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ROOT DISCUSSES LEAGUE OF NATIONS

FOLLOWS PARTY IN BLAMING PRESIDENT—OFFERS HIS SOLUTION. SPEAKER SETS FORTH OBJECTIONS TO COVENANT AS FRAMED IN FIVE PARAGRAPHS

New York, Oct. 19.—Elihu Root in his only address on the league of nations during the presidential campaign tonight declared that the treaty of peace with Germany would have been ratified, and America would have been a member of the league—if President Wilson "had been willing."

"Mr. Wilson, however, was not willing. He insisted upon the treaty absolutely unchanged," Mr. Root said, adding later on in his speech:

"I do not question Mr. Wilson's beliefs that the disposition of the treaty for which he was contending on May 31, 1919, was just and fair; but, without disrespect, I do question the complete control of abstract justice in the processes by which the four men who dictated those treaties, which undertook to make over eastern Europe, reached their conclusions.

"I have an impression that there was the accommodation of conflicting interests the giving of something here to get something there; the yielding of something in order to avoid losing others, the shading of justice by expediency which had characterized such conferences since history began. I have a strong impression that some of their conclusions were mistaken.

"And I think it most objectionable that the American people shall enter into a solemn and positive agreement to guarantee and maintain by force of arms for all time the dispositions of territory and sovereignty which these four men made in the year 1919.

Article Ten Again

"That is a part of what Article 10 undertakes to do. It is an alliance to enforce perpetually through the operations of the league the decisions of Mr. Wilson and his associates in the year 1919. It is a throwback to the old discredited alliances of the past."

Mr. Root declared that "we shall promote the peace of the world" by electing Senator Harding, Republican candidate for president whose stand on the league he said, was unchanged from the time he voted for ratification of the peace treaty and league of nations with the senate reservations. The election of Governor Cox, Democratic presidential nominee he said, meant the effort to have the United States join the league of nations without change, as it was brought back from Europe by President Wilson.

After "re-stating the situation" of the league, Mr. Root declared that it was well understood in 1919 and "is well understood now, that the other parties to the treaty would have been content to accept" the senate reservations, adding:

"Several European nations already have given notice of half a dozen changes in the covenant which they propose to urge at a meeting of the assembly of the league next month. The only reason why the changes necessary to meet American objection have not already been considered is that Mr. Wilson simply would not negotiate for them."

Objections Of Root

The principal objections to the league, Mr. Root said, "may be roughly classified as follows:

"First. Objection to the general defensive alliance with all members of the league established by Article 10.

"Second. Objection to submitting to the council of the league questions of purely American policy, such as the Monroe doctrine, or questions of immigration.

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HUMAN WHIRLPOOL SWIRLS IN MARION

Pilgrimages to Front Porch at Flood Tide—Republican Nominee Receives New Bicycle From Noisy Supporters

Marion, Ohio, Oct. 19.—The long succession of political pilgrimages to Senator Harding's front porch reached high tide today in a gathering that deluged Marion and swirled about the vicinity of the Harding home in a roaring human whirlpool.

So great was the crowd that its fringes packed the street a block away and hundreds were unable to get close enough to hear the nominee's speech on the obligations of the American voter.

Delegations from many states and representing many special groups were in the crowd, which paraded to the Harding residence, shouting and singing and greeted the candidate and his wife with an uproar of political enthusiasm. More than a score of bands marched with the paraders and serenaded the nominee for two hours after his address, while he and Mrs. Harding stood on their front steps and shook hands with a stream of visitors.

Talks of Duty.

The senator's speech, largely devoted to a non-political discussion of the obligations of the American voter was addressed particularly to those who are to exercise the ballot this year for the first time. He pronounced use of the franchise a duty as well as a privilege, and urged that the two party system be preserved as the most practical means of securing efficient government. New women voters he asked especially not to segregate themselves in a party of their own.

The candidate also addressed himself to several groups of foreign born voters in the gathering, telling them that they should help to maintain loyalty in return for the advantages of American citizenship. He recounted the history of the Republican party in a final plea that it be chosen by all classes as the most efficient agency of government.

The first voters' contingents, including groups from 33 colleges and universities, made up most of the crowd. In addition, however, there were representatives of the Polish, Hungarian, Lithuanian and Italian races, and delegations from many Ohio counties. Dayton alone sent a large delegation, carrying banners proclaiming that the home city of Governor Cox was for Harding.

Gets New Bicycle.

Leading the parade was a bicycle brigade, formed about a bicycle which Senator Harding once owned and rode, and as a part of the front porch ceremonies he was presented with a new machine with his name engraved on the cross bar.

Two of the show spots in the procession of marchers were formed by girls of Ohio Wesleyan, attired in midly blouses, and by a woman's club of Pittsburgh, who wore marching costumes of blue and white.

The college delegations were in the front of the picture during the demonstrations that preceded and followed the senator's speech. Cheer leaders mounted on the roof of the porch and perched in trees the groups on the ground below singing campaign songs and howling out political parodies on their college yells. The Columbus Republican Glee club and a chorus of Republican women from Pittsburg helped with the serenading.

Edna Thomas Gordon of Ottumwa, Iowa, made the speech presenting the new women voters to the nominee, and Walter Rogers of Columbus, Ohio, was spokesman for the young men who will cast their ballots for the first time next month. Peter Jans, well known as a golf player, spoke for several groups of college athletes.

WOMEN ALWAYS LATE WHEEZE IS BLASTED

Cincinnati.—The old joke about women never being on time was shot to pieces at the courthouse when women jurors were summoned for service. They were all there before the men arrived.

MISS ALLEN HEARD BY MANY MOTHERS

Splendid Meeting of Parents and Teachers Held Yesterday When Association Was Addressed By Miss Ava Allen of Winthrop College, —Association Plans Many Improvements in City School Buildings.— New President Presides

The regular October meeting of the Parent-Teacher association was held yesterday afternoon at four o'clock in the graded school building and either the change of place of meeting from the high school building, the announcement that Miss Allen, supervising primary teacher of Winthrop Training school was to speak, or a renaissance among the mothers of the school for some unknown cause, resulted in one of the largest audiences so far present at a meeting of the association.

The new president, Mrs. R. C. Philson, was in her chair promptly at the hour set for the meeting to begin and, as the clock struck four, Mrs. Philson called the meeting to order. Rev. A. J. Derbyshire, rector of Trinity Episcopal church, had charge of the devotional exercises. Following these Miss Rebecca Jones read the minutes of the last meeting which were approved without change. The president then announced that the next feature of the program was a social one given by the primary grades of the city schools.

With a compatible assortment of Columbus Day songs and recitations, a flag song, and a touch of goblins, broomsticks, black cats and witches, the little folks presented a very enjoyable half hour's entertainment. Little Miss Sara Neuffer, of six weeks' experience in school, was very good in her recitation and stood bravely and unafraid before the large assemblage of big mothers. Also little Miss Eugenia Swetenburg of the second grade in a goblin piece was almost perfect in her elocution and gestures. "Buddie" McCuen proved himself a regular pigmy Damrosch as a conductor of a chorus.

Following this interesting primary program the president introduced Miss Ava Allen, supervisor of primary methods in Winthrop Training school and teacher of primary methods to students in Winthrop who expect to become primary teachers soon. Miss Allen is a native of Mississippi, for several years supervisor of primary methods in the Mississippi College for Women in Columbus, Miss., and also sometime supervisor in city schools. Miss Allen proved to be a charming person, a sympathetic speaker, and an expert in her chosen profession.

During her observation work in the mill and city graded school all morning yesterday it was noticeable how readily she was able to secure immediate response from the different grades while talking to them and asking them questions regarding their work. So the teachers who had opportunities to observe Miss Allen in the morning were prepared for the masterly address which she delivered the Parent-Teacher association in the afternoon.

The speaker selected "Co-operation Between Home and School" for her subject and treated the subject in a rather technical manner, tracing the history of modern education from Pestalozzi to the present day through the different phases, and showing that it has ever been impossible to separate school and home. Miss Allen stressed the need of cooperation as viewed from the standpoint of the school. In part she said: "The school needs the cooperation of the home for the same reason that the home needs the school, as I have said they have a common aim, in this both professing to make character-building paramount. If the two social groups do not work in harmony, the life of the child is torn asunder. The child must be able to pass from one social group to the other without experiencing a conflict in demands, a relaxation in authority, a lessening of sympathy. After all, the common aim of home

and school is not common because both choose it, but because it is one child that goes in and out among them."

The mothers and teachers present at the meeting were generous with their applause for Miss Allen when she finished her address to them, and insisted that she respond with an encore and tell them what other Parent-Teachers associations are doing in other places. Miss Allen said in reply that she recalled some social features used by a similar association in Columbus, Miss., which features the local association may probably adopt in the near future to bring together as a whole mothers, fathers, daughters and sons, working for the common good of the community and the advancement of the public schools.

Supt. Fulp then asked Miss Allen if she would mind telling the mothers just what deficiencies of a material nature she noticed first upon visiting the graded school. Miss Allen proceeded to tell many efficient things she noted but as Miss Winton Parks, also of Winthrop College, and a former teacher in the city schools here, has frequently stated to the teachers in the graded school building, the primary rooms need considerable more blackboard space. Miss Allen said that her experience with beginners in school had taught her that children in the first three grades particularly need endless practice in blackboard work and writing. Only with a piece of crayon, which the tiny tots can hold securely, can they be properly taught to write, make figures and draw. Pencils and pens will not do. The next glaring deficiency in this building is a lack of sufficient light in two of the class rooms, one occupied by Miss Montgomery's first grade section and the other directly overhead occupied by Miss Dixon's fifth grade section. In explanation it may be here stated that the room occupied by the first grade section was improvised last session to meet an emergency produced by increased enrollment in the first grade and no one admits this room to be anyway ideal.

It was the sense of the association that the board of trustees should be requested to supply additional blackboards for the primary rooms and that artificial light be provided for Miss Montgomery's class room by using a system of indirect lighting that would produce no glare to injure the pupils eyes.

Miss Allen commended the schools particularly for the splendid spirit of discipline which she found both in the graded and high school and stated these schools were far above the average in this matter. She appreciated the fact that the effort of the school authorities here is to encourage the pupil to do right because it is right rather than to hang over them a flogging stick or a system of demerits. Miss Allen also congratulated the parent-teacher association for providing adequate playground equipment for recreation, which equipment goes a long way toward solving the recess problem. Miss Allen stated that while some of the teachers had more pupils than they should have that she was certain each teacher she observed at work was doing the best she could to overcome the surplus enrollment and that she believed all our teachers were faithful, conscientious workers.

Before the meeting adjourned those present were given an opportunity to meet the visiting speaker and a sort of informal reception resulted. After Miss Allen left to take her train a motion prevailed unanimously that the parent-teacher association provide shades for the school buildings and plans for securing the addi-

CAMPAIGN EXPENSES WILL BE PUBLISHED OCT. 28TH.

Five Days Before The General Election Country Will Know What Each Party Has Spent.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 19.—Five days before the coming election on Thursday, October 28, complete records of the collections and disbursements of the Republican and Democratic parties will be submitted to the public.

The senate committee appointed to investigate campaign expenditures meeting here yesterday directed the chairmen of the national, Senatorial and Congressional committees of the two parties to file such reports at Chicago on that date. The reports are to cover all activities since the party chairmen testified at the committee hearing in Chicago several weeks ago.

In telegrams addressed to Will H. Hays, Republican chairman; George White, head of the Democratic national committee, and the heads of the other party organizations, the committee asked for complete lists of all subscriptions in excess of \$100.

detailed figures on expenditures and also a list of all pledges, promises, or underwriting. Senator Reed specifically asked for the latter in an effort to learn whether any arrangements had been made to meet the deficits which it has been reported, both parties will face after the election.

Recesses Until November 2.

The Senatorial committee recessed after yesterday's session and does not expect to meet again until after dinner November 2, provided the party chairman agree to file the information asked for. In event they refuse or fail the Senators decide to meet in Chicago prior to the election and subpoena the chairmen of the committees.

Investigation of all Senatorial campaigns was deferred by the committee until after the election. Breckinridge Long, Democratic Senatorial nominee in Missouri, who had been subpoenaed, was dismissed without being heard.

A lengthy report on the activities of the league to enforce peace of which William Howard Taft is president, introduced into the record before the Senators left here last night may be followed by further investigation of the league of examination of its officers, members of the committee indicated last night. Don M. Hunt, attorney for the committee, who prepared the report following investigation of the letter files of the league, suggested in his findings that some members of the league had, in his opinion, violated the Logan act, passed in 1799, to prohibit private citizens negotiating with foreign governments or their agents in matters of controversy in which the United States is interested.

Treason Cases Cited

Mr. Hunt cited a supreme court decision in the treason cases during the Civil War, when American citizens were tried for proposing to English officials that Great Britain recognize the Confederate States.

tional amount of funds needed for this purpose are already under way.

The president announced that the following ladies were appointed on the standing committees: Membership committee—Mrs. Foster McLane, chairman; Mrs. Mabry Cheatham, Mrs. Roy Gilleland, Mrs. J. D. Turman, Mrs. H. R. McAllister, Mrs. George Flynn, Mrs. S. A. McCuen, Mrs. G. T. Tate.

Social committee—Mrs. T. Gordon White, chairman; Mrs. Paul Link, Mrs. W. F. Nickles, Misses Sadie Magill, Harriet Coan and May Robertson.

The next meeting of the association will be held Tuesday afternoon, November 16th.

Mrs. N. E. Wilson and little Wilma, of Greenwood, spent Monday in the city with her mother, Mrs. I. E. Culbreth who has been quite sick.

NO SPOKESMAN SENT BY FRANCE

OFFICIAL STATEMENT COMES FROM PARIS. NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH SENATOR HARDING "FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, OFFICIALLY OR UN-OFFICIALLY."

Washington, Oct. 19.—Assurances have been given the state department by Count Debeaux, French charge here, that the French government had not given authority to anyone to approach Senator Harding with suggestions that the Republican presidential nominee take the lead in forming a new world association.

Calling the attention to an official denial issued by the French foreign office yesterday, the French charge told under Secretary of State Davis that he was assured that the French government had delegated no spokesman to act for it in negotiations with Senator Harding either "formally or informally, officially or unofficially."

The announcement of the visit of the French charge of the state department yesterday afternoon was made today by Mr. Davis, who said that while Count Debeaux had delivered no formal reply to the American note of inquiry to the French government, dispatched yesterday, he supposed that the assurances given by the charge were the result of previous communications with his government.

Mr. Davis said he did not know whether the French government would content itself with the denial issued formally yesterday at Paris and the assurances given the state department through the French charge or whether a formal reply would be made to American government at the direction of President Wilson. It was further stated at the department that the American government had never had any intimation of a desire by the French government "to scrap" the present league of nations or to revise it.

Marion, Ohio, Oct. 19.—An unsuccessful attempt by Governor Cox "to trap Senator Harding" was charged in a statement issued from Harding headquarters here tonight in response to suggestions by the (Continued on Page 8)

THE COTTON MARKET

The cotton market continued on higher ground today. After advancing yesterday more than a cent a pound, December futures today made a further advance of fifty points closing at 19.40. Spots in New York remained at 20.50, the same as yesterday's close.

The spot market in Abbeville, notwithstanding the advance showed little improvement, however, the best price paid being 20 1-4.

HARDING WILL END HIS CAMPAIGN NEXT WEEK

Marion, Oct. 19.—Senator Harding will wind up his campaign next week with a four day speaking trip in Ohio during which he will make night addresses in Cleveland, Akron, Cincinnati and Columbus.

90 YEARS OLD SHE RIDES LIKE A GIRL

Senatobia, Miss., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Mary C. Solomon, 93 years old, the only living mother of a Confederate soldier in Mississippi won first prize at the De Soto county fair yesterday for being the most accomplished horsewoman.

Mrs. Solomon won the first prize from a large field of contestants.

According to the judges she rode her horse with the ease and grace of a young girl.