

'BITTER-ENDERS' LOOK ASKANCE ON HARDING LEAGUE

Irreconcilables Promise Fight to Eclipse War on Wilson.

By ROBERT BARRY.
Something akin to apprehension thrust itself yesterday into the obscurity of the bitter-ender foes of the league of nations of the day of "peace on earth, good will to men." Disturbing echoes from Marion conferences are being heard in the Senate cloakrooms. Anything repeated often enough may penetrate even the "splendid isolation" of the irreconcilables, so that the story that President-elect Harding is inclining toward an international program, embodying some features of the covenant written at Paris and signed at Versailles, has become annoying.

Senator Miles W. Poindexter, bitter-ender from Washington, was the first to bring back to Washington positive statements of displeasure with some things Mr. Harding appears to have in mind. His fears went far toward confirming some doubts the irreconcilables indulged after such pro-leaguers as Elihu Root, Herbert Hoover and Charles Evans Hughes came away smiling from the Marion "white house." The most recent interview given by William Howard Taft added fuel to the fires.

Borah Warned of Trend.
Senator William E. Borah, of Idaho, most aggressive champion of the no-league cause, has been advised of the reported trend of events. The story had been relayed to him before it gained credence in Washington. His misgivings were increased when stories, bearing the taint of competent inspiration, appeared under a Marion date line last week.

Senator Harry S. New, of Indiana, intimate friend and close adviser of the President-elect, is not disturbed by the reports. His attitude is significant, since he was at Marion recently. He voted, as did Mr. Harding, for ratification with the Lodge reservations, but his peculiarly informative position in the Presidential campaign persuaded him that one positive result of the election was the death of the league of nations. Senator New is opposed to American entrance into the existing league.

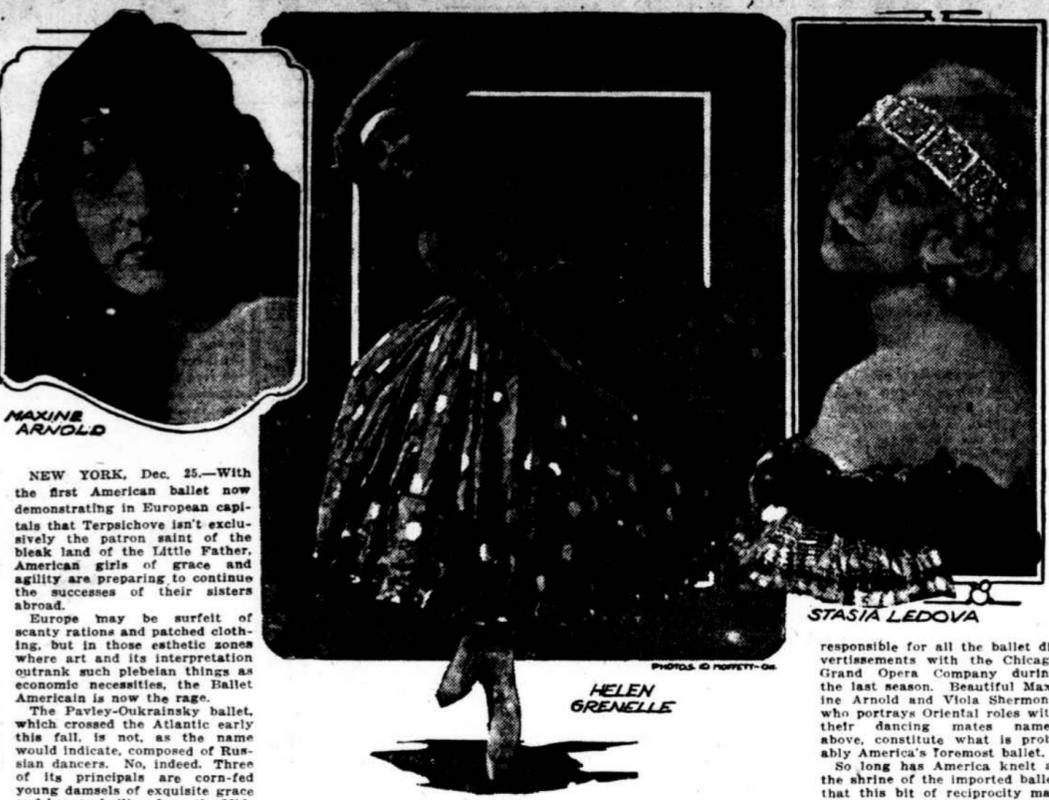
Anti-leaguers' Fears Allayed.
Senator New's statements in opposition to the league by so intimate an adviser of Senator Harding, when viewed in connection with the speech by Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, of New Jersey, accomplished much toward allaying the fears of the irreconcilables. Senator Frelinghuysen not only opposes American membership in the existing league but expresses serious doubts as to American participation in any association of nations.

In spite of their efforts to dismiss the disquieting reports as newspaper speculation, the irreconcilables nevertheless are arming for another battle in the Senate. They argue that their position is immeasurably stronger than when they launched their attacks against the covenant brought back from Europe by President Wilson. They claim substantial gains in the present Senate, and further recruits in the new Senate. They have been led to believe that several Democratic Senators, free from the yoke of the Wilson dictation, will vote their true sentiments and be found among the league opponents. It is the general expectation that the Senate fight against any Harding program based on ratification of the Versailles covenant, reserved, amended, or modified, would be so violent that the fight against the Wilson program appear as peaceful as a Sunday-school picnic.

Canadian Bank Deposits.
According to a statement in the New York Commercial, the Canadian bank statement for October shows that current loans in Canada decreased by \$12,108,523 during the month, while in such loans outside of Canada the decrease was \$8,840,527. There was an increase of \$11,446,539 in total deposits and an increase of \$18,970,822 in the note circulation, which reflects the financing of the large grain crops.

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AMERICA TURNS TABLES ON EUROPE IN SENDING BALLET ABROAD



Yasobel, ballet soloist, is from Illinois. Under the tutelage of Pavley and Oukrainky these girls studied in Chicago, and how well they studied can be readily seen when Europe's plaudits acknowledge them the equal, at least, of their Russian sisters. Pavley and Oukrainky were responsible for all the ballet diversions with the Chicago Grand Opera Company during the last season. Beautiful Maxine Arnold and Viola Sherman, who portrays Oriental roles with their dancing mates named above, constitute what is probably America's foremost ballet.

TELLS VET STAND ON GERMAN OPERA
New York Legion Head Says Official Objections Not Considered.

By WINIFRED VAN DUZER.
NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Ah, those wicked scissors!
There they lie, upon her dressing table, glittering vandals that they are, while in the drawer below lies their loot: her own fair, shining tresses; still waved and perfumed as they were upon the full hour when she so blithely severed them from her head.
Today she droops in sadness and shame. For word which went out from Paris early this fall finally has become arbitrary upon our own Fifth avenue.

This One-Armed Man Builds House Alone
John Mayo, 41 years old, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., who lost his right arm in a railroad accident eighteen years ago, has declared himself independent of the landlord. He was dispossessed of his home last summer, after it had been sold by the owner. Mayo could not find another home. He bought a lot, excavated for the cellar, built a concrete foundation and is now adding the finishing touches.

Lumber Output in 1919.
A preliminary report issued by the Bureau of the Census shows that the lumber cut of the United States in 1919 varied very little from that of the year before. The statement shows the production by 788 industrial mills. The 1919 production shows an increase of only 3 of 1 per cent over that of 1918. On the basis of a 22,000,000,000 feet production in 1918, this would indicate a total cut of approximately 22,100,000,000 feet in 1919.

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Girl With Shorn Tresses in Quandary Until Dame Fashion, Like Nature, Rushed to Take Care of Her Own

Fashion Takes Care of Own.
Well, here's the point of it all: Fashion takes care of her own. Lacking may be the beauty of a soft coiffure, but not a dozen and one superficial makeshifts with which to conceal her shorn condition.
One which has found favor here is accomplished by means of the Spanish comb. Not the conservative slab of tortoise shell associated with evening at the opera, but a great, fan-shaped, filigree construction completely concealing the back of the head and framing the face after the manner of head dress worn when Babylon was a modern municipality. It is fastened to a strip of silk as nearly as possible the shade of the hair. It conceals the bob principally by attracting all the attention to itself!

Decline in English Iron and Steel Output
Figures recently made known on the British output of pig iron in November showed a total production of only 464,000 tons, compared with 533,200 tons in November a year ago. The production of steel ingots and castings showed a corresponding drop. The total for November was 504,000 tons, or 40,000 tons less than October, and 191,000 tons less than in November, 1919.

Vermont State Meet.
A holiday reunion of the Vermont State Association of the District of Columbia will be held on December 29, at the College Women's Club, 1822 Eye street northwest. Judge O. M. Barber will speak on "The New England Town Meeting." Officers will be elected.

Atlanta Business Block Burns.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 25.—Fire, originating in the basement of a Dahl Floral Company's building in the downtown business section here this afternoon, practically destroyed the structure and spread to two adjoining buildings causing damage estimated at more than \$100,000.

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SEEK \$1-A-YEAR OFFICIAL NAMED IN COAL SCANDAL

Senate Committee Has Description—Hopes to Grill Him.

A search is on to find the first of the group of government officials charged in testimony before the Senate investigating committee with having made huge profits in dealing in coal.
Senator William M. Calder, of New York, chairman of the special Senate committee on reconstruction, which is conducting the coal probe, has assigned detectives on the trail of the one man whose identity has been revealed to the committee.
This man was formerly a "dollar-a-year" official in one of the departments here, but is not now in the government. He was identified to the committee by George H. Cushing, director of the American Wholesale Coal Association, who made the charge in a recent hearing that a pool of government officials profited in the "wild scramble for coal." It is understood Cushing's identification of him was incomplete.
Calder said that as soon as this former official has been located he will be called before the committee to answer the charges and give further information on the operations of the pool of government officials. The committee has adjourned its hearings over the Christmas holidays, but expects to resume the investigation next week. Senator Calder said he hoped to have the former official on hand the first part of the week.
Cushing revealed the name of

BALFOUR'S DENIAL DECLARED FALSE

Denman Repeats Charge That Allies Deceived Wilson On Treaty.

William Denman, former chairman of the Shipping Board, last night repeated his charge that secret treaties between the Allies on the Far East had been concealed from President Wilson, following Arthur J. Balfour's denial.
Denman made his charge recently before the Walsh House Committee investigating shipping Board affairs, and then called Balfour asking for an answer. Balfour's denial as announced last night by Denman stated that he had "no secrets from the President about any arrangements made between Great Britain and her Allies."
Balfour headed the British Mission to the United States in April, 1917, Denman said, and had conferences with the President, Secretary of State Lansing and Denman, then with the Shipping Board. The month before, Great Britain, Japan and France had concluded treaties disposing of Shantung, the German Pacific islands, and German ships in China, he added.

U. S. "Compound Lard" Perplexes Germans

BERLIN, Dec. 25.—Imports of American "compound lard" are at present perplexing the minds of the German food authorities, who find that the dealers are taking advantage of the similarity of appearance and packing to sell the compound at the same price as regular lard, pocketing the difference of about 25 per cent in price.
An order was issued by the supervisory committee for meat imports warning dealers that according to the law any such compound must be plainly labeled in German. "Artificial Fat for Human Consumption" and bear on the cask or container the red banderole indicating a food imitation.
Advertisements, bills of lading and the bill to the customer must call the compound by its proper German name. Violators are warned that the penalty will be withdrawal of future import licenses.

Parisian society women send their pet dogs to school, where they are taught to bark properly, to bow in greetings and farewell, to pick up a fan dropped by the mistress and to walk with proud and prancing steps.

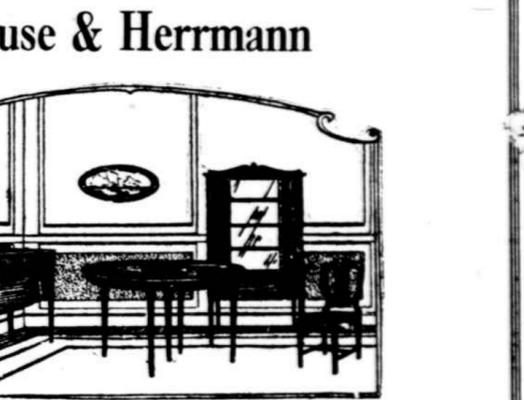
WAX OPTIMISTIC OVER CONGRESS' SHOWING TO DATE

Leaders Claim Members Have Shown Avidity For Work.

With one month of the short session of Congress gone, so far as work is concerned, leaders claimed yesterday that the body had developed an avidity for work which promises a cleanup of the routine business in good time for the constitutional adjournment, March 4.
The important thing, they said, that Congress has been working hard and steadily, harmoniously, the most part and with little superfluous speechmaking.
Here is a brief resume of what has been done.
HOUSE:
Passed District of Columbia appropriation bill. Adopted measure repealing war laws. Adopted resolution reviving the War Finance Corporation.
Passed an emergency tariff bill. Passed bill granting medals to officials and then in merchant marine. Passed bill suspending immigration one year.
Approved amendment to food and drugs act to protect public against misbranding.
SENATE:
Adopted resolution reviving War Finance Corporation. Passed bill for instruction in maternity and infancy care. Set date for vote on packer bill. Confirmed Senator Nugent as member of Federal Trade Commission. Suspended labor requirements and assessment work on mining claims.
In addition, committees in both houses have gone to work on measures for the next session.

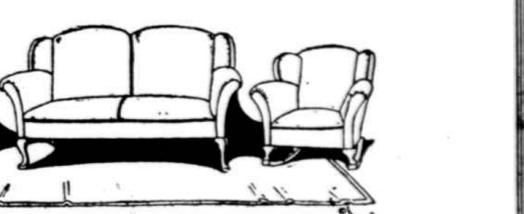
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