth Israel and are cordially invited to attend.

LEAGUE IS STRONG IN UTAH, SAYS LAWRENCE

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Democratic nominee for senator. He has been in congress and behind him is the cry for new blood in the senate to represent Utah. He will give Smoot a good race, but Smoot will run stronger than Harding in this state.

Normally Utah is Republican. It has in recent years been Democratic largely out of admiration for President Wilson, who had been fought with the same bitterness here by the press as in other states.

At present Utah has a Democratic governor, Simon S. Benson, who enjoys the distinction of having made one of the best governors the state ever had, but who, at the same time, has absolutely declined to accept the nomination for reelection, which was tendered to him by party leaders. He could unquestionably be elected, as he is popular with Republicans and Democrats, and has given the state a business administration. He is a warm supporter of Governor Cox in the League of Nations and the Democratic organization in this state seems to have more vigor than the Democrats in other states, as appears this year.

ELDERS ARE FOLLOWED

Governor Cox will see as large a plurality here as did President Wilson in 1916. It will be greatly reduced, but the rank and file of its membership is state by a narrow margin, the Mormons will decide the issue. The church itself has taken no active part in politics, but the rank and file of its membership were the judgment of their elders, and the action of the Mormon conference of a year ago.

Utah will go Democratic as a matter of course and principle. Governor Cox made a fine impression here and unless the word should be passed along in the Mormon church to vote for Harding for reasons other than the league, a contingency that is not expected by those who have made a careful study of Utah politics, the four electoral votes of Utah may be chalked up for the Democratic nominee.

WOMAN IS SEEKING HUSBAND AND SON

Mrs. E. N. Santee in Oakland, Cal., in Effort to Trace Relatives; She is Penniless.

Oakland, Cal., Sept. 25.—(T. N. S.)—Distraught because of the disappearance of her husband and her 10-year-old son and with no money to aid in the search for them or to even buy necessities of life, Mrs. E. N. Santee, arrived here today to take up the hunt.

On September 20 Santee said he was going to Portland to have his automobile repaired, but did not return to Oregon City, where they were visiting. It is believed by Mrs. Santee that her husband is in Oakland and is suffering from a memory lapse. The local police are aiding the woman.

Santee Home in Spokane

Oregon City, Sept. 25.—Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Santee are residents of Spokane and came to Oregon City to visit Mrs. Santee's mother while en route for California by automobile. They planned to go to Salem to visit Santee's family, but Santee disappeared in the meantime. Mrs. Santee appealed to the district attorney, but was told no aid was possible.

A campaign will be launched at Ellensburg early in October to raise \$50,000 with which to erect buildings and build a race track for the Khatias county fair next year.

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The garments I offer include a number of famous makes favored by men and young men the country over.

The reduced prices do not affect in any way my usual guaranty of satisfaction or money back. I consider no sale complete until you have received full service from your outlay.

Every reduction is squarely made from the regular, normal price of the garment. There are no subterfuges—no evasions.

I welcome your patronage, based upon the above straightforward facts. I shall endeavor to please you.

You Can Buy Clothes at These Prices In This Real Clothing Sale

\$40 Overcoats and Suits \$32
 \$50 Overcoats and Suits \$38
 \$60 Overcoats and Suits \$47
 \$70 Overcoats and Suits \$55
 \$80 Overcoats and Suits \$60
 \$90 Overcoats and Suits \$70

Men's Suits—Main Floor
 Men's Overcoats—Third Floor
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