

# WEST HAS FAITH IN HARDING IS LAWRENCE BELIEF

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This is the third and last of a series of articles analyzing political conditions west of the Mississippi river, based on personal investigation in 14 states during the last 30 days, and is to be followed by a daily canvass of the situation in each state east of the Mississippi, beginning with Maryland tomorrow.

Any one who penetrates the political smoke screen that envelops the presidential campaign in the West cannot but come to the conclusion that the great mass of the people have not been impressed with the notion that Senator Harding's disinclination to join the present League of Nations is an absolute refusal to carry forward American idealism.

There is a faith that if the Ohio senator is elected he will be persuaded by a public opinion untroubled by personal issues and domestic political circumstances to bring America into a partnership of nations. The support given to Harding by former President Taft and Herbert Hoover and Charles Evans Hughes has been pointed to effectively by Republican newspapers as convincing proof of what Republican politics will be after the election and there is no disposition to credit the extremist tendencies of Senators Johnson and Borah as having any more control over conservative Warren G. Harding than the radicalism of these two gentlemen on domestic issues will influence the Republican policy on the tariff or taxation.

**FAVOR LEAGUE**  
So much misconception of the true purpose of the present League of Nations exists and so much perversion of what the covenant actually says, it is indeed being printed for the first time now in many Western newspapers that as an issue in the campaign it has not only gone over the heads of many people, but the controversy has wearied and bored them. But the writer is firmly convinced that the average man when once told the truth about the League of Nations favors it whole heartedly. The average person in many states, however, is not being told what the covenant of the league says, but what the politicians say it means. One editor laughingly told the writer he never argued in his editorial column about the provisions of the covenant. "We just tell the people it means international bankruptcy, that is all." Fundamentally the West believes as much in peace as it did in 1916 and once the campaign is over and the Republican newspapers who have been lukewarm on the subject, because they didn't want to help Governor Cox's candidacy, begin to come out strongly in favor of the league again, a noticeable change in public opinion will develop. Many editors resent deeply that

the league issue has been interjected into the campaign and interfered with their domestic political desires and will do more for the League of Nations after November 2 than they are doing now.

**SEES MUCH REACTION**  
Thus, while the writer leaves the west with a feeling that Senator Harding has the lead and with a suspicion that the reaction across the Mississippi against the Democrats is so great that even Senator Penrose himself could carry the West this year, there is every reason to be optimistic about the future support that will be given by the West to the entrance of the United States into the League of Nations. So far as the West is concerned, it will vote for Harding, but by no means will repudiate the covenant of the league. Many Republican newspapers whose heart is with the League of Nations have already made that statement. That the verdict may not be misconstrued, President Wilson is still as much respected as ever west of the Mississippi, but he has lost his hold on the voters. His falling health has aroused here and there considerable sympathy, but the knowledge that he is not a vigorous leader in his party has caused the voters to examine carefully the new leadership. They do not attribute to Governor Cox the same high ideals that they did once to Wilson. They see no Bryan going from state to state preaching and crusading as he did in 1916. They see a sulky Nebraskan calling Cox a "wet" and charging that he was nominated by the bosses in the

Democratic party. They see, too, many original Wilson and McAdoo men going about their business without political emotion. Most of these Democrats will vote for Cox, but they are not throwing themselves into the fight as they did in 1916, though in some states like California it is the effect of organization which is putting up the fight for Cox and doing well. Unquestionably William Gibbs McAdoo would have carried more western states than Governor Cox will.

**WEST FOR McADOO**  
The Democrats out West were for him, as the numerous ballots at the San Francisco convention show. Furthermore, McAdoo has been and is bone dry and the anti-saloon league indorsed him. Governor Cox might have made his campaign in the West a crusade by taking the bone dry side of the argument and emphasizing the League of Nations to the exclusion of criticism of the Republican candidate's supposed reactionary views. To call a man a reactionary is one thing, to prove that he is, may be quite another. Governor Cox inside some headway on this issue, but it is not vitally controlling this year as it was in 1916. The phrases "progressive" and "reactionary" have been lost in a maze of irritations, all of which yield only the one cry—lets get back to normalcy. No matter whether we do it by a reactionary or anybody else, taxation is a sore spot. The Democrats have failed to show how neglectful the Republican congress was of the

demand of the president for a revision of the tax law.  
Most people hold the Democrats responsible. So poor are the Democratic organizations, so weak in publicity and funds that the mass of the voters have not been told anything about the two years just passed in which the Republicans had the opportunity to pass remedial legislation. The tariff is bobbing up again in many states, but is not being intelligently argued. Nor is much being said by the Democrats about the desire of certain Republican interests to change the federal reserve system as soon as a Republican administration comes into power. Some undercurrents of apprehension are to be found even among Western Republicans that the Eastern wing of the party may attempt again to put control of the nation's credit in a few Eastern hands, but the same Western Republicans are confident of their own power to frustrate such a plan. It would have been a big issue in the West if the Democrats had been awake

to its possibilities. If the Democratic campaign in the East is no better than it is in the West, the jig is up, the campaign is over. But the month of October is the time when drifts set in and desperate efforts are made, sometimes successfully. Charles E. Hughes was elected early in October, but was defeated at the end of the month, despite an eventful year drive. The Democrats have learned from sources unquestionably friendly to them that there isn't a chance of winning the campaign by a combination of Western and Southern states as four years ago and that the big electoral votes in the East alone can avert defeat.  
(The writer will visit in the order named the states of Maryland, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Wisconsin, Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, Massachusetts, New York, Michigan, West Virginia and Ohio and will present a summary in the four days preceding election.)

## Spencer Is Requested To Produce Wilson's Roumanian 'Promise'

Washington, Oct. 7.—(U. P.)—J. P. Tumulty, secretary to President Wilson, today said Senator Spencer of Missouri is invited to produce official records of the peace conference to support his charge that the president promised American military aid to Roumanians and Serbs in case they were again attacked.  
"We have no stenographic reports of the proceedings," Tumulty said, adding that the only official stenographic report is in Paris.  
**Wedding Gifts Stolen**  
Aberdeen, Wash., Oct. 7.—The home of

A. S. Hoonan, business man, was ransacked by thieves while the family was absent at the theatre. Recently robbers carried off furniture and all wedding presents of a newly married couple.

## Democrats Nominate Hardwick in Georgia

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 7.—(U. P.)—Thomas W. Hardwick defeated Clifford Walker in yesterday's run over for the Democratic nomination for governor of Georgia, receiving at least 238 county unit votes, carrying 100 counties. Walker receives 148 county unit votes from 54 counties. One hundred and ninety-three unit votes were necessary to nominate. Hardwick is a former United States senator from Georgia, an "irreconcilable" against the League of Nations and the

## Stockholder Alleges Conspiracy to Oust

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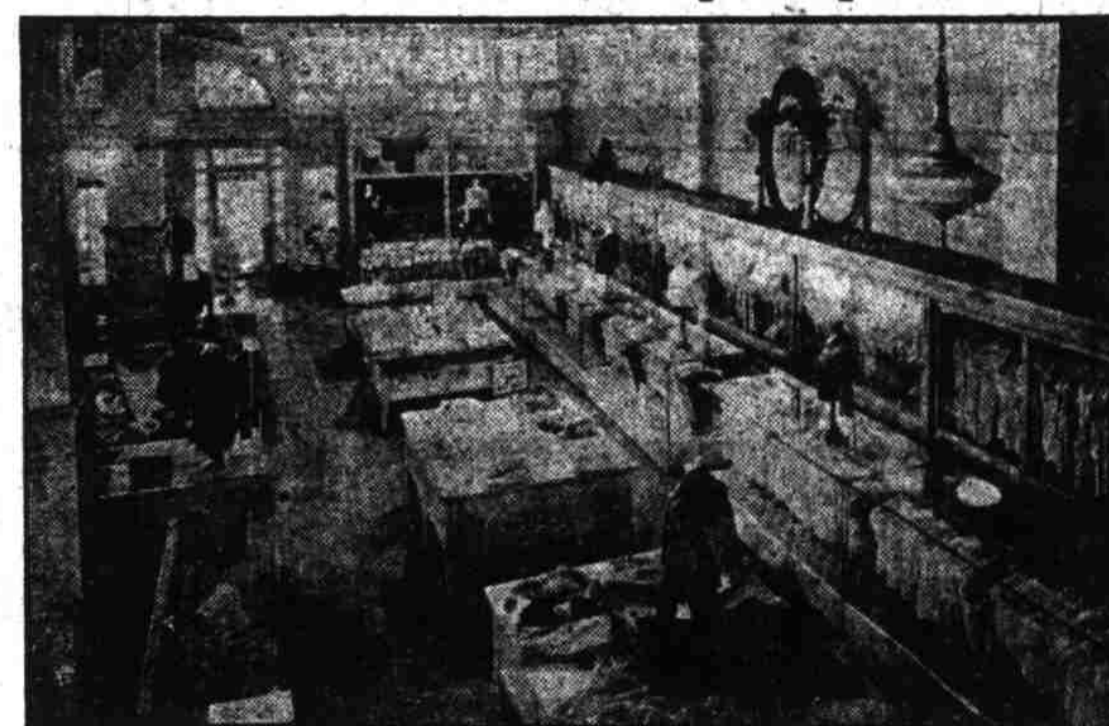
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