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COLBY SAYS LEAGUE COVENANT BARS NATIONS FROM ACCEPTING HARDING SUBSTITUTION

MINERS SWARM FROM WORK AS HOUR ADVANCES

Call for National Coal Strike Meets Solid Response and Men Desert Posts Before Appointed Time is Reached.

PREPARATIONS SPEEDED FOR AVERTING FAMINE

No Disorder But Long Bitterness Looms and Holding up of Shipping and Some Industry Seems Inevitable.

LONDON, Oct. 15.—(U. P.)—Miners today responded solidly to the call for a national coal strike. Reports from coal fields stated that the men are swarming out of the mines, many refusing to wait for the change of shifts. By mid-day it is estimated, more than a million miners, and auxiliary workers were affected. Many men admitted sympathy. "We're likely to be beaten," they maintained they could stay out for at least six weeks.

Iron and steel plants in Yorkshire are already reported closing down. Lloyd George issued a message to the nation, throwing the blame for the strike upon the miners and urging the public's cooperation. He said there is no need for alarm regarding fuel supplies and assured the people ample and fair distribution will be made.

Bitterness in Prospect. No disorders are anticipated with the possible exception of the more excitable Welshmen, but the stubbornness of the northerners and Scots is expected to embitter the industry for many months.

The executive committee of railway workers, after discussing the coal strike, decided the "situation warrants the summoning of special conference delegates Wednesday." The committee warned railway men of the serious consequences that would attend defeat of the miners, and urged readiness to act immediately upon results of the decision reached at Wednesday's conference. The government is making extensive preparations to cope, but threatened paralysis of industry, while the press and public have clung to the hope that the strike could be checked before it reached an irremediable momentum. This hope centered about Monday's joint meeting of the parliamentary labor body, trades union congress and labor party. The belief prevailed that a majority of members secretly oppose the miners.

A Liverpool dispatch said no reserve stocks of coal are available for bunkering purposes. It is believed one of the first effects of the strike will be holding up of shipping.

Government Issues Message. LONDON, Oct. 15.—(A. P.)—Preparations for a struggle, precipitated by the decision of a million coal miners to cease work tonight, went grimly forward today. Premier Lloyd George in a message to the nation said the government has done everything possible to avoid the coal strike.

Strike Menaces All Europe. WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—The strike of a million British coal miners unless brought to a quick conclusion will prove a worldwide economic calamity. In the opinion of officials here, Europe's need for coal before the strike is so urgent that Italian manufacturers are glad to pay from \$25 to \$30 a ton for American coal which cost \$10 at New York docks. France, Belgium, Holland and the Scandinavian countries depend in a great part on England for coal. With British coal exports embargoed, factories all Europe will be forced to close officials said today.

THIS IS WHITE MAN'S COUNTRY DECLARES COX

Elyria, Ohio, Oct. 15.—(A. P.)—Among questions asked of Governor Cox at Fremont today, where a crowd with a band cheered him, was his view on Japanese immigration. Replying that it was an "internal question" and that one of the Hitchcock reservations would take domestic questions from the League of Nations' jurisdiction, Governor Cox added: "I might say further, that this is a white man's country and a yellow man can't run it." Governor Cox halted as "another question" the League of Nations speech of Senator Harding yesterday at Indianapolis. The senatorial candidate has made 12 definite and distinct flops on the league since last August," he declared.

TAFT SAYS ARTICLE 10 WOULD BE PREVENTATIVE OF WAR.

(BY WILLIAM HOWARD TAFT.) The second great step forward involved in this League of Nations is Article X, by which the members of the league undertake to respect and preserve the territorial integrity and the political independence of all its members. This, in effect, is an organization of the united power of the nations of the league to maintain and preserve an international commitment. "Thou shalt not steal." It is the union of the nations to suppress the spirit of conquest which led Germany to drag this world into the awful war through which it has just passed. It is the effective answer of the nations to the German declaration of principle that "Might makes right." It is the protection of smaller nations against the spoliation of them by the larger and more powerful nations. It is the heart of the league and is the effort of the world of law-abiding nations to defeat forever the greedy purpose of militarism, whether of Germany or any other nation. It is said that this will involve the United States in wars to protect nations in distant parts of the world in whose welfare we have no interest, and will call for the expenditure of money and the lives of our boys in which we ought not to involve our country. THIS IS NOT TRUE. The effect of the organization of the league, with the threat against another nation, will be to restrain that nation and prevent its beginning war. THE KNOWLEDGE THAT THERE WOULD BE VISITED ON IT THE OVERWHELMING POWER OF THE UNITED NATIONS, FIRST BY A UNIVERSAL ISOLATION, AND, SECOND, BY UNITED MILITARY FORCES, WILL RENDER SUCH WARS MOST IMPROBABLE. We employ a police force not because the members of that force are constantly engaged in clubbing men who violate the law, but because their presence restrains the men who wish to violate the law. The very organization of the league, with the force behind it, is the restraining influence that will prevent war. Only in infrequent cases will war result. Take a well known instance. The Monroe Doctrine is nearly a century old. It notified the world that we would RESIST BY FORCE any European nation violating Article X against any American nation. American statesmen there were who said it would involve us in constant war, yet FOR A CENTURY WE HAVE MAINTAINED THE DOCTRINE WITHOUT FIRING A SHOT OR LOSING A MAN. No European nation, when greed for colonies was rife, cared to engage in any war with us in an attempt to conquer an American state and gain a colony in this hemisphere.—(From page 9 of a 16-page pamphlet entitled, "Tally the Covenant," by William Howard Taft, issued June 27, 1919, and published by the League to Enforce Peace, of which Mr. Taft is president.)

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS FIRE DEPARTMENT WHICH AMERICA SHOULD SUPPORT, SAYS WAILES

Debate at Men's Forum Brings Out Interesting Argument on Various Features of League Issue Last Evening.

Classifying the League of Nations as a fire department which the United States is asked to join, C. E. Wailes, cashier of the Inland Empire bank made an extremely convincing though impromptu argument for the league side of the presidential campaign in a general debate at the Men's Forum of the Presbyterian church last evening. "There are 40 nations now in the league," says Mr. Wailes and they ask us to join. I consider it like a fire department and that the Harding position is that we must not join because there is a chance some other fellow's house might get on fire and we would be expected to help save it. Such a position as that is not my idea of Americanism nor my view as to the role of a Good Samaritan."

DECEMBER WHEAT OPENS TODAY AT \$2.18 BUT SINKS TO \$2.13 FOR MARKET'S CLOSE

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, Lard, and Hides, showing prices and market movements.

(From Overbeck & Cooke Co.) CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—Wheat—The main influence in the wheat market today was the fear of a coal strike in England. Cable advices, however, point to the probable settlement of the dispute Monday. Country advices indicate that yesterday's advance resulted in liberal sales from the farm. No export sales today, seldom any on Saturdays. The general situation regarding wheat, as the result of the week's developments, is favorable for buyers. Supplies are not bumper, even including Canadian offers. The export demand is fully equal to offerings and until stocks at market centers increase materially of the export demand stacks materially. We can see nothing to warrant any sustained decline and many causes that may advance prices sharply. Godman report says in part: Taking the 1920 crop and carrying over 798,000,000 bushels and deducting 90,000,000 bushels for seed, the amount left on Oct. 1st is 387,000,000 bushels.

COUNTER PLAN FOR ROAD WAY IS CONSIDERED

Proposal Provides for Route That Will Serve Big Farm Area, Require Small Building and Save \$400,000.

HIGHWAY WOULD CLOSE GAP NORTH OF HELIX

Eight Miles of Construction at \$50,000, Would Connect Macadam to State Line, Five Miles From Wallula. Umatilla county now is considering a counter proposal to the road recently suggested from Umatilla to the Washington state line southwest of Wallula, a route that will serve a large farming district, entail the building of about eight miles of highway and save the county and state approximately \$400,000. The counter proposal would connect with the end of the present macadam highway three miles north of Helix and parallel the Northern Pacific railroad to the state line near Ring, only five miles from Wallula. Eight miles of new road would be necessary to connect up this gap and \$50,000 would defray the cost of grading and macadamizing, it is estimated. The road would traverse the wheat country adjacent to Vansycle, following the hilltop rather than the canyon used by the railroad, and thus giving an easy grade and a minimum of construction difficulty.

From Umatilla to the state line, along the river, dozens of expensive rock cuts would be necessary. Some of the territory is sandy and bluffs to traverse are numerous. Few people live adjacent to the river in that stretch and no commercial good could come from this proposed highway so far as Umatilla county is concerned. Construction of the 20 miles or more involved was estimated by the state highway commission at \$25,000 a mile or possibly \$50,000 for the distance. From Pendleton to Havanna, on the Oregon-Washington highway, the road is all paved. From Havanna to Helix a new macadam road, as good as the paved portion, has recently been completed. This road road extends three miles north of Helix. From that point to the state line is a distance of eight miles, in which are numerous wheat farms. From the present end of road to the Columbia river an easy down grade could be obtained.

Would Give Market Road. The counter proposal would provide for Pendleton a new market road to the north central part of the county, a direct route to the Yellowstone and Evergreen highways passing through Pasco and a motor outlet to Spokane and Seattle. When the new bridge across the Snake river is completed at Burbank, travel from Spokane toward Portland will seek the route through Pasco and Pendleton. It's travel would come through Pendleton to Havanna, on the route through Walla Walla. There is a paved highway from Spokane to Washoum at present and a good road from Pasco to Wallula.

Chance of Cooperation. There is a good chance of cooperation from Washington on the construction of a connecting road from Wallula to the state line south to meet the suggested road southwest for the suggested Umatilla connection. The road from Wallula to Walla Walla river passes within a mile or two of the state line at Ring at present, while about six miles along the river, would have to be built by Washington to make the first proposed connection. Washington's delay in building a paved street from Walla Walla to State Line to connect with Oregon's paving is taken as an indication of that state's probable cooperation on the Wallula-Umatilla project.

The Tri State Auto Club here has joined other organizations in opposing the Wallula-Umatilla scheme. The counter proposal is to be offered to the club and to the county commissioners for consideration. It is believed that the Helix-state line proposal will meet with more general favor here and with the State Highway Commission because it will be less expensive, will be feasible, will serve a farming district, be a feeder for commercial traffic and utilize highways now completed or about to be completed, in Oregon.

WANT LEAGUE REJECTED. NEW YORK, Oct. 16.—(A. P.)—Reputation of the League of Nations by the American people, is urged in a resolution adopted by the national council of friends of Irish freedom, made public today.

TAX ROLL SHOWS 1920 VALUATIONS HAVE INCREASED

Amount, Exclusive of Public Utilities, Not Determined by Assessor, Reached \$38,985,822 for Year of 1920.

TOTAL FOR COUNTY IS PUT NEAR 58 MILLION

Final Summary to be Issued by C. P. Strain is Determined Effort to Give Real, Present Value of Lands. Umatilla county in 1920 has \$46,625,542 worth of taxable property, exclusive of public utilities, according to the equalized assessment by the assessor made by Assessor C. P. Strain. In 1919 the roll, exclusive of public utilities was \$38,985,822. The increase in valuations is \$7,700,000. Should public utilities valuations, which are not fixed by the local assessor, this year keep pace with other property values, the total of the 1920 roll will approximate \$53,000,000. Mr. Strain estimates. Last year the public utilities valuation was placed at \$10,254,238.88. Increases Recorded. There are increases shown in both the valuation of city and country property on the 1920 roll. Town and city lots, for example, have risen from \$1,541,347 to \$2,012,881, or about 30 per cent, in the past year. Personal property shows a decrease of \$800,000 and \$900,000 more than in 1919, despite the loss of all automobiles in this category, because of the new licensing law which superseded tax on automobiles. There would be at least \$1,000,000 in motor vehicles on the roll were it not for this change, the assessor reports. "The roll as now made up is an honest effort to give the real value of the lands and property included," Mr. Strain said this morning. "It is not based on inflated prices but rather on the present values of land. Both the city and county districts were balanced against each other in an effort to reach a just distribution."

Horses and Cattle Fewer. Horses and cattle are fewer this year than in 1919, the roll shows. Beef also are an item which decreased. The extremity of the last winter accounts for the loss of bees while the decrease in the market value of stock accounted for their disposal. On the 1919 roll horses were given as 20,024 and their value at \$1,035,170. Cattle were given as 24,559 and their value \$785,590. On the 1920 roll these same items are: 18,564 horses worth \$1,287,760 and 25,011 cattle worth \$760,825. Horses are rated higher than last year and cattle at virtually the same figure. Four thousand more acres of land are included in the 1920 roll than for 1919 and the value is \$21,336,970 as compared with \$25,925,430. Merchandise and stock in trade was much higher this year, stocks totaling nearly \$1,000,000 more than when the roll was made up in 1919.

Local Levies to Follow. With the roll equalized and reported to the state tax commission, fixing of the various local levies will soon follow. The report on public utilities valuations must first be received. Levies probably will be increased over the 1919 roll. The summary issued by Mr. Strain today is the last one he will compile as assessor, inasmuch as he is not a candidate for reelection to that office. (Continued on page 5.)

ARTICLE 20 HAS BAN AGAINST ANY COUNTER LEAGUE

Secretary of State Exposes Absurdity in Candidate's Suggestion for "Some Sort of Association" for Peace. JOHNSON AND BORAH KNOW ABOUT ART. 20. Claim Made That Anti-League Senators Realize That Harding Talk About New Association Void of Meaning.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 15.—(A. P.)—Members of the league of nations are prevented by article 20 of the covenant from entering into any association of nations such as has been proposed as a substitute for the league of nations by Senator Harding. Secretary Colby declared tonight in a speech here. The league had vindicated itself as the foremost issue of the campaign, the speaker said. The democratic platform so described it, and he added, the republicans had been forced to admit the fact. Senators Borah and Johnson were described as "honest and outspoken advocates of forming a league of nations" by Mr. Colby, who said they used not be reminded of section 20. "They knew it is in the covenant of the league and they know what Senator Harding says of some sort of association of nations is void of meaning, he continued. "Borah and Johnson favor isolation. They have yielded because they are so completely to their divided reasoning or their insensate opposition to the democratic administration that they accept a dangerous and hateful isolation in the greatest work of a peaceful ordering of the well as an endurable position for the United States."

Article 20 of the league covenant to which Secretary Colby refers reads as follows: "The members of the League severally agree that this Covenant is accepted as abrogating all obligations or understandings inter se which are inconsistent with the terms thereof, and solemnly undertake that they will not hereafter enter into any engagements inconsistent with the terms thereof. "In case members of the League shall, before becoming a member of the League, have undertaken any obligations inconsistent with the terms of this covenant, it shall be the duty of such members to take immediate steps to procure their release from such obligations."

CELEBRATED VIOLINCELLIST WILL PLAY HERE DURING TEACHERS INSTITUTE NEXT WEEK

George W. Kirchner, one of the best violinists in the country today, will be one of the attractions at the joint institute of the Umatilla and Morrow county teachers opening next Wednesday in the auditorium of Pendleton high school. Mr. Kirchner will give a concert on Thursday evening at 8 p. m. in the auditorium. None the less a special feature of the institute is to be the musical program to be presented by students in the eighth grade of Lincoln school, under the direction of Mrs. S. H. Forshaw. The youngsters will sing nine class numbers. Parent-Teachers Invited. "The Girl Four Square," an address by E. J. Klemme, head of the education department of Bellingham Normal School, will follow the program by the children on Wednesday night. At this lecture members of the Parent-Teacher Associations of the city are to be special guests. The lecture deals with home training and is said to be of paramount interest to parents and teachers alike. The program for the institute is now complete and all is in readiness for registration next Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock. Sessions will end Friday afternoon. Many to Take Part. Among those who will take part in the instruction and lectures at this institute, as announced today by County Superintendent W. W. Green, are: W. R. Davis, head of the English department, Whitman college; Mrs. S. H. Forshaw, supervisor of music in the Pendleton schools; Fred Pennington, county agriculture agent; Austin Landreth, principal of Pendleton high school; B. H. Brown, head of the science department of Whitman college; Evan Hansen, head of physical culture department, Pendleton schools; Effie King, supervisor of penmanship, Walla Walla schools; J. F. Frumbaugh, instructor in psychology, O. A. C.; Thomas Gentle, principal of the training school, Oregon State Normal School; J. E. Calavan, state industrial field worker; Della Rush, principal of Lincoln school, Pendleton; E. J. Klemme, head of the education department, Bellingham Normal School; M. B. Signs, principal at Boardman, and B. H. Anderson, principal at Irigon.

Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse official weather observer. Maximum, 54. Minimum, 32. Parometer 29.40. Tonight and Sunday rain, warmer 10-12 night.

