GERMANY IS NOT FIT FOR LEAGUE, SAYS POINCARE

Poincare Confident U. S. Will Give Help In World Councils

"What is now to become of the league?" is the question asked by former President Poincare of France, in commenting upon the American election in his regular bi-monthly article. He expresses the opinion that President-elect Harding will make the entrance of the United States contingent upon certain statutory changes, and declares that upon what conditions peace will be concluded with Germany is "tomorrow's secret."

Furthermore, the former president clearly indicates that the reappointment of Myron T. Herrick to his old post as ambassador to France would be received in that country with the statement that:

"Men like him, who have given so much proof of their sympathy for France, can be of great service in helping everything to arrange itself."

By Raymond Poincare

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Paris, Nov. 12.—It is fitting that a great people shall occasionally pause for a moment on its way, to remeasure the distances it has covered and the progress it has made.

On the eleventh of November, France celebrated simultaneously the second anniversary of the Armistice and the fiftieth anniversary of the republic. In that beautiful ceremony at the Pantheon, President Millerand enumerated with his brilliant eloquence the lofty portent of these ceremonies which permit us not only to glorify our soldiers and signalize our victory, but to meditate upon our achievements in this half century, enabling us to draw a lesson for our future guidance.

FEARS GERMAN RECOVERY

If we are to believe the declaration which a Belgian newspaper puts into the lips of former Premier de la Croix, we have recently been menaced with grave misunderstanding. According to this article, Lloyd George would have liked to draw us into negotiations not only permitting the Germans an equal footing at Geneva, but allowing them to participate with the French and Belgian premiers in the coming assembly in solution of our problems.*

It is easy to see that if this program were permitted to go through, the Versailles treaty would be called before this "supreme court" as a culprit. Probably Germany would also find friends there who would signal to her to enter, through the door left ajar by England.

The French government acted wisely in avoiding all possibility of any member of the entente having any illusions as to our acquiescence in such an affair. Certainly the League of Nations would lose its principal excuse for existence and its best chance of survival if it does not eventually include all the European powers. But of all the conquered nations, Germany's conduct in the war and since its termination gives her the least title to admission at the start.

It would be more reasonable to admit Austria—if she disavows the policy of union with Germany and Bulgaria and Turkey, providing they act properly towards Greece and Rumania. Germany's turn should come when she has proved her sincerity by her actions, and has begun to execute the treaty of Versailles.

What will become of the league, which under its present form is the work of President Wilson? Harding will undoubtedly make the entrance of the United States into the league contingent upon certain statutory changes.

LOOKS FOR FRIENDSHIP

What conditions will surround the conclusion of peace with Germany? That is tomorrow's secret. But we are assured henceforth that the victory of the Republicans and the election of Senator Harding to the presidency will not alter in any way the friendly relations between France and the United States.

Ambassador Herrick recently declared categorically to France that after Senator Harding's election "everything would be arranged." Let us hope, for the sake of the peace of the world, that Ambassador Herrick is right. Men like Myron T. Herrick, who have given so much proof of sympathy for France, can be of great service in helping "everything to arrange itself."

Timber Worker Killed

Centralia, Wash., Nov. 12. — Julius Platt, aged 39, of Centralia, was instantly killed Wednesday at the Union Mills camp, Hannaford valley, one mile from here, when a heavy cable fell, breaking his neck.