

VAGUE SPOTS IN HARDING MESSAGE ARE POINTED OUT

Washington, April 13.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—Final rejection of the existing League of Nations, but willingness to accept the existing treaty of Versailles to fulfill "our obligations in effecting European tranquility," including participation in economic adjustments coupled with a plan to build up some future association of nations, which remains indistinct, are the important points of foreign policy seen in the Harding message.

The Harding policy appears fairly clear despite some vagueness of treatment in his message to congress. Interpretation of what the president has in mind is aided by statements made in consultation with members of the senate shortly before he went to the capitol with the message.

IMPLY TWO THINGS

First, he wants declaration of what he describes as a "state of technical peace," which he adds should "undertake to do no more," but may include "qualifications essential to protect our rights."

The declarations are considered to imply two important things. They mean rejection of separate peace with Germany and rejection of any pledge to France, which were parts of the original Knox resolution. The president wants the peace declaration to make no statement of future policy.

Next follows the suggestion that the wiser course would seem to be the acceptance of the confirmation of our rights and interests as already provided and to engage under the existing treaty found, assuming that satisfactory reservations can be made.

COULD BE CLEARER

It would be clearer if the president said distinctly what he desires to "engage" to.

Controversy has already begun as to possibility of framing reservations and modifications. The "irreconcilables" are beginning to chant "it can't be done." The "moderates" believe with the president that it can be.

If the president makes headway to such extent that the treaty of Versailles has reasonable prospect for ratification the treaty will be sent to the senate again with confident expectation in administration circles that foreign signatures will offer no objection to American ratification upon that basis.

IGNORES RECLAMATION

These reservations, it is assumed, will include the whole of the covenant of the League of Nations, Shantung, the labor provisions, mandates, non-participation in various commissions established by the treaty and disconnection from section which might involve obligation for future action.

These accomplished, the president would be ready for his new association of nations, which he still describes vaguely and appears not to be a very lusty child.

It is noted that the message makes no mention of compensation for former service men, whether by bonus, land settlement or otherwise. Western reclamation is also omitted. Advocates of these measures express hope that this does not foreshadow hostility to them, but would feel better had the president given these subjects a few lines in his message.

George S. Jackson, Civil War Veteran, Buried on March 21

Funeral services for George S. Jackson, Civil War veteran, were conducted by the Rev. Edward Constant, under the auspices of the G. O. R. on Granger street of the G. O. R., March 21.

Mr. Jackson died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. O. S. Cutler, 1008 Garfield avenue, March 19. During the Civil War he served with the Forty-seventh Iowa infantry and held a discharge as a corporal signed by Abraham Lincoln and Edwin M. Stanton.

He is survived by his daughter, one son, Bert Jackson; one brother and two sisters.

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