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HARDING AND THE LEAGUE

The controversy between the opposing factions in the Republican party in the United States over the League of Nations has begun. Mr. Elihu Root is a storm centre. In August last he cabled from Europe to Senator Harding, now president-elect as follows:—

"In my opinion a new deal here from the beginning by abandoning the Treaty of Versailles is impossible. To attempt it would be to bring chaos and an untold loss of the results of the war and general disaster involving the United States. The only possible course is to keep the Treaty, modifying it to meet the requirements of the Senate reservations and the Chicago platform and probably in some other respects."

Mr. Root's view is that of a very influential section of the Republican party some of whose members went so far as to vote for Cox, because they favored the League. Mr. Harding must now make a choice. Pro-League Republicans are said to want Root as Secretary of State while those who assert that the League is dead have other ambitions. In telling Mr. Harding that he must make up his mind for or against the League the New York Evening Post—once more reminds him what it is that Borah, Johnson and some others wish to send to the scrap-heap. It says:—

"The League of Nations is an attempt to substitute international conference and judgment for the international duello of war. Its ideal, broadly speaking, is the ideal realized in our domestic affairs by all peoples above the level of primitive savagery—the substitution of communal action for individual violence. When men agree to submit their quarrels for peaceful adjustment—conference, or arbitration, or court—they do not stipulate that the decisions arrived at shall be thus and not otherwise. They recognize that such decisions may often be wrong, often be unjust, sometimes be unfair. But they believe that in the long run the advantages of peaceful adjustment vastly outweigh its faults. They assume, and rightly, that there really can be no comparison between the processes of law and the processes of violence. Law, conference, reason, conscience as the substitute for war—that is the basic idea of the League."

It must be obvious that the nations forming the League desired to make it as effective as possible. If by amendment it can be made more effective, any suggestions to that end from the United States would undoubtedly be welcome; but it is inconceivable that the nation now in the League would abandon it entirely at the behest of the Americans. Nor is it at all clear that this is what the majority of Americans really want, now that the presidential elections are out of the way. We shall be better informed on this point when Mr. Harding is heard from again.

It is announced that hereafter the United States will enforce passport control on the Canadian border for the special purpose of preventing Bolshevik agitators from entering that country by way of Canada. There is as much reason for keeping these persons out of Canada as out of the United States. Every immigrant arriving from Europe should be closely scrutinized, even if a close watch is also kept at the port of embarkation. There are already too many foreign agitators in both Canada and the United States. Those who use the freedom granted them here to proclaim doctrines subversive of good government are a source of grave danger to the country's welfare.

The earlier election reports from Greece, indicating victory for the Venizelos cabinet, were incorrect. The opposition has won and the cabinet has resigned. The Royalists will now dictate the policy of the country. Whether that will include the return of King Constantine is not yet clear, nor is it clear that the Entente will assent to his return. Some fear is expressed that the defeat of Venizelos may further complicate the situation in the near east.

A Canadian Division was the first to enter Mons, on the eve of Armistice Day, the Germans retiring before them. That first night the town was in darkness, for the enemy had put the lighting plant out of use. Every Canadian in that Division will have pleasant memories recalled by the message of the Burgomaster sent to Sir Arthur Currie, saluting the Canadian army and its chief.

The matter of raising the elevation of the new railway bridge should be considered from the standpoint of St. John and the future of its traffic, both by vessel through the falls and by conveyance over Douglas Avenue and over the highway bridge. Now is the time to have the question settled right and in the public interest.

The public is not interested in any discussion of the value of a twenty dollar boot. That is the kind which yields the big profit. Now if it were a five dollar boot—or even a four dollar boot—it would be up and taken notice. Time was when a five dollar boot was almost a luxury.

THE CRY OF THE CHILDREN

Canada has been asked to join in providing the British Empire War Relief Fund, for the benefit of millions of fatherless children in the great triangle in Central and Eastern Europe, bounded by the Baltic, the Adriatic, the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. Starvation and disease threaten these millions of little ones. The appeal in their behalf has the sanction of the League of Nations, the League of Red Cross Societies, the King and the Governor General. The case for the helpless war victims is well stated by the Toronto Globe, which says:—

"The needs of this vast area are of two kinds. One is to combat and prevent the spread of typhus and other plague diseases; the second is to provide the necessary supplementary food, such as milk and fats, for under-nourished, famine-stunted children. On these must depend in coming years the rest or unrest, the stability or upheaval of civilization, in all that part of the world. The appeal on their behalf comes at a time when approaching winter makes their condition more precarious than ever. Their fate must touch the heart and the conscience of Canadians who soon will prepare to gladden the hearts of their own little ones at Christmas time. In Central Europe between three and four million children beg only enough to keep them alive and well."

Toronto Globe.—The attempt of Western Canada farmers to hold back wheat for better prices is not justified by the reports of the International Institute at Rome or of other experts, which show that there is not a world's shortage. On the other hand, prices are now nearly double the average before the war.

The cost of living was not as high in October as in September, but the Labor Gazette says the average cost for a family of five was \$15.88, compared with \$7.98 in October, 1914. Prices still have some distance to drop before there is an approach to pre-war prices.

Austria, Bulgaria and Albania desire to enter the League of Nations. There does not appear to be any serious objection to their admission, but France still has her doubts about Germany.

Premier Meighen has great faith in the people of Canada. If the people had equal faith in the Meighen government we would be a happy family—but there's the rub.

The long struggle of Gen. Wrangel in Southern Russia has ended in defeat. The Bolsheviks have taken the Crimean peninsula and the General himself has been compelled to seek safety in flight.

SOCIALIST PLAN ENDS IN AUSTRIA

Government Owned Industries, Conducted at a Loss, Are Put Up for Sale.

Vienna, Nov. 16.—Austria offers for sale her socialized industries, thereby indicating an end of an experiment that failed, either because the Austrian Government was incapable of managing state business or, as Dr. Karl Renner, one-time Austrian Chancellor, explained, "It is impossible to socialize debts."

The factories offered for sale include the large Vienna arsenal and the plants of Woenendorf, Fischamend, Wuerth and Blumau companies. They are worth about 1,000,000,000 Austrian crowns. These were the first Government war industries changed over to peace work and put to the manufacture of furniture, chemicals, boots and shoes and other necessary articles.

There were many complaints however, that red tape was hampering the successful operation of these industries by the state and that the high wages the Socialist Government was forced to pay workers ate up the revenue, while the deficit totalled hundreds of thousands of crowns. Also it was charged that the Government kept a far larger number of workmen than business prospects justified because it did not wish to increase the number of unemployed and because it feared the political consequences that might follow wholesale discharges.

The state industries have been transferred to companies in which the state is a partner. Hereafter these industries will be operated on strictly commercial lines.

DANISH BUTTER-FREED
Copenhagen, Denmark, Nov. 1.—The butter export committee will be dissolved on December 1, export becoming decontrolled. It is anticipated this will lead to increased export to the United States.

GAMBLING IN MILLIONS
Paris, France, Nov. 16.—Baccarat has been unusually profitable this year to the Casino at Deauville. It is calculated that more than \$15,000,000 changed hands. The Casino authorities made \$3,400,000 on their tables.

KILLS 100 RATTLESNAKES
Portland, Ore., Nov. 16.—R. C. Fulkerson, a coyote hunter, killed 113 rattlesnakes this summer. He made a belt of the rattles and sent it to the U. S. Biological Survey Office.



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BUSY MEN

Some of us are gifted speakers and we make the welkin sound, fading all the lesser shriekers who may argue and expound; and our grace you'll be allowing when we come before you bowing—but the farmer with his plowing makes the old world's wheels go round. Some of us are famous fighters, with our guns and butcher knives; and a lot of us are writers, buy the fodder for our wives; others on the stage are playing, through lines of "Hamlet" straying—but the farmer with his haying is the man who saves our lives. Some have all their lives devoted to the well known spell, and they have our admiration, our applause and adulation—but the farmer saves the nation, when he feeds the calves their meal. Some are painting gorgeous pictures destined to a deathless fame, and, despite the critics' strictures, they will get there just the same; some are preaching public morals, some are gaining singers' laurels—but the farmer with his scythe, or his claybanks, plays the game. And the farmer isn't yawning as he goes his dusty way, and we do not see him stopping, sleeping for a six-hour day; when the early dawn is breaking he goes briskly to his rakin, and his honest bones are aching when at night he hits the hay.

CANADA—EAST AND WEST

Domestic Happenings of Other Days

A HORRIBLE ADVENTURE

When their guide became insane in the flight after the battle before Ticonderoga in the late days of March, 1758, Captain Pringle and Lieut. Roche, half dead from cold, famine and exposure, thought the end of their careers was at hand. The guide late that night collapsed upon a log half buried in the snow and in a few minutes was dead. The two officers, with no knowledge of the forests whatever, were left alone to make their escape as best they could.

All night they walked around to keep their blood in motion. In the morning after toiling on, they saw a fort across the intervening snow and, approaching it, they waved their white handkerchiefs as a sign of surrender. Several French officers ran out to them at full speed, partly because the two strangers were evidently utterly exhausted and needed assistance at once. The other reason, however, lay in the fact that prowling Indians were even then approaching the pair bent on adding their scalps to their collection.

The English officers were well treated and soon recovered from the effects of their frightful experience. Later they were exchanged. Pringle fell to a great age and died in 1800 a senior major-general in the British army.

According to the story told by the two fugitives from the battle, the cost of the Indians was not great. The Indians are credited with securing 144 English scalps but this may not indicate that the two fugitives fell in the engagement for they had a habit of splitting scalps to make the success appear greater than it was. For a time it was thought that General Rogers had perished but ultimately he made his way back to safety.

LITTLE BOY BLUE

The little boy dog is covered with dust, But sturdy and staunch he stands; And the little boy soldier is red with rust, And his musket moulds in his hands.

Times was when the little boy dog was new, And the soldier was passing fat, And that was the time when our Little Boy Blue Kissed them and put them there.

"Now don't you go till I come," he said, "And don't you make any noise!" So toddling off to his true love, he dreamt of the pretty toys.

And, as he was dreaming, an angel song Awakened our Little Boy Blue—Oh! the years are many, the years are long, But the little boy friends are true!

Ay faithful to Little Boy Blue they stand, Each in the same old place—And the touch of a little hand, The smile of a little face.

And they wonder as waiting the long years through, In the dust of that little chair, What has become of our Little Boy Blue, Since he kissed them and put them there.

—Eugene Field.

IN LIGHTER VEIN.

All She Had Left.
"I presume you carry a memento of some kind in that pocket you wear?" the inquisitive wife of the clergyman asked the parishioner.

"Yes, it's a lock of my husband's hair."
"But your husband is still alive!" the lady exclaimed in a most surprising manner.

"Yes, that is true, but his hair is gone."
—Houston Post.

Diplomacy.
Chairman (of public banquet).—Gentlemen, before I introduce the next speaker there will be a short recess giving you a chance to go out and stretch your legs.

Guest.—Who is the next speaker?
Chairman.—Before telling you who he is, I would rather wait until you come back.—Life.

Sure Enough.
"What is considered a good score on these links?"
"Well, sir," replied the youthful caddy solemnly, "most of the gents tries to do it in as few strokes as they can, but it isn't 'tilly takes some more."—Windsor (London).

A Victim of Terminology.
"My father talked me into taking this course in domestic science."
"And how do you like domestic science?"
"Well, it looks like ordinary kitchen work to me. If my suspicious eye correct I shall drop it and make up my mind to a new dress."—Boston Transcript.

Yussy, Pussy.
Kitty.—My dressmaker says it is such pleasure to fit a gown on me.

Edith.—Considers it a sort of artistic triumph, I suppose? The true artist delights in difficulties.—Edinburgh Scotsman.

Too Pronouncing.
Tarling.—I haven't seen your son for a great many years. He seemed quite a promising lad.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIETIES MEET

The Young People's Society of St. David's church met last night and a pleasing programme was rendered under the direction of Miss Annie Parks.

Miss Helen Jack, Dr. and Mrs. F. T. Dunlop, Miss Alberta Nelson and Murray Lason. Major Lawrence T. Allen presided. A business session was held and the matter of the purchase of a reflectoscope for the use of the church was discussed.

Miss M. Hurley and Miss B. Machum won prizes in the guessing contest and Miss Ethel Barry and Morris Watson won consolation prizes in the contest. The following took part in the programme: Thomas Guy, Murray Lawson, Mrs. J. M. Barnes and Miss Gwendolyn Ewing.

The Tabernacle Baptist Young People's Union were the guests of the Ludlow street Baptist Union last night and Peter Murray of the Tabernacle Presbytery presided.

At the Victoria church members of the Charlotte street society were guests and Miss Pearl Howard won the "get acquainted" contest. Miss Campbell and Miss Jessie Hart, the two presidents, led service and the following took part in the programme: Miss Hilda Hayward, Miss Edith Nichols, Miss Gertrude Belyea, Miss Lela Alcorn and Miss Ethel Brown.

The members of the Waterloo society and the Central church society were guests of the Main street society and service was in the chair. A pleasing programme was rendered including an address by Rev. Dr. David Hufschmidt. The religious society served refreshments in each case.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the Y. W. C. A. yesterday afternoon with the president, Mrs. John A. McAvity, in the chair, the gift of a new Y. W. C. A. recreational centre was gratefully acknowledged.

John A. McAvity was the donor. Mrs. McAvity, who has recently returned from New York, Montreal and Boston, told of Y. W. C. A. activities in those cities. Miss Hufschmidt, general secretary, submitted her report in which she referred to arrangements for observing the world-wide week of prayer by the Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. and all senior members of both organizations will be asked to attend a meeting of the property committee.

Miss Littlefield, physical director; Mrs. W. H. Lugsdan, convener; and Mrs. T. H. Somerville of the property committee, submitted reports. Mrs. J. D. Hunter in her report of the girls' work committee, referred to Miss Phyllis Woods' efforts as girls' work secretary. Mrs. Hunter told of the leaders' conference held in the recreational centre. Mrs. A. J. Jamieson reported for the Travelers' Aid and told of some pious cases rendered aid by the society. The report of the membership committee contained a record of the largest monthly enrollment for many months.

Gun Fight in School

Chicago, Nov. 16.—Antagonism between the sophomores and freshmen classes of the Waukegan High School developed on Friday night into a gun fight and a free-for-all fight, in which one student was shot in the head and another beaten into insensibility.

The row started when three boys and two girls drove up to the high school building to attend a party Friday evening. Those in the party were Carl Ambrose, 18 years old, son of Dr. C. S. Ambrose, Commander of the American Legion Post at Waukegan; Elizabeth Lyon, 16 years old; Margaret Pulse, 16 years old; Donald Doolittle, 16 years old and Arthur Shumway, 16 years old.

As the five left their car they were confronted by five masked youths. Ambrose, the smallest in the party who several times previously had been hazed by upper classmen, was ordered to go with them, but he whipped out a .45 Colt automatic pistol used by his father in the army. He fired one shot, wounding Theodore Lux, a sophomore. The pistol was seized and the masked youths then beat Ambrose into insensibility.

Shumway was also badly bruised. The girls then took a hand and Miss Lyon obtained the gun and fired two shots in the air when everybody fled.

STOLE TO SEE DAUGHTER

Burglar's Excuse Was His Desire to Go to Child in California.

(N. Y. Times.)
Richard Endes, notorious burglar, was held in \$5,000 bail yesterday by Chief Magistrate McAdoo in Harlem Court, after detectives had accused him of stealing \$250 worth of wearing apparel from Joseph H. Oesterle, 220 East Fifty-sixth Street.

Four times the burglar has come up to Sing Sing. Yesterday was the seventh time he was accused of crime, but it wasn't until yesterday that he got a chance to explain his motive.

"This man has told me," said Assistant District Attorney Daniel Drenzo, "a most pathetic story. Eleven years ago he was happily married. He had a good position, a comfortable home and a little girl, then 4 years old. Then his wife died. He broke up his home and placed the little girl in the care of a woman. Luck began to break against him and he took a chance and stole. He was arrested and sent to a penal institution. When he came out, he tried to get a job and found that his record was against him, so he stole again and again he paid the penalty."

"During the times of his incarceration he lost track of his daughter and becoming despondent, he continued to steal. A short time ago he received word that the woman in whose care he had placed his daughter was in California. He says that he stole this property from Mr. Oesterle in an effort to go to California to seek this woman and to find, if possible, his daughter who is now 15 years old."

The Railway Mail Clerks' Association held a meeting in their rooms on Sunday for the purpose of electing officers for the year 1921. President A. K. Melick, vice-president, C. E. O'Reilly, secretary-treasurer, W. J. Wood, assistant secretary, H. Meadon, executive in the Department of Militia and Defence, at Halifax, N. S.

Self propelled and fitted with steam hoist. The vessel may be inspected on application to the Senior Supply and Transport Office, M. D. No. 6, Halifax, N. S. from whom forms of tender, and full information may be obtained. Mr. EUGENE FISEL, Major General, Deputy Minister, Militia and Defence, Ottawa, November 5, 1920.

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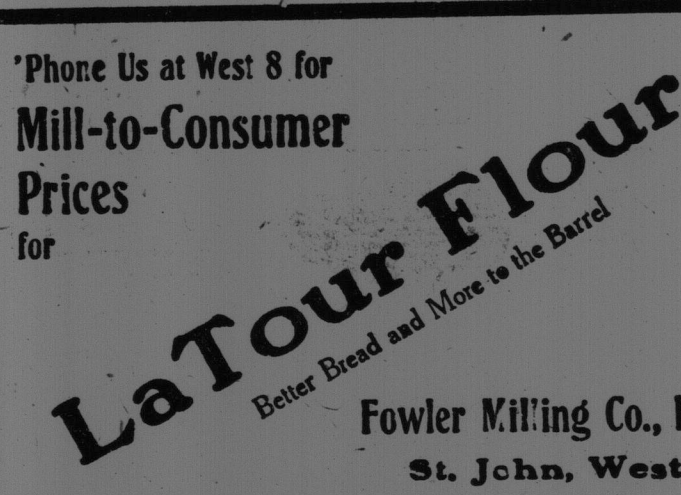
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