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PRESIDENT WILSON QUESTIONS HARDING REGARDING STATEMENT MADE IN SPEECH

INQUIRY DEALS WITH ALLEGED FRENCH REQUEST

First Step by President Consists in Asking Anti-League Candidate if He Had Been Correctly Quoted Saturday.

HARDING CLAIMS HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED

Further Developments in Case are Expected in Case Harding Verifies Published Reports of Speech.

PARIS, Oct. 18.—(U. P.)—The French foreign office said that a new association of nations may have been discussed by Harding with some Frenchmen, but added that if any Frenchman did have such conversation he was not acting as a spokesman for France.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(A. P.)—The president today addressed a letter to Senator Harding relative to Harding's statement Saturday that he had been approached informally by a representative of the French government relative to a new association of nations.

The president said: "I need not point out to you the grave and extraordinary inference to be drawn from such a statement that the government of France, which is a member of the League of Nations, approached a private citizen of a nation which is not a member of the league with a request that the United States lead the way into a world fraternity." He said he hesitated to draw such an inference unless he was assured Senator Harding had actually made that statement.

More to Come. WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—(U. P.)—President Wilson asked Senator Harding if he had in a recent speech said that he had been "informally approached" by a spokesman of France who asked that America lead the way in forming an association of nations. The president's inquiry was contained in a letter given out at the White House, without comment, but it was intimated that if Senator Harding replied he was correctly quoted, there might be another letter or statement from the White House.

French Questioned. President Wilson has asked the French government whether anyone qualified for it discussed with Senator Harding the formation of new associations under his direction, it is announced at the White House today.

Harding Delays Answer. MARION, Oct. 18.—(U. P.)—After reading copies of the president's letter, Senator Harding announced he would make a statement tonight for publication tomorrow. There is no additional light as to who the alleged spokesman for France might have been, but it was recalled that some weeks ago Myron Herrick, former ambassador to France, held a conference with Senator Harding, and later discussed the attitude of European governments towards revision of the league of nations.

Harding Defers Reply. MARION, Oct. 18.—(U. P.)—A public reply from Senator Harding probably will be made when the president's message reaches him officially, Harding headquarters said today.

BOOZE DEAL STARTS RIOT

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—(A. P.)—In a revolver fight between two groups of policemen early today three men, one a patrolman, were wounded and two others, one a police sergeant, were arrested. The fight occurred near a saloon whose owner had told federal agents, it was alleged, that a police officer had demanded \$100 a week to permit the selling of liquor.

MILT MILLER WILL DISCUSS TRUE FACTS ABOUT LEAGUE AT ARCADE TUESDAY NIGHT

The true facts as to the League of Nations issue in the presidential campaign will be discussed at the Arcade theater tomorrow evening by Milton A. Miller of Portland, according to announcements made today. The arrangements for the gathering are being made by C. P. Strain, county chairman and others working for Cox and Roosevelt. The meeting will be free to the public and other features of the program will be free motion pictures and orchestra music.

SUPPRESSED NEWS STORY SHOWS HOW HARDING PRESS TRIES TO DECEIVE PUBLIC

Note.—The following significant story is part of an Associated Press dispatch from Paris on September 19, 1920. The story was carried in full by the New York World on September 20. It was received by Pacific coast leased wire morning clients of the A. P. on Sunday night, Sept. 19. The story did not appear in the Portland Oregonian nor as far as can be learned in any Seattle or San Francisco morning paper. This suppression of an interesting unusual length in this campaign. The Paris story does not bear out Harding's claim that European nations are favorable to giving up the present league.

PARIS, Sept. 19.—(Associated Press.)—The League of Nations, through its intervention in the Aland Islands question between Sweden and Finland, has proved its right to live as an effective means of preventing future wars growing out of international disputes. Hjalmar Franting, prime minister of Sweden said today: "I will not use the word 'war,' but the situation between Sweden and Finland was tense." Premier Branding declared: "The control of the league through its cautious but prompt action, has dissipated the feeling, and Sweden believes the council will settle the matter to the satisfaction of both countries. "Sweden has complete confidence in the League as a means of preventing future wars and proof of this lies in our case in its hands. I believe the action the league has taken on the Aland Islands question furnishes proof to the world that the league, even in its present state, is an efficient world court for hearing international difficulties and forestalling conflicts between nations.

DECEMBER WHEAT CLOSES AT \$2.11 TODAY AND MARCH QUOTATIONS END AT \$2.05 1-2

December wheat closed at \$2.11 today after opening at \$2.12, while March wheat opened at \$2.05 1/2 and closed at \$2.02. Following are the quotations from Overbeck & Cook Co. local brokers:

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley, and Pork, showing various price points and trends.

CHICAGO, Oct. 18.—Wheat—A bullish construction was placed on the labor disruption in England and was responsible for the sharp decline in prices early. Towards mid-day the entire loss was recovered and although the market eased off somewhat from the high point, the tone was remarkably strong, considering the adverse character of the news. Some selling took place when sterling exchange had a sharp decline which it was thought might, together with the coal strike, have a tendency to reduce or shut off the export demand. As a matter of fact, Great Britain has not been buying in this country for some time, and is not likely to be with Canada having such a large surplus available. The increase of 3,322,000 bushels in the visible supply was a marked influence on prices. The market is in a strong position and although industrial conditions might be construed as against an advance we doubt that this situation can assert itself until aided by a heavier movement of wheat from the country to terminals.

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ers. In selecting Mr. Miller to open the campaign they assert they have secured an intelligent, fair-minded speaker whose words will carry weight. Mr. Miller has been asked to deal particularly with the league issue inasmuch as both sides now recognize that the league is the paramount thing in the campaign. It has been noticed that both presidential candidates are devoting their chief energies to the League of Nations. Mr. Harding opposing the league and Governor Cox supporting it. The address in Pendleton will be the only one made by Mr. Miller in this county.

UNEMPLOYED IN LONDON MIX IN 6-HOUR MELEE

Delegation Sent to Residence of Premier at 11 Precipitate Wild Riot Which Tears District Until 5 O'clock.

12,000 PARTICIPATE AND NEARLY 100 ARE INJURED

Policemen, Strikers and Riderless Horses Charge in Mad Frenzy Through Streets as Missiles Fly Through Air.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(A. P.)—Disorders occurred in Whitehall street today in connection with the coal miners' strike during demonstrations by unemployed men who had sent a delegation to the premier. Several persons were injured in an attempt to break through a police cord. Others were hurt when stone from a window in the treasury building fell.

Police Knocked From Horses. LONDON, Oct. 18.—(U. P.)—Rioting, following the calling of a nationwide coal strike broke out in Whitehall and Downing streets, on which the government's offices and premier's residence are located. Forty persons were injured in fighting between the police and rioters. The rioters had repeated charges of the police with a shower of missiles, tearing up the pavement, ripping down infrastructures. Many police were knocked from horses and the animals ran wildly through the crowd. The rioters carried red flags on the revolutionary song, "The Red Flag." Police finally got the crowd on the run. The police came on again and again, hitting out right and left with truncheons at the rioters' heads.

Unable to hold his own against the police who attacked time and time again despite the stoning to which they were subjected, the crowd began to give away, and swam out of the area of fighting. Its flight was hastened by a confusion of maddened horses who had lost their riders. Fire engines were called to assist the police and to guard against incendiaries among the government buildings. When the mob was driven away, ambulances entered the district and began carrying away the wounded.

Street Like Hospital. Windows of the government offices were broken by the mob. Many of the injured were carried into Downing street which looked like a hospital with many laid out on the sidewalks. Others being carried into houses. Rioting started about 11 o'clock when a comparatively small crowd tried to raise a police cordon across the head of Downing street. As procession of several thousand unemployed had entered Whitehall in an effort to reach the premier's residence.

At the head of Downing street they encountered the police who numbered about 300. The main body of demonstrators marched around Whitehall, shouting like Lord George, who was presumed to be in his residence behind the police cordon. It was nearly 5 o'clock before the police turned the mob back. The last rush of rioters, took them through the human barrier of police, and they penetrated almost to the premier's residence before the police, in a fixing wedge and led by horsemen, counter-attacked and swept them out of Downing street into Whitehall. Here the retreating rioters were hurled against those still surging forward, attempting to get into Downing street. A scene of great confusion resulted. Many were knocked down and trampled.

A clean bill was given Umatilla county officers by the grand jury in its report Saturday night. An investigation thus far held regarding indications of cruelty to the five prisoners held for the murder of Sheriff Taylor. The jury adjourned to meet at some later date to consider the testimony taken by the court in the Kerby and Rathie trial.

Some of the cruelties alleged and into which the grand jury probed were found to be a physical impossibility, the report said. Persons who were accused of having inflicted alleged cruelties were found to have been absent from the city at the time mentioned by their maligners.

The grand jury believes that from the testimony so far presented, the reported abuses have been exaggerated and magnified beyond belief. The body received this conclusion after calling in 13 witnesses, several of whom suggested the names of others who could tell something of the case. In many instances put on the stand proved to have little or no actual, definite knowledge of the occurrence of abuses which they alleged.

None of Umatilla county officials were involved in the complaint, of any of the cruelties alleged, the jury said the testimony of the 13 witnesses proved. On the other hand the prosecuting body believes that local officials exercised their utmost endeavor to see that the prisoners received a fair and impartial trial by lawful means and that they were subjected to no violence.

One witness who was sought by the grand jury could not be heard because efforts of the sheriff's office to serve him were unsuccessful.

HEAVY BATTLE IS COSTLY. LONDON, Oct. 18.—(A. P.)—A set piece engagement of Polish and Lithuanian troops took place Saturday night between Vilna and Kovno. Both sides report heavy losses.

RATHIE'S PENALTY WITHOUT JAILBREAK WOULD BE LIGHT

Jack Rathie, under sentence to die on Dec. 3 for his part in the murder of Sheriff Taylor on July 25, might have served only a short term in prison had he been content to await trial for larceny instead of breaking jail in a conspiracy. The goods he stole on June 1, and resulting in his arrest, were of sufficient value to convict him of grand larceny. His escape from jail, followed by six days of torturous liberty, brought him the death penalty.

Rathie robbed the store of Max Fine on June 1, according to an indictment returned against him that month. The goods he took, representing quite an outfit of personal adornment, were valued by the store at \$71. The indictment sums them as follows: Shoes, \$6; bag, \$3.75; overalls, \$2.50; handkerchiefs (2), 75 cents; belt, \$1; ties, (4), \$6; shirts, (2), \$4; suit, \$36; pipe, \$2; cuff links, \$4; tie clip, 50 cents; and coat, \$2.50.

CITY MAKES READY TO ENTERTAIN LOAD OF EXCURSIONISTS

Special Train of Junketers Leaves Portland on Week's Tour of Eastern Oregon and Will Be Here Friday.

Plans for entertaining 100 or more Portland business men who will visit Pendleton Friday afternoon and evening on their week's excursion to the 24 cities and towns of Eastern Oregon, have been placed in charge of a committee of the Pendleton Commercial Association headed by George C. Baer. The chief affair for the visitors will be a banquet given by local business men in the basement of the church of the Redeemer, which is expected to be attended by 100 local men and the Portland travelers.

The special train bearing the junketers left Portland last night at 8 o'clock and passed through here shortly after 2 this morning. The first stop was to be made this morning at Union and the train will go as far as Vale and Ontario before returning this way. The Enterprise branch will be traversed before Pendleton is visited Friday. The train will call at the towns east of here on the Walla Walla branch.

Six Pullmans Filled. There are six Pullmans, a diner and a baggage car on the special train and Edward N. Weinbaum, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, is in charge. A six-page daily "newspaper" will be edited on the train for the education and edification of the business men. Special editions will be printed in honor of the various cities en route, with appropriate comments of a personal and business nature.

ABUSE REPORTS FOUND TO BE BADLY MAGNIFIED

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ENGLAND SEES TIDE OF STRIKE ENGULF PORTS

Sea of Unemployment Rises Around Nation as Gigantic Mine Layoff Becomes Effective, Paralyzing Shipping.

SEVEN HUNDRED VESSELS STRANDED AT ONE DOCK

Walkout of Railwaymen Before Coal is Gone is Feared But Government is Ready to Transport Necessities.

LONDON, Oct. 18.—(U. P.)—England today is watching the tide of unemployment arising around her as the nationwide coal strike becomes effective. Seventy hundred vessels are tied up at Cardiff, along with no coal in the bunkers, and no cargo in the hold. Possibility of a general labor upheaval is admitted.

It has been feared the railway men might leave their work even before being forced out of employment by the coal shortage. The government was well prepared for the strike. It completed plans for transportation of food and other necessities. Claims that parliament can settle the strike within a week if it chooses have been advanced in some sections, giving coal users the hope that something might develop along that line.

Hits Sterling Market. LONDON, Oct. 18.—(A. P.)—One effect of the strike has been the weakening of pound sterling which dropped today to \$2.44 on usual buying orders. Persistent reports of efforts to settle the strike seemed to have a greater effect in the hope that in actual information.

M'ADOO DIFFERS WITH HARDING AS TO MERT OF ESK-CUMMINS LAW

Former Director Shows Alleged Progressive Measure Has Vastly Increased Rates and Penalized Taxpayers.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Oct. 18.—An attack on the Esk-Cummins railroad act was made here last night by William G. McAdoo, former secretary of the treasury, who quoted Senator Harding as saying the republican party candidates considered it as a progressive and constructive measure. Mr. McAdoo declared that the bill was not a progressive measure, but a "progressive measure of the most pronounced type."

He said in part: "In his speech in Des Moines, Iowa, October 7 Senator Harding described the Esk-Cummins railroad bill as the most progressive measure and the most constructive piece of federal legislation enacted in a decade."

"Let us see if this description is justified by the results produced by that measure. The Esk-Cummins bill ordered the railroads returned to their owners March 1, 1920, guaranteed the companies against operation losses for six months, while allowing them entirely control of expenditures and gave them in addition a 'trial' for six months of \$452,517,588, although the government was no longer renting or running the railroads."

Taxpayers Bear Loss. "Up to August 31, 1920 (August estimated) the private operators made a loss of \$182,134,790. The taxpayers of the United States are, therefore, required to pay this loss plus the rental of \$452,517,588, or a total for the six months of \$634,652,378. This gift from the federal treasury is the first 'blessing' the progressive Esk-Cummins bill has conferred upon the public."

The Esk-Cummins bill has just increased freight rates from 25 to 40 per cent, passenger rates 20 per cent and Pullman rates 50 per cent—thereby putting a new burden on the American people of approximately \$1,000,000,000 a year.

The Esk-Cummins bill has produced a serious car shortage in the country. Under private ownership the railroads are crippled again just as they were in 1917 when car shortages, congestion and priority orders forced the government to take over the railroads to save the war."

"AMERICA FIRST" ONLY IF WE JOIN LEAGUESAYS COX

Presidential Nominee Declares Policy of Isolation and Selfishness Will Never Bring Repute to Country.

WILL CONSULT TAFT AND ROOT ON LEAGUE

Stagnation in Wheat Market Will Come Soon Unless the United States Goes into League of Nations.

SYRACUSE, Oct. 18.—(By Herbert W. Walker, U. P. Staff Correspondent.)—Governor Cox, speaking here today, pledged that he elected he "will confer with Ex-president Taft, Elihu Root and their respective groups," in addition to the senate and the president in securing ratification of the treaty with reservations that do not impair the league of nations covenant. He said a national policy of isolation and selfishness will not make "America first" throughout the world. Governor Cox declared the league of nations was founded upon the spirit of American freedom. He said he is confident that mothers of young men will back the league.

Governor Cox said that wheat and business stagnation will come in the year future unless it is certain the United States will go into the League of Nations. He declared the law of supply and demand in Europe fixes the price of wheat in this country and that the price had declined during the last few weeks because there was virtually no European demand for the American surplus.

WALLA WALLA GOLFERS BESTED BY LOCAL MEN. Pendleton golfers made a clean sweep of four foursomes in a competition on the local links Sunday with visiting Walla Walla club members. The play was close, however, and some good scores were turned in by men on both teams. A match between Jack Renner, of Walla Walla, and Charles Jefferson, of Pendleton, professionals for the respective clubs, was one of the features of the day's play.

The low card of the day was turned in by Brooke Dickson, who did the nine holes in 53 and 59. Fred McMonis made one nine in 46. The day was excellent for golf and the 16 men who competed enjoyed the sport. The teams lined up as follows: Dickson and Tallman beat Smith and Frank Sharpstein; Elshop and Marsh beat John Sharpstein and Moore; McNary and Hartman beat Falkenberg and Turner; McMonis and Shusterman beat Whinnans and Ingram.

WHITTLESLEY WILL MAKE WESTERN TOUR SUPPORTING COX. NEW YORK, Oct. 18.—Secretary Baker and Henry Van Dyke ex-minister of Holland, will be members of a party of league of nations supporters who will leave tonight on a pro-league special for a speaking campaign to California.

The party, it was announced, will be headed by Professor Fisher of Yale, and will include also Major Charles Whittlesley of Pittsfield, Mass., who commanded the "lost battalion," and Herbert Parsons, member of the republican national committee, who recently announced his support of Governor Cox.

Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer: Maximum, 50. Minimum, 41. Barometer, 29.46. Precipitation, .20 inches.



Tonight and Tuesday probably rain.