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TAFT LAUDS RAILROAD LEGISLATION

Ex-President Declares That Expressions That Harding Has Scrapped League Are Grossly Unfair

COX PURPOSES TO SEND LEAGUE WILSON'S WAY

Bad Results Have Come from Wilson Not Taking Able Men With Him

IOWA CITY, Ia., Oct. 22.—Former President W. H. Taft, speaking here tonight in behalf of Senator Harding, lauded the Esch-Cummings railroad bill, which he pronounced a great piece of legislation of which Iowans should be proud because of its co-authorship.

League Issue Uppermost The ex-president's remarks were largely confined to the league of nations issue. He compared President McKinley's negotiation of the treaty ending the Spanish-American war with that of President Wilson in negotiating the Paris covenant. He said in part:

When Mr. McKinley had to negotiate the treaty of Paris, ending the Spanish war, which presented an equally difficult problem to the American people, he appointed of the commission to negotiate the treaty, Republican and Democratic senators. It was argued that this was done by Mr. Wilson but he paid no attention to the suggestion. He appointed on the commission men whose membership carried no weight whatever with the country or party, and he went himself, to do the whole thing.

Wilson Carried Burden "I did not object to his going over. Indeed, I thought it would educate him in the affairs of the world, but insofar as it minimized the necessity of appointing able men on the commission to assist him, it had bad results."

Referring to Senator Harding's attitude on the league, Mr. Taft said:

"Expressions that Mr. Harding has 'scrapped' the league, 'has repudiated it,' are grossly unfair."

By his insistence on article 10 without compromise, Mr. Taft said, the president had "destroyed his league" and "Mr. Cox proposes to do the same thing."

Mrs. Wilson Gets \$200,000 in Suit

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—A sheriff's jury today awarded \$200,000 to Mrs. Laura Cave Wilson in her action against Mrs. Bertha Lobit Wilson, charging alienation of her husband's affections.

The verdict is said to establish a new high record for such litigation. The plaintiff alleged that Wilson married Mrs. Bertha Lobit Wilson without obtaining a divorce.

Mrs. Laura Cave Wilson's father, Major Cave, a railroad builder of Dallas, Tex., Mrs. Bertha Lobit Wilson is the daughter of a banker in Galveston, Tex.

Freighter Lakeport Released on Bond

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Oct. 22.—The freight steamer Lakeport, seized by customs officers at Bond tonight, was released on bond and allowed to proceed up the lake with cargo of corn.

Seizure was declared by prohibition agents to be the start of a cleanup of liquor running from Canada by steamers. Thirty-three quarts of whiskey were said to have been found in the cabin of a member of the crew.

Steps were taken by District Attorney Wertz to libel the Lakeport and obtain a court order to sell it at auction.

The boat is owned by the Lakes & St. Lawrence Navigation company. The owners and Captain Greenway, the master, said they had no knowledge of the liquor on board.

McAdoo Urges Reclamation

RENO, Nev., Oct. 22.—Former Secretary of the Treasury William McAdoo spoke in Reno tonight in defense of the league of nations and referred to "bloody, stricken Russia" and "despoiled and debauched Turkey" as examples of those nations which have not been taken into the league, adding that "Europe cannot become normal until the United States enters the league and gives it the sustaining power of America's moral force."

He also urged greater development of reclamation projects in the northwest and pledged the support of Governor Cox.

MAN GOES OVER FALLS BECAUSE CAN'T VOTE

SCORES OF NIGHT SEERS VIEW FATAL END

Carl Ellis Wades Into River and is Carried Over American Falls

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Before a score of sight-seers at Prospect Point late today a man climbed over the railing, waded out into the river and was carried over the American falls.

"Here's where I leave you; good-bye." In a black derby near the place was found a piece of paper on which was written:

"This hat belongs to Carl A. Ellis of Hamburg, N. Y." The description of the man corresponds to that of Ellis, who could not be located in Hamburg tonight.

The owner of a souvenir stand told the police the man approached him and laughingly said: "Well, I can't vote for Harding so I may as well go over the falls."

ENGINEER BAIR DIES IN WRECK

Southern Pacific Train Derailed by Broken Flange at Parkplace

OREGON CITY, Oct. 22.—Oscar Bair of Portland, engineer of a helper engine, was burned to death by live steam as he lay crushed beneath his engine which overturned in a wreck of a Southern Pacific freight train at Parkplace at 7 o'clock yesterday morning.

The engine was seriously hurt, although Fireman B. A. McCall, also of Portland, required attention here after he had been hurled from the cab of the toppling locomotive.

Four cars and the engine, which was in the middle of a heavy train, were thrown into the ditch when the flange of a konda car ahead gave way.

The cars telescoped and as the engine came crashing into them the entire mass twisted off the track.

Steam pipes in the boilers were wrenching from their fastenings by the concussion and clouds of steam belched out, enveloping Blair. He is believed, however, to have been unconscious from the force of the collision.

Railway traffic on the Southern Pacific was held up until about 1:30 o'clock p. m.

STATEMENT OF ROOT UNTRUE

Colby Declares That Stand Was Inversion of Truth

WASHINGTON, Oct. 22.—Secretary Colby issued a statement tonight asserting that there was "a plain mis-statement of fact" in the recent address made by Elihu Root, dealing with the league of nations covenant.

"I fear that the only point in Mr. Root's mind was to serve his party," Mr. Colby's statement says. "Mr. Root is wrong. What he says is wrong. What he seeks to do is wrong. I suspect Mr. Root knows this."

Mr. Colby addressed his statement particularly to the question of article ten of the covenant as presented by Mr. Root.

"Mr. Root's statement that article ten is 'an attempt to carry over and continue for all time, as part of the organization to preserve peace, the exercise of power by the conquering of nations in closing the war' is a plain mis-statement of fact," Mr. Colby said.

"Indeed, it is a complete inversion of the truth. His further objection to the substitution in any event of physical or armed force for the moral force which is relied upon in the other provisions of the covenant, indicates a complete insensibility to the instruction of the world's recent and harrowing experience."

"The idea of an international court of justice, to which Mr. Root has just contributed his enthusiastic labors, had admittedly beyond realization, conceded by its sponsors to be impotent and impracticable until the success of the league of nations expressed a political organization of the world powers for the first time gave the court a background and a promise that its decrees will be effective. If there is one thing which the war has taught the nations of the world, it is that the projects discussed at the two Hague conferences for restraining war, and the peaceful regulation of international conduct, were utterly valueless and illusory."

HOPE FOR KING'S RECOVERY PARIS, Oct. 22.—An Athens message received at the Greek legation at 10 p. m. reported little change in the condition of King Alexander. It is said hope for his recovery was intensified.

THIRTEEN IMPLICATED IN SCANDAL

Players Charged With Throwing 1919 World Series Indicted by Special Cook County Jury

CHASE IS RING LEADER OF LEAGUE GAMBLERS \$100,000 Raised to Bribe Chicago Players to Give Game Away

CHICAGO, Oct. 22.—Indictments against 13 persons believed to have been implicated in the "throwing" of games in the 1919 world's series by Chicago American league players were returned today by the special Cook county grand jury which has been investigating the baseball scandal for more than a month. Further indictments are expected when the jury convenes again next week, state officials declared.

Indictments Re-Voted. Indictments against ten men named today previously had been voted, but were re-voted to overcome legal technicalities, while the other three—Abe Attell, Hal Chase and William Burns—had only been unofficially mentioned in connection with the investigation.

All of the indictments charging conspiracy to commit an illegal act, a crime for which a pentennial sentence can be given under the laws of Illinois.

Chase and Burns, former major league players, and Attell, once the featherweight boxing champion of the world, have been accused by witnesses of being three of the clique which "framed" the world series and arranged to bribe Chicago White Sox players for sums said to range from \$2000 to \$10,000 to try to lose games in the contests for the world baseball championship.

Big Money Threw Games. According to testimony, "at least several hundred thousand dollars" was bet and won on the world series. Chase was the first man to suggest "throwing" the series, it was said, and called in the others to help him. Harry Long, a Chicagoan, told the jury he alone placed \$27,000 in bets on Cincinnati for "Sport" Sullivan of Boston, and testimony has been received concerning many other large bets, it was said.

Gamblers Are Included. Besides Chase, Attell and Burns today's indictments covered two alleged gamblers, Sullivan and a man known to the jury only as "Brown," and the eight players owned by the Chicago American league club against whom true bills previously had been voted. They were Joe Jackson and Oscar Felsch, outfielders; Eddie Cicotte and Claude Williams, pitchers; "Swede" Risberg, shortstop; "Chick" Gandil, first baseman in 1919, but who was not in the big league this year; Fred McMullin, utility infielder; and "Burr" Weaver, third baseman. Williams, Jackson and Cicotte previously had made sworn confessions before the jury. Cicotte said he was given \$10,000, while Williams said he received \$10,000 which he split with Jackson, who confirmed the statements of the two pitchers. Weaver, McMullin and Risberg, have announced that they will fight the case and contest the suspension placed on all the eight players by Owner Chas. A. Comiskey.

Chase Is Chief Seller. Officials of the state's attorney's office today revealed sufficient of the jury proceedings to show that testimony has been given that Chase, who was expelled from the major leagues and barred from league parks in the west for alleged gambling, was one of the chief instigators of the game selling.

The jury was said to have received more testimony concerning Chase than any of the others. President Heydler of the National league, Garry Hermann, owner of the Cincinnati Reds, Manager John McGraw, President Stoneham, Fred Toney and Benny Kauff of the New York Giants and others testified concerning the man who, during his major league career, was known as the "prince of first basemen."

\$100,000 Raised. This testimony was said to show that Chase approached Attell and asked him if he could raise \$100,000 with which to bribe the Chicago players and if he then could place large sums in bets, Attell was said to have gone to a New York gambler mentioned in connection with the jury investigation and also to have approached "Sport" Sullivan on the proposition. Chase, according to the testimony, also was said to have approached Sullivan, telephoning him from the room in New York occupied by Jean Dubuc, former

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WILLAMETTE, Oct. 22.—The heavens flared from leaping flames from the mammoth freshman bonfire; here and there a brilliant rocket pierced the upper darkness, and Willamette's premier band played stirring music while the Bears and their W. U. supporters met in the preliminary rally on Sweetland field last night.

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Yell King "Jetter" Gillette and Crown Prince "Fergie" led the assemblage in yells and songs. The mighty men of the team then rallied upon for speeches. "Chief" Wago, "Fighting" Ramsay, "Buck Em" Bain and "Fat" Zeller embodied the spirit of "winning" and the same "old fight for 66 minutes of play."

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Mother and Sweetheart of Albert Joyce Held

CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 22.—Women, said to be the mother and sweetheart of Albert Joyce, the bandit killed during the battle yesterday, following the robbery of the Cleveland Trust company's branch at Edford, were held by the police tonight for investigation.

Jewelry valued at \$25,000, including unset diamonds worth \$17,000, and \$3500 in cash were found on the older woman according to the police. The women were seized when they attempted to get possession of Joyce's body.

The younger woman gave the name of Hazel Grey and later that she was in Oakland, Cal. While being searched, the elderly woman is alleged to have offered the matron \$1000 if she would withhold the information concerning the hidden jewelry and money.

FATHER WOULD SAVE LIFE OF NEIL HART

PETITION FOR CLEMENCY PLAN OF BANCROFT

Parent Declares Child's Mind Was Affected After an Attack of Measles

PENDLETON, Or., Oct. 22.— Hoping that he may save the life of his son, Emmett Bancroft, alias Neil Hart, who has been sentenced to hang November 25 for the murder of Sheriff T. H. Taylor, W. Z. Bancroft is here from Denver, Colo., in an effort to secure signers for a petition for clemency. He said that because of weakened mental condition his son did not realize the enormity of the crime committed.

Mr. Bancroft said that at the age of three the boy contracted a malignant form of measles and that his temperature ran so high that he went into convulsions. Chloroform was used and for weeks the child hovered between life and death. When he recovered, the father stated, Emmett's brain did not grow with his body.

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REPUBLICAN IS TAKEN TO TASK

Samuel Gompers Makes Charge Against Coolidge Police Strike Action

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 22.—An attack on Governor Coolidge, Republican vice president nominee, based on his actions in the Boston police strike of 1919, was made tonight by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, in an address, after the policeman had left their posts "Governor Coolidge and his police commissioner, knowing full well the city would be unprotected, withheld the power they commanded."

If the action of the Boston police was a crime against civilization, what terms can describe the action, or inaction, of Governor Coolidge and his police commissioner?" Mr. Gompers asked. "Who but a hypocrite of the rank and kind could make a campaign of 'law and order' upon such a record of cunning treachery and deception?"

"There is no right to strike against the public safety by anyone, anywhere, anytime" he said, "and Governor Coolidge after having advised and abetted, counseled and advised one of the most vicious blows against a law-abiding community ever permitted to go unchallenged and unpunished."

"Imagine this contingency: The possible election of Senator Harding to the presidency and a vacancy for any cause occurring, and Coolidge, the police balter, and agent provocateur, becoming president of the United States."

Commissioner Curtis, Mr. Gompers said, after prosecution of the strike, decided to withhold all police protection under his control in order that the city would be completely at the mercy of the lawless element for over 14 hours, thereby causing a revulsion of public opinion and casting a stigma upon the policemen who had ceased work.

DECLARATION OF COX APPLAUDED

Governor Voices Opposition to Intervention in Mexico

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 22.—A rising demonstration followed Governor Cox's declaration in his speech tonight of his policy toward proposed American intervention in Mexico, when he said he would not "coin the blood of a single American soldier into gold for investors in Mexico."

"There are too many people," he added, "who want American troops to draw their chestnuts out of the fire."

A man in the balcony with lusty lungs interrupted the governor to ask regarding the relative voting power of the league of the United States and Great Britain.

"Are we red-blooded Americans to be inferiors to the dominions of England?" the man shouted. Applause came from part of the crowd, but this was lost in the roar of approbation which greeted the governor's reply. He said: "The league's decision must be unanimous, always." He also explained that a Hitchcock reservation proposed that neither England nor any of her dominions should vote on any question at issue to which any part of Great Britain was a party.

M'NARY IS NAMED FOR IRISH PROBE

OREGON SENATOR BECOMES MEMBER OF COMMITTEE

Leaders of American Thought to Start Inquiry from Washington During November

NEW YORK, Oct. 22.—Senator Charles L. McNary has been chosen as the representative of Oregon on the committee of 100 on Ireland, which will select a commission of five to conduct an impartial inquiry into conditions in Ireland, starting in Washington during November.

The committee has expended to nearly 150 members, including the governors of five states, ten United States senators, 12 mayors and 15 bishops, besides jurists, publicists, editors, educators, business men and labor leaders. Its personnel includes Jane Addams, United States District Judge C. F. Amidon of North Dakota; Cardinal Gibbons, Dr. George W. Kirschway, former dean of the Columbia law school; Dean Robert Morse Levett, of the University of Chicago; Rev. John A. Ryan of the Catholic university, Washington, D. C.; William Allen White, Alice Stone Blackwell, Judge George Holmes of Omaha, Smith college, and former Ambassador Maurice Francis Egan.

Members of the committee of 100 are now balloting for the selection of the commission of five. Both Sir Auckland Geddes, the British ambassador, and President De Valera have been invited to cooperate with the commission and furnish witnesses.

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"It is not necessary to say much about the excess profits tax," said Mr. Kahn, "as its harm is recognized and all desire its repeal. In theory, it is a just tax. I do not think it has always added to cost, although everyone tries to pass it on. My main objection is against its application. It is so hard to administer that it is practically unworkable without civil service."

"Also, I think, excessive surtaxes should be abolished," said Fayette R. Plumb, chairman of the conference, emphasized that the gathering was not a meeting of the national industry conference board and that the report of the tax committee did not represent the opinion of that conference or of the national industrial conference. It was only tentative, he said, and while it represented only the opinion of industry, a formal and final report to represent the opinions of the conference would be submitted later.

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"Of the total revenue," he said, "\$4,900,000,000 will be raised by taxation. The surplus between the revenue and expenditures, one billion dollars, is not too much, he added, asserting that in the next two and a half years the government will be obliged to take care of a total debt of about seven billion dollars. He said some of the debt will have to be the result of one and must be reduced as much as possible between now and 1923.

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No Trace is Found of Mayor Percival

VANCOUVER, Wash., Oct. 22.—City officials announced today that there had yet been found of Mayor G. R. Percival, who has been missing since last Sunday.

Circulars have been sent to every city in the northwest in the hope that the missing man may be found, but no reports have been received in response.

ROME SELLS NO MEAT

ROME, Oct. 22.—Because of the difficulty of purchasing frozen meat, due to the high exchange rate, and because the government wishes to conserve the national supply of cattle, the sale of meat has again been prohibited from Wednesday afternoon to Saturday morning. The threat is made that, if the consumption of meat does not show a decrease, the authorities will be obliged to adopt meat lards, bread, sugar and macaroni are still prepared by card.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Oct. 22.—Careful checking books at the Scottsburg postoffice reveals that \$25,000 was stolen in the robbery there yesterday. Sheriff Quine was leading in the efforts to apprehend the robbers, said today that he believed at least one of the men in the crime was a convict who recently escaped from the penitentiary.

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ADMINISTRATION HAS FAILED SAYS HOOVER

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Oct. 22.—Herbert C. Hoover, speaking at a Republican mass meeting here tonight in the interest of the candidacy of Judge Miller for the governorship, declared that the "Democratic administration in Washington has been a failure in its broad statesmanship over since the armistice."

"In addition to the failures to make those compromises necessary to secure the league of nations and the peace of the world, to forego us from great penalties imposed upon our farmers and upon our labor for this cause," he continued, "the Democratic party has failed to provide those policies of domestic reconstruction that we so critically need. Its action on social questions has been uncertain and, in the main, reactionary."

Mr. Hoover said he believed that if party government was to survive a given party must take all its responsibilities of government, both executive and legislative. He added he believed that the United States must hold to party government as the only means of expressing the will of the majority.

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In spite of the close guard kept on all roads leading from Scottsburg, officers have not as yet apprehended any of the robbers.

CITY WATER PURE, SAYS DR. POMEROY

TYPHOID CASES FEW AND ATTRIBUTED TO LOCAL SUPPLY

Recent Tests of Salem Wells Show That Most Are Unfit for Drinking Purposes

The Salem water supply is not contaminated. This report was given out yesterday by Dr. R. E. Pomeroy, city health officer, when asked regarding typhoid fever cases in the city. The health officer was emphatic in his statement that there was absolutely nothing to the rumor that the water supply is impure, saying that while seven cases of typhoid fever had been reported, they were found upon investigation it was found that none of them appeared to have been contracted from drinking the city water, and it is from water the disease usually arises.

Three out of the seven cases are confined to one family, one member of whom succumbed to the disease. One case is said to have been contracted in Bend, as the person afflicted had but recently moved from there when the symptoms appeared. The history of the other cases is not definitely known. However, they are not charged to drinking the city water.

When asked if recent tests of the city water had been made, Dr. Pomeroy said: "Yes, recent tests have been made, not only from the city water but also water taken from wells throughout the city. The analysis taken of the city water proved that it was not contaminated in any way, and was good drinking water. I do not think it at all necessary to have the water boiled before drinking. If I did I would see that it was done in my own household, but we use it without doing so."

"One test of the city water," the health officer explained, "was made by a United States government inspector, and his report verified those already made."

Pointing to some retainers the doctor said: "There is some water I am now preparing to test. This summer I have inspected water from at least 100 wells in the city of Salem, and in all that number just one well was found that was not contaminated. Surface water and vegetable matter get into the wells and they are unfit for drinking purposes."

As the law requires the attending physician to report to the health officer within 72 hours after such diseases are known to exist, Dr. Pomeroy feels assured there are no new cases of typhoid fever in Salem, and therefore no cause for alarm. The latest case reported was on October 11.

HARDING RESTS FROM CAMPAIGN

Senator Refreshes Himself for Last Speaking Tour

MARION, Ohio, Oct. 22.—The last of his campaign swings outside Ohio completed, Senator Harding took a real holiday today before starting work on the speeches he will deliver next week in principal cities of his own state.

After his