

League Betrays Monroe Policy, Says Fletcher

Article 21 of Covenant in Direct Conflict With Spirit of Doctrine, Onetime Ambassador Announces 'Vain, Visionary Scheme'

Treaty 'Destroys Great Chart and Charter of Peace With Freedom,' He Says

SHADE GAP, Pa., Aug. 7.—Attacking Article 21 of the League of Nations covenant as a betrayal rather than a safeguard of the Monroe Doctrine, Henry P. Fletcher, formerly Ambassador to Mexico, in an address to-day at a reunion here of one-time residents of Huntingdon County, declared that the Democratic party, through its endorsement of the league covenant, was seeking to set up "a vain, visionary and vanishing scheme of world regulation and interference based on an arbitrary disposition of the lands and peoples of the earth."

"The Treaty of Versailles, as signed by the President, submitted to the Senate and endorsed by the Democratic National Convention," the one-time Ambassador declared, "absolutely and completely destroys the great chart and charter of peace with freedom which we venerate under the name of the Monroe Doctrine."

Cites Monroe Doctrine
Declaring the spirit of the Monroe Doctrine to be a safe guide in the conduct of the nation's international affairs, Mr. Fletcher added:
"The Monroe Doctrine forbids Amer-

ican participation in the political affairs of Europe. The treaty requires

"The Monroe Doctrine forbids outside interference in American affairs. The covenant provides for it."

"Article 21 of the Treaty of Versailles," Mr. Fletcher continued, "is the famous article of the covenant which we were told would safeguard and protect the Monroe Doctrine. There are two versions of the treaty, one in French and the other in English. Both are authentic. Apparently the French text of this article was prepared for European and the English text for home consumption."

"The English text of Article 21 reads: 'Nothing in this covenant shall be deemed to affect the validity of international engagements, such as treaties of arbitration or regional understandings like the Monroe Doctrine for securing the maintenance of peace.'

Doctrine Betrayed
"A literal translation of the French text of the same article, however, reads: 'International engagements, such as arbitration treaties and regional ententes like the Monroe Doctrine, which assure the maintenance of peace, are not considered as incompatible with any of the dispositions of the present pact.'

"But both of these explanations or reservations of the Monroe Doctrine are only medicated pain-believe or sugar-coated dope. They do not safeguard or preserve the doctrine at all. They betray it. They merely refer to regional ententes like the Monroe Doctrine. This is the phrase by which we were to be lulled to sleep. It is misleading and confusing, but if we stop a moment to think we see that the Monroe Doctrine is no more like a regional understanding than a 'no trespass' sign is like a lease of a hunting or fishing right."

Violent Deaths Reported

Incomplete statistics made public yesterday by the medical examiner show twenty-three deaths have been reported for investigation in New York County in the first week of August. Five were suicides, seven died in falls, five were killed by automobiles, two died of burns, one of scalds, one of an- thrax and one was killed in an explosion.

Penrose Confers With Daugherty About Campaign

Harding Aid Tells Senator Republican Nominee Will Make Several Speeches Outside of Front Porch

Special Dispatch to The Tribune
PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7.—Senator Boies Penrose plunged into active participation in the campaign for the election of the Harding and Coolidge ticket to-day.

After an automobile ride in Fairmount Park for an hour during the afternoon, the second time he has been out of his home since May 20, he met Harry M. Daugherty, of Columbus, Ohio, campaign manager for Senator Harding, and a member of the execu-

tive committee of the Republican National Committee.

Senator Penrose and Mr. Daugherty talked over the plans which have been made for the campaign, and the Senator was told that Senator Harding will acquiesce in the desire of Senator Penrose that he make several speeches throughout the country during the campaign, instead of sticking to his front porch in Marion.

Mr. Daugherty, in an interview this afternoon, was quick to deny the charge made by Governor Cox in his speech at Dayton accepting the Democratic nomination, that the nomination of Senator Harding had been brought about by the Senatorial cabal, led by Senators Lodge, Penrose and Smoot.

"Senator Penrose was not even at the convention," said Mr. Daugherty. "He was sick here in this city. Senator Lodge was against Harding. And I don't know where Senator Smoot was."

The convention delegates themselves. He was the second choice of three-fourths of all the delegates to Chicago, and was, indeed, the logical man to be nominated. And after his nomination there was never a more universally

friendly feeling for any nominee in the history of the country.

"The people of this country have decided on a change of administration. Governor Cox was nominated by the manipulation and detraction of political bosses, led by Murphy. What plans they have to move the Tammany wigwag to the capital at Washington I don't altogether know. Yet it seems to be a part of their program."

Indorsement of the League of Nations by Governor Cox in his acceptance speech, in the view of Daugherty, stamps the Democratic nominee with the brand of Wilsonism.

"Mr. Cox's indorsement of the league," he added, "confirms what everybody knows—that President Wilson is back of his campaign for the ratification of the league."

Girl Mother Tries to End Life After Row, Police Say

Mrs. Margaret Palmer, nineteen, the mother of a three-months-old baby, attempted to commit suicide in her home, 471 West 153d Street, late yesterday afternoon, after a quarrel with her husband, Joseph Palmer, the police say.

Republicans May Not Indorse Justice Ford

The committee appointed last week by Samuel S. Koenig, chairman of the Republican County Committee, to make designations for the judiciary nominations in the primaries, when it meets to-morrow at Mr. Koenig's office, 27 Cedar Street, may have some difficulty in deciding whether Justice John Ford should be designated for reelection. It is understood that some members of the committee favor the designation of Justice Ford, while others are strongly opposed to his designation along purely political lines.

Chairman Koenig has been the recipient of letters from Republican lawyers opposing the Ford designation. They contend that Mr. Ford is not a "good Republican"; that he supported the candidacy of President Wilson in 1916 instead of Charles E. Hughes,

and that he resigned from the National Republican Club.

The judiciary committee is expected to present its list of selections at the meeting. In the absence of Mr. Koenig yesterday, no one was inclined to discuss the Ford matter. In political circles it is not thought likely that the Republicans will give Justice Ford their indorsement. There has been some talk of fusion on the judiciary nominations by the Republicans and Democrats. In this event Justice Ford would be more likely to be one of the Republican designees.

Girl No Stowaway, She Says

Miss Douglass Left Liner Because of Destination

A denial was made yesterday by Miss Macine Dykes Douglass, the young woman who was compelled to leave the liner New Rochelle after it had cleared last Wednesday, that she was a stowaway aboard that vessel. Miss Douglass, who lived at the Hotel Plaza, was said at that time to be a financially embarrassed art student who had tried

to hide in a cabin and evade payment of transportation.

"I was not a stowaway," the young woman said yesterday. "I had my ticket and a passport. The reason I was compelled to leave the New Rochelle was that it was sailing for Poland, while I had believed I could disembark either in England or France. I had no Polish visa on my passport, and therefore could not make the trip."

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