

HARDING AIDS ON SHANTUNG ISSUE

By Carl D. Great
Washington, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—President Harding's help—sought by Chinese Minister Sze—has narrowed the chasm between the Chinese and Japanese in the Shantung dispute to a mere "infinitesimal" conference.

The word "infinitesimal" is borrowed from a spokesman of the American delegation, while Dr. Koo of the Chinese delegation, diplomatically declares, following the Harding-Sze conference and a private night council between Japanese Baron Shidehara and Sze, that the "situation remains as heretofore." The president was described as "sympathetic" in receiving Sze at the latter's request.

SITUATION NARROWS

Chinese supporters admitted today that the situation has narrowed down to the final stage, and added that there was "a chance" that the railway proper would be the subject of the Shantung conversations this afternoon.

Out of the mass of contradictions and concealments, the truth appeared to be that a settlement is in sight.

Some of the Chinese delegation sought to link significantly the Shidehara visit with that of Sze to the White House.

Dr. Koo, however, declared there was no connection and that Shidehara had sought out Sze on another conference matter, not connected with Shantung.

Sources close to the Chinese claim that President Harding urged upon Sze that the Chinese accept a position toward a Japanese traffic manager and a Japanese accountant on the Shantung line. It was said that the Chinese were holding out for giving Japan an assistant traffic manager, or at least wanted the full traffic manager to be responsible to the Chinese general manager.

In any event, there is no further question as to the Japanese compelling the Chinese to finance the purchase of the line through a loan made in Japan.

Preparation of the nine power Far Eastern treaty was regarded as likely to consume several days. The present plan is to place in the preamble such rules concerning China as do not involve actual pledges, but instead merely principles.

The rules of war conference, arising from the arms conference, will be called within a few months after this session adjourns. At present it is proposed that America designate The Hague as the meeting place.

COX CHARGES G. O. P. HAS MADE FAILURE

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and our influence for good diminished in consequence."

He declared the administration has been swept by the currents of public opinion nearer each day to the seat of the league at Geneva.

Paying tribute to the former president, Cox said Wilson and his policies were "unwavering as the stars that guide the pilgrims of the night." Those of the present administration "as shifting as the wind-tossed snow of the winter."

"The first essential thing to our prosperity is the formal recognition by our government of the fundamental cause of depression. Since this would carry acceptance of the theories of Woodrow Wilson, there is hope for the belated relief that will come from the pressure of public opinion."

POVERTY'S CONDITIONS
Pointing out that the Harding administration has been in control nearly a year, Cox declared:

"The ruins of war still mar the international perspective. Indeed, the wreckage grows with the days. Millions of lives are paying the toll of starvation overseas. Willing industry is without the aid of financial credits. Countries, solvent if not rich in natural resources, are in idleness and misery. The reaction, true to prophecy, is upon us and every community is affected. The echo of 'America first' is a mockery of human intelligence as unhappy experience tells us that we are a part of the whole world. The savings of Democratic prosperity have been lost in the financial blight that fell upon the country."

"Farm products have diminished in price much below the labor cost of production; vast quantities of sheep and mill have followed the downward trend until thousands of farmers and business concerns are hopelessly insolvent. Only the resiliency of our banking system has averted the most destructive panic in all history. But, notwithstanding, the federal reserve structure has weathered the economic storm, the wreckage to individual enterprise enterprises will be recorded in the weekly reports of commercial agencies for months to come. They promise to surpass any

aggregate of the past. Inventories have diminished in value, but debts remain the same. There can be but one final result to this situation.

TREACHERY OF LODGEISM
"And how needless it all has been! When peace came Europe needed rebuilding. America had the supplies. Europe required credit. America had a prosperity upon which credit could have drawn. American gold advanced would scarcely have left our vaults because it would have been merely the base of financial transactions for the products of our farms and factories. Our vast surplus would have brought happiness to Europe and maintained prosperity at home. The distress in Russia is chargeable to the terrors of socialism; the distress in America to the treachery of Lodgeism."

The relief from present conditions, Cox said, will come only with "cooperation of the country possessing the leading gold supply and the facilities of tremendous productivity. No country that is an indispensable factor in a re-established international stability can regain a normal prosperity for itself until the world wide conditions improve. In the fact of these fundamentals the administration at Washington is vainly trying to bring better times by resort to the noisy methods of the circus."

He declared thousands of Republicans resent the departure of their party from the idealism "that has made up so much of its history."

Attacking Senator Lodge, he said, "he is captain of the ship and, proceeding on his theory of long standing, that most people are wrong in their concept of public questions and he is right, he doubtless enjoys this contemptuous attitude toward a prevailing public opinion."

"Thousands of Republicans now realize that the leaders of their party, in the making of policy, have profaned Republican history by forsaking the soul of Abraham Lincoln for the spleen of Henry Cabot Lodge."

Washington, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—The government will begin immediate suits for the recovery of large sums of money which were overpaid for aircraft construction during the war, Attorney General Daugherty announced today. The war frauds bureau of the department of justice, cooperating with war department accountants, has developed sufficient evidence to justify institution of suits for the recovery of the overpayments.

Attorney General Daugherty said that the government accountants reported overpayments to the Dayton-Wright Airplane company of Dayton, Ohio, of \$2,544,352.27 and to the Wright-Martin Aircraft corporation of \$4,706,055.88.

Kitty Gordon Says She Just Had to Thrill Her Fiance

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 25.—(U. P.)—Kitty Gordon, stage star, declared here today that she was sure that Ralph Ranlet, New York broker, after an exchange of telegrams last night and a long talk with her on the telephone, would be glad to join with her in making public their "perfectly lovely engagement."

"Ralph spent \$25 to talk to me long distance last night and I guess he got his money's worth," Kitty declared. "He scolded me for giving out our engagement without notifying him, but I wanted to give him a thrill."

"When he wrote me the other day that it annoyed him to hear people say I was married to Jack Wilson, my former stage partner, and asked me to publicly deny it, I decided to go him one better—and announce our engagement."

"Perhaps I should have waited until I got my hands on the divorce decree," added Kitty, who filed suit in England a year ago for separation from her present husband, the Honorable Henry Berensford. "But I expect my divorce very soon, and when I get it I am going to marry Ralph Ranlet."

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RIVOLI SATURDAY

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The attorney general declared specific suits would be brought in these cases. Litigation against the Dayton-Wright corporation will be conducted in the federal court of the southern district of Ohio.

NO EFFORT IS MADE TO CLEAR HIGHWAY

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executed the viaducts might today be blocking the railroad track.

The O-W. R. & N. track paralleling the highway was blocked. It is now clear. Telephone and telegraph lines were prostrated; they are up again on new poles. These agencies had no thought of resting until they met their public duty to maintain communication. The contrast with what the public

agency has not done in highway clearing is interesting.

MAKES PROPOSITION
The highway cost \$1,048,000. Interest on the bonds is at the rate of 6 per cent. The interest amounts to \$22,500 a year. It is, of course, a loss while the highway is out of use.

Engineers must determine the damage to the highway proper, but Samuel C. Lancaster, the engineer of the highway, says the damage will be enormous and that it will not be clear from melting snow until August.

John B. Yoon, who directed construction of the highway and is now a member of the state highway commission, said this morning that the state highway commission will assume the entire responsibility for clearing the highway in Hood River county, if the task is deemed practicable, and that the commission and its executives will plan with other agencies interested in the most effective way of handling the entire job.

SUGGESTS CONFERENCE
Eric V. Hauser, who offered a few

days ago to put crew and equipment on the highway at cost and wide through the drifts with steam shovels, renewed his offer this morning, but expressed regret that the county commission had not let him go to work and let publicity follow. He has had two engineers over the project and believes the work can be done quickly and well. He thinks that

other clearing agencies might be put to work simultaneously and the days intervening until the highway shall be opened correspondingly reduced.

Phil Matzaban agreed that the county commission, the state highway commission, the Hood River county commission, possibly the Wasco commission, Hauser, Lancaster, Polhemus, engineer

of the port commission, and local business men ought to get together, go over the situation, secure estimates and make plans based upon ascertained facts. He proposed that arrangement be made to put unemployed men to work on the road even if the funds came from public subscription.

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