

PRELIMINARY MESSAGE EXPLOITS BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Plainly Informs Congress That This Country Can Have No Part in the Super-Powers Invested in the Existing League of Nations—Advocates a Peace "Resolution" by Congress That Would Protect All Our Rights—Plain in His Recommendations for Legislation on Tariff and Tax Revision and on the Railway Situation—Has Faith in a Maintained Merchant Marine—Touched Upon All Other Domestic Problems.

Washington, April 12.—Final rejection of the Versailles league of nations by the American government was proclaimed to the world today by President Harding in a solemn pronouncement of the foreign policy of this administration.

In the existing league of nations, world government and the world peace which will have no part," he said. "It is only fair to say to the world in general and to our associates in war in particular, that the league covenant can have no market in this country."

The declaration was answered by a tremendous demonstration, in which republican senators and representatives led, while most of their democratic colleagues sat silent and unsmiling.

After weighing the words of the chief executive, the senatorial group of chief executives tonight were claiming a complete victory in their fight against the portions of the treaty endorsed by Mr. Harding never would receive senate approval.

In his recommendations for domestic legislation the president gave greatest attention to tariff and tax revision and to the railway situation, though he endorsed a list of lesser measures which congressional leaders declared might bring the fiscal session until the snow dies.

President Harding's address to congress was as follows: Members of the congress: You have been called in extraordinary session to give your consideration to national emergency measures which have been neglected. We face our tasks of legislation and administration amid conditions as difficult as our government has ever contemplated.

Problems at Home First in mind must be the solution of our problems at home, even though some phases of them are inseparably linked with our foreign relations.

Brief Telegrams Message Unites Factions in Senate

Senator Lodge Opened the Discussion With a Prepared Address. Washington, April 12.—General approval of President Harding's declaration in his first message to congress, that the United States could have no part in the present league of nations and that state of war should be ended by congressional resolution was expressed by republican senate leaders, both "reservationists" and "non-reservationists" groups.

Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader, who led the fight for reservation to the treaty of Versailles, said he was "extremely pleased" by the message, which he declared separates us from the league and approves passage of the Knox resolution.

Senator Johnson of California and Borah of Idaho, leaders of the "irreconcilables," expressed gratification that the president had definitely rejected the present league and had declared for restoration of peace by congressional action. They expressed doubt, however, that the treaty of Versailles with its league covenant excluded could be put into shape for ratification, possibly suggested by Mr. Harding.

Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, acting democratic leader, who led the Wilson force in the senate for ratification of the treaty and league, expressed disappointment at the president's message. He declared that by refusing to enter the league the United States had established the social, business and governmental conditions of the world, without which, he said, steel could not be a revival of business and prosperity.

Senator Knox, republican, Pennsylvania, author of the peace resolution, indicated tonight that he was in agreement with the present and would oppose the policy declaration. Mr. Harding gave congress an exposition of his views on the formation of an association of nations, merely renewing in his address to pledge his support to an organization with all the diplomatic means available.

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BRITISH TRIPLE ALLIANCE SUSPENDS STRIKE NOTICE

Miners Stand Firmly For a National Pool of Profits and a National Settlement of Wages—Government is Unalterably Opposed to the Pooling of Profits—Miners Are to Send a Written Reply to Government Proposals—Triple Alliance is to Meet at 11 A. M. Today—Preparations Are Going on to Protect Workers and Carry on Transportation Should Strike Occur.

London, April 12.—(By The A. P.) The conference of the mine owners, the mine workers and government officials today failed to reach a settlement in the miners' strike. The government is unalterably opposed to the pooling of profits, and the miners stand firmly for a national pool of profits, which Mr. Lloyd George declared impracticable.

The transport workers and railwaymen, however, suspended their strike tonight. Thus the day, which opened with almost certain that the transport facilities of the country would be idle tomorrow, ended with brighter hopes, despite the fact that the executive of the transport workers in sending out notice of the suspension of their strike asserted "the situation is still critical."

The only government proposal which the miners would consider was one in which the government offered, after the wages were settled, to give temporary assistance to mitigate the rapid reduction of wages; the others they brushed aside, at times with heated arguments. The premier met the owners and miners in separate conferences, then jointly, but none of the arguments of the premier or the owners could move the miners.

The miners told their colleagues that the negotiations could not be resumed with any hope of success on the present proposals of the government and the owners, and that the strike would be continued until the triple alliance would have to take action. Preparations are going on throughout the country to protect the workers and carry on transportation should the strike occur.

The streets of London are already being patrolled by Khaki and tonight 500 marines with machine guns accompanied by tanks were drafted into Glasgow.

Evans Williams, president of the miners' union, said he knew of nothing that would justify the government in changing the convictions expressed in its proposals. He insisted that a national pool of profits would lead to government control, to which parliament would not agree. He also added a strong protest against any subsidizing of wages or profits of industry out of the general taxes of the country, on the same grounds.

Mr. Hodges reported that the miners would accept temporary assistance, but that their permanent scheme was absolutely free from government control. Evan Williams, president of the miners' union, said he knew of nothing that would justify the government in changing the convictions expressed in its proposals.

Fight in Senate Over Colombian Treaty

Gratifying Alike to All Reservationists and Irreconcilables. Washington, April 12.—The fight over the Colombian treaty was reopened in the senate today with Senator Lodge of Massachusetts leading the forces for ratification.

The contest, which administration leaders hope will result in a favorable vote on the long pending pact on April 20, began with an open executive session of a message from President Harding who declared "the early and favorable consideration of this treaty would be very helpful at the present time in promoting our friendly relationships."

The executive's message was sent to the senate and read in executive session March 9, but was not made public until today. Senator Lodge opened the discussion with a prepared address, in which he declared that ratification of the treaty not only would improve relations between the United States and Latin-America, but that the world situation as regards oil, of which Colombia has rich stores, seemed "very strongly to justify, in fact, to demand the ratification."

Senator Lodge's message was received in Paris during the past twenty-four hours indicates that the Turks are pressing the Greeks in the Southern sector. Naval Academy class of 1921 consisting of 660 members will by order of Secretary Denby be graduated in December next, instead of June, 1922.

The death of Dr. William Hoge Marquess, Presbyterian theologian in Yonkers, was announced by the Bible teachers' training school, of which he was dean. Employees of the Pope in plate works at Steubenville, Pa., of the Weirton Steel Co. voted to return to work, accepting an offer of the company.

Finance and budget committee of New York city board of estimate rejected appropriation of \$20,000 for Charles S. Whitman to carry on police investigation. Representative Fincher introduced a bill in the house to abolish the railroad labor board and to place its duties under the interstate commerce commission.

Rembrandt's portrait of himself and pictures by Gerard Terburg and Kaspar Netsch were sold at the Weimar Museum, Germany. Representatives of skilled labor in the employ of the Lehigh Valley railroad notified General Manager Maguire of their non-acceptance of the reduction of wages offered.

William F. Green, in Hartford police court, pleaded guilty to violation of the state lottery laws and was fined \$100 and costs. Green was accused of conducting pools on the "money market." Employees of Ansonia mills are voting on daylight saving, the question being whether to begin work one hour earlier and quitting one hour earlier during the spring and summer months.

AMERICAN SMELTING CUTS SALARIED MEN 20 PER CENT

New York, April 12.—The salaries of the American Smelting and Refining company will be reduced 20 per cent in pay, and wages of laboring classes between 30 and 40 per cent, effective June 1. It was learned officially here tonight.

Fifteen hundred members of the executive force, whose annual salaries total \$3,750,000, are affected by the 20 per cent decrease. Approximately 12,000 wage earners are affected by the larger decrease, which is being met out of the high wages paid during the war emergency.

The 20 per cent reduction will be applied to the company's 1921-22 salaries. It was said, to "every one from Detroit to the east coast, to St. Paul, Minn., to the west coast, to San Francisco, Cal., and other advocates of a sales tax, to discuss with them the proposals. A program of legislation in the interest of the farmers will later be placed before congress by the president of the federation, declared he had received advice from four states that schools in some sections were being forced to close on account of the inability of farmers to pay taxes. The economic situation in all sections of the country was described by the delegates as serious.

BALTIMORE GRAIN BROKER FOUND WITH THROAT CUT IN HAVANA. Baltimore, Md., April 12.—Henry E. Wack, head of the grain brokerage firm of Henry E. Wack & company of Baltimore, was found dead with his throat cut early today in his room at the Hotel Sevilla, Havana. A dispatch to the firm from Havana said: Members of the company laid the matter before the state department at Washington by telephone and officials there said they would ask Cuban officials to make a careful investigation.

A message was received here from Mr. Wack yesterday to the effect that he was leaving Havana with a large sum of money secured in settlement of a grain contract for which purpose he took the trip to Cuba. He was 46 years old and married.

YEAR FOR TRAFFICKING IN WOOD ALCOHOL. New Haven, Conn., April 12.—Frank Anicelli of this city surrendered to the county authorities today and was taken to jail to begin serving a sentence of one year which was imposed on him after a jury found him guilty of trafficking in wood alcohol. He had been out on bonds pending a decision on his appeal to the state supreme court. The decision upheld the superior court's sentence.

OBITUARY. Cornelius A. Hammond, Seymour, Conn., April 12.—Cornelius A. Hammond, 83, a former member of the legislature, died suddenly at his home here last night of heart disease. He was born in Torrington, was a veteran of the Civil war, having served with Company I, Ninth Connecticut Volunteer Infantry. He was elected to the legislature as a representative from this town in 1906. He was a Mason and a Knight of Pythias. His wife, one son and a daughter survive.

RAILROAD WAGE DISPUTE WILL BE SETTLED WITHOUT STRIKE. New York, April 12.—The railroad wage dispute will be settled without a strike, Howard Elliott, chairman of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific railroad, declared today in an address at the annual stockholders' meeting. He said that some important decisions by the railroad labor board were expected after the roads had an opportunity to present their arguments next Monday.