BARUCH DENIES BOOMING M'ADOO

Dodges Question Whether He Believes Democrats Can Win Next Year

PARTY CHIEFS AT SHORE

Atlantic City, Sept. 26. Bernard M. Baruch, former chairman of the war industry board and second largest contributor to President Wilson's campaign fund in 1916, denied here today that he is an advance agent of a presidential boom for William Gibbs McAdoo, former secretary of treasury.

Mr. Baruch made his denial after the morning session of the executive committee of the Democratic national committee at the Hotel St. Charles.

"I am in Atlantic City to confer with the committee respecting certain financial phases of next year's campaign," the financier said, "because I happened to be a member of the finance advisory committee in 1916. I am not at this time interested in the campaign of Mr. McAdoo, or any other possible candidate."

Mr. Baruch was asked whether he thought the Democrats could hold to carry the country next year.

"Why not?" a Democrat counseled. "I could give you a list in five minutes. We generally won." He added that the victory is going to hinge upon the selection of the "right man" and that the selection of the right man is up to the national committee and not to individuals.

Ready to "Take Anything Over $5"

Norman Mack, national committeeman for New York, jokingly asked the financier whether he was in favor of adopting the thousand-dollar limit for campaign contributions.

"I am in favor of taking anything over $5," President Wilson's friend retorted.

Mr. Baruch told reporters today he is preparing a review of the industrial mobilization of the nation and its bearing upon the winning of the war for private publication. It is his conviction that the "morale" at home had as much to do with the overthrow of militarism as the morale on the fighting fronts, and he believes that fact has not been sufficiently recognized.

The whole of the morning session of the conference was devoted to financial plans. Attorney General Palmer took a leading part in the discussion. He asked newspaper men to forget the fact that he is attorney general during his stay here.

Sub-Headquarters Planned

Homer Cummings, of Connecticut, national chairman, flatly denied that the East is to lose its prominence in the management of the party machinery during the 1920 campaign. The story was that Washington, Butte, Montana and either Seattle or Portland would be headquarters of equal importance with New York in the active management of affairs.

"We are thinking," Chairman Cummings said this morning, "of dividing the work heretofore done altogether in the East. It is probable that two or more subheadquarters will be agreed upon, but national headquarters will continue to direct the fight from New York. It is probable one of these subheadquarters will be in Chicago and that there will be two more further west, one likely upon the coast. We have not reached any decision as to this, however, as the whole proposition may be abandoned.

Committee Not Behind McAdoo

"Reports that this committee is interested in the candidacy of Mr. McAdoo or any other man who may have aspirations in the direction of the presidency are absurd, preposterous," Chairman Cummings continued.

"It is not less preposterous than the story that large amounts of national funds have been expended in the West in building up a machine for Mr. McAdoo. The entire amount expended during the 1918 campaign, did not exceed $600,000 or $700,000 and this money went into the regular channels incident to party work."

Two-thirds Rule Up to Convention

Asked if the national committeemen had taken here relative to the abandonment of the two-thirds rule for making presidential nominations in the national next year will be one of the matters.

"Conventions alone have the power of amending the rules to govern them," Chairman Cummings said. "We have been talking about abandoning the two-thirds rule for years. One reason that it has lasted so long is the traditional regard of Democrats for voting also by the unit rule. The majority rule rather than the two-thirds rule is scarcely practical unless unit state voting also is abandoned."

SOFT COAL SCALE OFFERED

Miners and Operators Take Recess in Buffalo Conference

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 26. (By A. P.) The joint wage scale conference of soft coal miners and operators today adjourned until Monday, immediately after presentation of the miners' wage demands, to give the operators opportunity to formulate their reply.

The conference decided that discussion of the wage scale next week will be in executive session.

Presentation by Acting President John L. Lewis of the mine workers' wage program was the first order of business.

CUMMINS SEES U. S. DISLIKED IN EUROPE

"Storm of Protests" Followed Wilson's Exit From Paris, Senate Hears

WOULD REJECT THE LEAGUE

By the Associated Press

Washington, Sept. 26. When President Wilson ended his work at the Paris Peace Conference "the United States had not a friend in Europe, Asia or Africa, and our brilliant service in the war was almost forgotten in the storm of protests which followed him as he sailed for home," Senator Cummins, of Iowa, declared today in an address in the Senate attacking the league of nations covenant.

"The only thing the President brought with him which was joyfully received in America by multitudes of good people," the Republican senator continued, "was a covenant for a league of nations, and this only because these people believed, many of them without inquiry, that the league would bring peace to a war weary world and would maintain it in all the years to come.

"Gradually they are beginning to see the tremendous burdens we are asked to assume and gradually they are understanding that there are some provisions in the covenant which must inevitably provoke war."

Objections Not Political

Senator Cummins deplored the attempt of some senators to charge other senators with opposing the treaty simply to discredit the President and to accomplish their political designs.

"The casual observer in the Senate," he added, "would be inclined to reach the conclusion that the most influential senators upon this side of the chamber are altogether insensible to the awful horrors of war and are determined to keep the world in conflict simply to antagonize the President or to work out some petty ambition for party supremacy, while at the same time he could not well resist the inference that the most persuasive senators upon the other side of the chamber are bent on wrecking their own country simply to vindicate the infallibility of the Chief Executive in his work at Paris."

Senator Cummins contended that when the war was ended "our exit should have been as speedy and as complete as possible."

Our Duty After War

This did not mean, however, he added, that the United States should have abandoned its allies or made a separate peace with Germany. "but it does mean that it was not our duty to associate ourselves with foreign powers in re-forming the map of the world and in agreeing to maintain it as the victors had made it."

Condemning the disposition of Shantung, Senator Cummins said he wanted to relieve the American republic "from the eternal odium of the Shantung crime" and from the "disgrace of passing over Thrace to Bulgaria."

"If America," he said, "is shackled to the proposed league of nations just as it is written, she will go blindly and blunderingly into the future, incapable of guiding her own people safely through these dark and difficult days."

Guards quickly suppressed attempts of a number of women to applaud at the conclusion of Senator Cummins's speech.

Some Wars of Conquest Just

Senator Hitchcock, Democrat, of Nebraska; Moses, Republican, of New Hampshire, and Owen, Democrat, of Oklahoma, exchanged views with Senator Cummins while the latter was speaking. Answering Senator Hitchcock, Senator Cummins said there were times when he believed in a war of conquest, declaring the United States existed as the result of such a war.

Senator Moses interrupted to say there had been twenty-three wars since "the league covenant was offered the world as a valentine in February and nobody knows how many more there might be if given to the world as a Christmas present."

Announcing that he would make known his position next week on the treaty and league covenant, Senator Jones, Republican, of Washington, declared his recent vote against Senator Lodge's motion to postpone consideration of the Fall amendments had no significance. He said his vote only meant he was in favor of proceeding quickly with the treaty.

Senator Poindexter, Republican, also of Washington, offered a resolution asking the President to transmit copies of cables from the American minister to China and American attaches at Tokio and Pekin last January, making reports on Japanese-Chinese relations. It was referred to the foreign relations committee.

HOOVER EXPLAINS DELAY

States His Request for Nonpublication of Report Was Conditional

San Mateo, Calif., Sept. 26.—Herbert Hoover issued a statement yesterday commenting on dispatches received Wednesday from Washington to the effect that the food administration brought about suppression of the federal trade commission's report on the food administration regulations of the packers.

"If any one will read the whole of my analysis of the federal trade commission's report on the food administration regulation of the packers," Mr. Hoover said, "he will see that my objection to publication was conditional only upon simultaneous publication of my reply, because the report of the trade commission was mistakenly based on the assumption by their accountants that the food administration had authority under the law to regulate profits on banking, foreign language, foreign investments, railways, leather and other by-product business of the packers.

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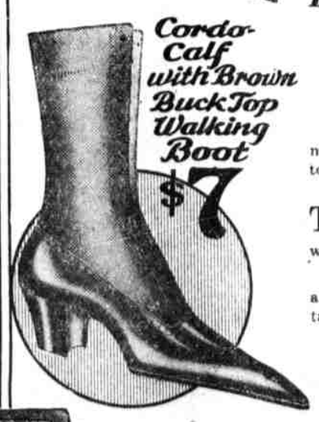

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