

EFFORT BREWING TO FORCE HARDING TO TAKE STAND

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(United News Staff Correspondent)
Washington, Sept. 28.—It is now quite generally admitted by Democratic leaders — the foremost persons, including Governor Cox—that President Wilson must force the League of Nations to the front as the big issue of the campaign if this year's election is to be interpreted as a referendum on the league.

There has been increasing doubt in the minds of both Republican and Democratic politicians for some time that a clean-cut referendum on the league would be possible. W. C. McAdoo made such a declaration public in New York Sunday night. And the Hoover-Wickersham-Taft pro-League wing of the Republican party has taken a similar view of the situation, holding that this country is in honor bound to enter the league and therefore that whichever party wins, it must go in.

WOULD BREAK RANKS
On the other hand, administration leaders say that Cox's success depends entirely upon the ability of the Democratic party to so change the present trend of developments that the prime issue will be the league. Taking the position of Senator Johnson that Harding is for scrapping the league entirely, the administration therefore will direct its strategy, if possible, to forcing Harding to take a positive stand either for or against the league, with his international court as part of the League of Nations.

It is the Democratic hope that by forcing Harding to commit himself either to the Johnson viewpoint on the one hand, or the Hoover-Taft-Wickersham viewpoint on the other in the closing days of the campaign, a rift in Republican ranks might be effected in time to break the present Republican cohesion.

HEARD PAPERS CHANGE
In connection with this, there was vast satisfaction among Democratic leaders at the editorial query appearing Monday in the Hearst newspapers here-tofore pungently anti-Cox and anti-League in their policy.

"As things stand now," says this editorial, "Mr. Cox is beaten but he would not necessarily be beaten if certain newspapers and certain persons should change their attitude toward him. Senator Harding, are you against the League of Nations from top to bottom? Do you stand with Hiram Johnson, Borah and 90 per cent of the American people, or with Root, Wickersham, international banking and innocent Mr. Taft?"

The Hearst press has had, a notable influence with voters of foreign birth or ancestry, such as Italians, the Irish and Germans. And these three classes of voters, among others Congressman Fess, are going to oppose Cox this year largely because of Senator Harding's speech of acceptance in which he repudiated the League of Nations.

Governor Cox, while speaking frequently and effectively on the league subject, has been speaking in the far west, and his utterances, perhaps because of the distance of his speaking place from the thickly populated east, have failed to crystallize the league is-

sue. The president, however, could probably do more effective work because of the usual space allotted by newspapers to presidential utterances. So it is natural that Democratic leaders now turn to the White House for leadership.

WILL FORCE STAND
"It would seem to one who listens to the Republicans' spell binders," says Secretary Tumulty, "that the League of Nations is a devilish contrivance sprung from the brain of Woodrow Wilson. No statement more unfair than that could be uttered. Republicans, long before Woodrow Wilson ever uttered a word in behalf of the league, had advanced this great idea. Men of the type of Lodge, Taft, Burton, Roosevelt and others long ago advocated it. It was not until Woodrow Wilson put into effect the principle of the League of Nations that Lodge and his friends backed away and expressed themselves in opposition to it."

From this it may be inferred that the president's efforts will be directed, next to advocating the league itself, to drawing out Harding to an unequivocal stand, either in opposition to any league or in support of some definite substitute with the attendant dangers to the Republican candidate in accepting either alternative.

Normal Shows 10 Per Cent Increase

Oregon Normal School, Monmouth, Sept. 28.—The first week of the fall term of the Oregon Normal school closed with a 10 per cent increase in attendance over a like period last year. So many teachers came up for the new commercial teachers' course that a double supply of typewriters had to be ordered. President Roberts of the new Centralia, Wash., Normal school, spoke Friday at the chapel hour.

Gun Goes Off; Boy May Lose His Leg

Beaverton, Sept. 28.—Walter Walker, 16-year-old son of Charles Walker, while hunting with two other boys on the east slope of Cooper mountain tried to shoot a bird, but the shell was defective. Walker lowered his gun and carelessly pulled the trigger again. He received the full charge of the shell through the calf of his leg. Amputation may be necessary.

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MERCHANT MARINE OF CREDIT TO U. S. URGED BY HARDING

(By United News)
Baltimore, Md., Sept. 28.—The operation and maintenance of a "great American merchant marine" for the purpose of "holding our rightful place as a maritime nation" was urged by Senator Warren G. Harding, Republican presidential candidate, in an address here Monday night.

"We have the initial legislation," Senator Harding said, "and now need only effective administration backed by American determination to hold our rightful place as a maritime nation."

Harding declared that much could be done to relieve the actual housing shortage by "making systematically available the information on the subject of housing construction collected during the war."

He assailed "the fever of business inflation, the accumulation of a burdensome floating debt" and the "retention of crudely devised, inefficiently administered war taxes," and stated that "wiser and sounder practices of post-war financing" would have saved the country from all of these difficulties.

He cited the appointment of commit-

tees of reconstruction by Great Britain in 1918, two years before the war closed. "Only in the United States was there no provision for preparation," Harding added. "Not a plan was fashioned, not a provision made, before—or, indeed, after—the armistice, to bridge the passing from war to peace. This was no mere oversight, but deliberate avoidance."

Sparrow's Shimmy Wins Canary; Pair Off on Honeymoon

Chicago, Sept. 28.—A "shimmying" sparrow is the latest in vamps. The sparrow won the heart of a pet canary.

The canary deserting its cage to follow the jazy stranger. Until about a week ago, according to Miss Emily Davis, ticket agent at the North Shore Electric railroad, the canary was positively happy and contented in its cage environment. Then the sparrow, a very ordinary gray sparrow that couldn't sing a bit, came into the life of the little yellow songster. The sparrow sat on the window ledge and shimmyed, says Miss Davis, shimmyed in a style that would put to shame the most talented of the city's human artists. The little canary's feathers stood on end as she watched, and finally she flew from the cage and followed the sparrow.

An extra seed ration is the reward offered for the return of the stricken songster, but thus far the little yellow bird has shown no inclination to depart from its new found joy.

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Mayor Baker Urges Hearty Celebration Of Armistice Day

Plans for celebration of Armistice day, November 11, were urged today by Mayor Baker, who wants Portland to make this the gala day of the year.

Before the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Over-the-Top post No. 81, Monday night, the mayor paid a tribute to those boys of the world war and asked their aid in preparing a program that would "live forever in the memory of Portlanders."

Judge Morrow also spoke before the veterans. The occasion was a "reunion smoker" held at the courthouse.

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