

SPEECH OF TAFT KILLS DEMOCRAT HOPES OF SUPPORT

Former President Declares Harding's Election Will Mean U. S. Entry Into the League of Nations.

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PORT HURON, Mich., Oct. 20.—William Howard Taft in his first campaign speech in this country gave to his audience here a lengthy explanation why he has not joined with other pro-league of nations Republicans in supporting Gov. Cox and why he confidently believes the election of Senator Harding will mean America's entrance into the present league of nations.

Here is an excerpt from a stenographic copy of the address:

"Mr. Harding's attitude upon the league has been this: That in an earnest desire to help other nations he was willing to vote for the league with Republican reservations and he did so twice. In anticipation of executive responsibility, however, and initiative, he does not wish to submit the Wilson league to the senate. He prefers to negotiate with the leading powers now in the league to revise and amend the league by an agreement with those powers before submitting the matter to the senate. In his speech of Aug. 28 and in his speeches at Indianapolis and Greencastle, Ind., this last week he has made it clear that this country should help in an association to avoid war and that he is willing to bring about a modified or revised league, avoiding those features of the Wilson league to which he has made objection. His insistence is that the league should center around a court of justice and Mr. Root's international court of justice furnishes a basis for his proposal.

"Unfair Expressions."
"Expressions that Mr. Harding has 'scrapped' the league or has 'repudiated' it are grossly unfair expressions. He has vigorously opposed article 10 and the Monroe Doctrine provision, but he has not repudiated its essential provisions and purposes. All inference that he is opposed to any league or is opposed to the present league, when these features which he deems to be objectionable are removed, and when other features are added that he deems to be necessary, does him injustice.

"I wish to be a real Democrat in spirit. I wish to play the game of government as its rules are contained in the constitution of the United States. I feel, therefore, that though I favored the Wilson league and hoped the treaty would be ratified and favored article 10, and hoped that it might encompass elimination, when I found that it could not be ratified, I urged as strongly as I could the acceptance of the reservations offered by the Republicans in November, 1919, and in February, 1920. I felt that President Wilson made himself the proper subject of the severest criticism in not being willing to accept a compromise which the senate had a right to offer him. By insisting on article 10 he has destroyed the league, and Mr. Cox proposes to do the same thing.

"The only possible hope of making progress toward a league of nations to secure peace is by the election of Mr. Harding. The present election is not a referendum, the result of which will determine whether the American people are in favor of Mr. Wilson's league or against it.

Issue of the Campaign.

"The issue of this campaign is whether we shall approve the Wilson administration. From my observation, and I have had great opportunity in every part of the country, I believe that the majority of the American people were in favor of Mr. Wilson's accepting the reservations and entering the league. I believe further that a majority of the American people are against article 10, and I think this, although I favored article 10 and would have been glad to see it ratified. The question is what can be done under the rules of the game; that is, under constitutional provisions, to bring the United States into an arrangement with other nations to prevent wars. It seems to me clear that in the existing situation Mr. Harding's election is the only means of securing this.

Other parts of Mr. Taft's speech were intensely interesting in that they denounced Mr. Wilson's attitude toward counsors even during the war. Mr. Taft said public opinion alone forced the president to select able men to make America effective in its war organization.

"Wilson Is the Issue."

"The issue," said Mr. Taft, "which the American people are going to vote upon in this election, no matter what Mr. Cox wishes, Mr. Wilson wishes, or Mr. Harding wishes, is whether they approve the administration of Mr. Wilson. Mr. Wilson is a man of exceptional ability, of still more exceptional personality, and he has stamped that personality upon his administration so completely that he is the administration. It is impossible, therefore to talk in this campaign without talking of Mr. Wilson. He loves the exercise of power and is mindfully sensitive to any attempt, real or fancied, by anyone, whether by congressmen, senators or prominent Democrats, to interfere with his control.

The former president said that Mr. Wilson's jealousy for power and refusal to delegate it could alone explain the dismissal of Secretary of State Lansing.

"I did not object," added Mr. Taft, "to his going over to Europe. Indeed, I thought it would educate him in the affairs of the world, but insofar as it minimized the necessity of appointing able men on the commission to assist him, it had bad results."

Mr. Taft paid his respects to Gov. Cox, saying he had "considerable official experience as governor of Ohio and has shown himself a shrewd and active politician, who has saved himself from defeat because of his affiliation with the liquor groups in politics."

Condemning Gov. Cox for refusing

to summon the militia when Cincinnati "was so much at the mercy of street railway rioters," the former president called the Democratic nominee "a temporizer with mob violence," rather than one who would maintain law and order.

Turning to labor questions, Mr. Taft said Samuel Gompers expected Gov. Cox, if elected, to yield constantly to his advice, as Mr. Wilson had done.

Gompers' Services.

"I do not minimize Mr. Gompers' valuable services during the war, and I agree with his insistence upon real collective bargaining, but I think it would be harmful to the country for him to continue to exercise in the next administration of the labor department and other departments of the government the same power which has been his in this administration."

After reviewing the work of the Wilson administration and discussing the fitness of both Gov. Cox and Senator Harding, Mr. Taft concluded with this statement:

"As between the two candidates, both of whom I know, I have no difficulty in expressing a decided preference for Senator Harding."

Thus were dashed to the ground any lingering hopes which Democrats may have had that the leading advocate of the league of nations in the Republican party, a man who campaigned for the Wilson league and appeared on the public platform with President Wilson himself, would ignore domestic questions and consider the forthcoming election a referendum on the league issue alone. (Copyright, 1920, by David Lawrence.)

URGE M'GILL TO LEAD DRIVE FOR COLLEGE FUNDS

The executive committee of the Southwestern college campaign will wind up its work at a meeting called for 12:15 p.m. Thursday at the Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. S. W. McGill, who was director of the Memphis campaign, has been asked to head the campaign in the four states supporting the institution, for \$1,000,000 to supplement the \$500,000 raised here, in accordance with the proposition made by the Presbyterian church to the Memphis Chamber of Commerce. He has not announced his decision in the matter, but in view of the remarkable success of the campaign under his direction here, it is considered likely that the church authorities will insist upon his continuing at the head of the undertaking and lead in the drive to be launched in Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee, outside of Shelby county.

"Plans for the \$1,000,000 drive will be discussed at a conference Thursday night at Nashville, which will be attended by Dr. McGill, Dr. Henry H. Swets, of Louisville, secretary of Christian education for the Presbyterian church; Dr. M. E. Melvin, field secretary; Dr. James I. Vance, of Clarksville, Tenn., president of the board of directors of the colleges, and other prominent Presbyterians.

The Presbyterian home property, better known as the Presbyterian hospital, donated by the local churches to the university campaign, located at 505 Alabama avenue, now is under lease for two years to Dr. G. G. Buford and Dr. G. A. Moss, who operate the hospital. The property is valued at \$35,000.

The 50-acre site offered the university by Squibb, Lewis, & Coleman, is located just north of Raleigh, about 10 minutes' walk from the street car line.

WOMAN AUTHOR OF FRENCH APPROACH, SAYS REPUBLICAN

Senator Declares He Received Letter From Writer Proposing International Convention of Friends of Peace

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—The letter from France, received by Senator Joseph I. France, of Maryland, proposing a change in the organization of the present league of nations, was from a woman and not a man, the senator said today.

The proposal dealt chiefly with desirability of calling "an international convention of friends of peace," he said. Senator France said the offer was very much the same as those made to Senator Harding, and that although the writer said she believed she was expressing the views of the French people, the government of France was in no way connected with the offer.

"There was nothing official about it," Senator France declared, referring to the overtures made to him on the probability of America joining with France and other countries in forming an association of nations to prevent war.

"A distinguished woman writer of France made the offer to me," he said. "She is a member of an organization which is working quietly among the thinkers of her nation in order to form a body, in connection with the United States, which will give subject nations a definite chance for self-government, as soon as they have proved themselves capable of it."

"It does not seem to be generally known in this country that the labor party of Great Britain and the workers of France are strongly opposed to the league of nations as at present constituted. Similar bodies in other European nations endeavor to have inserted a clause in the Versailles treaty which would give subject nations a position in relation to the great power to which it belonged analogous to that existing between the Philippine islands and the United States.

"The imperialistic officials who formed the great council that drew

up the league of nations refused to permit the change in that clause. Its proponents of those days are now working quietly to secure a new league. I have had letters from the Lawyers' association, of Calcutta, Ireland and other centers of subject nations, indicating that the movement is growing for a new covenant that will really govern the world."

Woman's Party To Hold Convention

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Members of the National Woman's party will hold their annual convention in Washington, beginning Feb. 15, and continuing for six days, Miss Alice Paul, national chairman, announced. Approximately 500 delegates will be called, the statement said, "to attend this first national meeting of enfranchised American women on the eve of the inauguration of a new political party."

On the opening date, which is the 101st anniversary of the birth of Susan B. Anthony, the convention will present to the nation busts of Miss Anthony, Lucretia Mott and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, which will be installed in the capitol.

TODAY'S BEST PHOTOPLAYS MAJESTIC Charles Ray "A Village Sleuth" Coming "Pietro"

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