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## COX CHALLENGES HARDING TO DEBATE LEAGUE; FUND URGED TO GIVE COVENANT PUBLICITY

People Everywhere Clamoring for Text of Pact—Governor Renews Charge That "Conspiracy of Silence" Is Muzzling Truth of Issues

NEW YORK, Oct. 13.—On behalf of Governor Cox, Senator Pat Harrison of Mississippi today issued a formal challenge to Senator Harding to meet the Democratic presidential candidate in joint debate on the subject of the League of Nations.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Oct. 13.—Governor Cox of Ohio, Democratic presidential candidate, while touring Indiana today, issued a statement urging friends of the League of Nations to gather a fund for printing the covenant. The statement said in part:

"I am making this appeal to the friends of peace in every community in America to establish at once a fund sufficient to print enough copies of the league covenant to take care of the demands for it.

"Everywhere we go, people are asking for it. They want the facts and they resent the methods adopted to deny the facts. In many instances newspapers can be induced to print the document. Wherever possible this spirit of helpfulness should be taken advantage of."

Governor Cox gave his views upon the League of Nations and a variety of other subjects today at a number of rallies at Logansport. The audience was mostly the League of Nations, with flags, banners and automobiles were out in force for what the governor termed his own "covenant tour." He was asked numerous campaign questions. Besides national issues, Governor Cox urged election of Thomas Taggart, Democratic candidate for United States senator from Indiana, who shares audiences with the governor. Other Indiana Democratic candidates also spoke and accompanied the governor's special train.

League Pledge to Soldiers  
Retreating that the league was "a pledge to the American soldiers and their mothers to make war impossible," Governor Cox emphasized league arguments and again charged Senator Harding, his Republican opponent with "conspiracy of silence" against the "senatorial oligarchy" and a "reactionary who has fought every progressive movement for twenty years."

"How can you expect a government responsive to the people," the governor asked, "if you elect the candidate of the senatorial oligarchy?"

Governor Cox asked his audiences to stand without partisan spirit and as Americans, reiterating that he had no quarrel with the rank and file of the Republicans, but only with the senatorial oligarchy. He charged again that there was a "conspiracy of silence" against the Democratic cause in the Republican press, and in the Republican official campaign book in failing to print the league covenant.

The governor said that there was a "great ideal war" being swept across America for the league and declaring that America was aroused; he said many Republicans forsook Senator Harding when he disapproved the league at the Missouri convention.

Agricultural questions were discussed by the governor at Delphi. The candidate there repeated that there was a conspiracy to change the federal reserve act and that the "big business" was opposing him "in every state and in every county." He declared for "a hard headed, hard fisted, clear thinking farmer" on regional, boards, and urged that Senator Harding "was opposed from the outset to rural credit measures."

## MAY HALT WORK ON ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Foundation Material in Causeway Faulty, Claim

W. S. Falls, state highway engineer, and R. S. Snowden, district highway engineer, in company with Addison Hewlett and other members of the commission, yesterday made an examination of the material being placed upon the Eagles' Island causeway by the dredge and Engineer Falls afterwards declared that it is possible that the work of constructing the road foundation may have to be temporarily halted.

The inspection was made yesterday with an idea of determining whether or not there was such a quantity of vegetable matter in the material being taken from the canals that it would make the new road foundation unstable. Until he can confer with experts, which he will do immediately, no definite announcement can be made as to what steps will have to be taken, said Engineer Falls.

Although Engineer Falls stated yesterday that he is not of the opinion that the soil being placed on the foundation is what it should be, he does not contemplate having the dredge work suspended until a thorough investigation is made.

## MADDOO WOULD SEVER ALL PARTY TIES TO FAVOR LEAGUE

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Oct. 13.—W. G. Maddoo, campaigner for the Democratic party entered the coke country of western Pennsylvania today and made a number of addresses in which he urged ratification of the League of Nations covenant. Mr. Maddoo in his address here described the document as "one of the greatest ever conceived by human minds," and declared that "if James M. Cox were against the league and Warren G. Harding were for it, I, as a Democrat, would support Harding, because I know that the future rests more on a settlement of this basic question than any other. I would break every party tie or any other tie for the principle of this league."

## New Bern Gives Fine Welcome To Daughters

Mrs. Bickett and Mrs. Daniels Address Delegates at Convention of North Carolina Division

(Special to The Star)  
NEW BERN, Oct. 13.—Following a delightful banquet in the reception rooms of Centenary Methodist church last night, tendered by the New Bern chamber of commerce, the second day's session of the North Carolina division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, meeting here in twenty-fourth annual convention, got under way this morning with a business session, followed in the afternoon by a historical conference and an automobile ride about the city and environs.

At the banquet, Mrs. Thomas G. Hyman, president of the New Bern chapter, was toastmistress. In a fitting manner, she welcomed the Daughters to the city. Other addresses of welcome were made by Mayor A. T. Dill, in behalf of the Eastern Star; Mrs. R. B. Nixon, in behalf of the Women's club, and L. I. Moore, of the New Bern club. Responding to these remarks of welcome were Mrs. Thomas W. Bickett, wife of the governor, and Mrs. Josephus Daniels, wife of the secretary of the navy.

The most important and interesting work of the convention will take place tomorrow afternoon, at which time the annual election of officers is scheduled. There has been very little gossip in the ranks of delegates, prospective candidates and, except under the surface, very little electioneering in that connection. The convention will come to a close with social functions scheduled for Thursday evening.

The first business session of the convention was held in the Elks' club rooms this morning, being presided over by Mrs. Felix Harvey, of Winston, member of the state division. A large number of important matters, including presentation of reports of various committees, etc., were disposed of, after which the delegates were the guests of the Women's club at a delightful luncheon. This afternoon at 2 o'clock, the historical conference was presided over by Miss Lowery Shuford, of Gastonia, and from 2:30 to 4:30, another business session was held, after which the delegates took their automobile ride.

This evening was designated as children's evening and a pleasing program was prepared for presentation at the high school auditorium, including a fitting climax to the day will be the reception to be tendered the Daughters at the Shrine home by the members of the order of the Eastern Star, which will be given by the local Daughters. Tomorrow morning the business session will begin at 9:30 o'clock to be followed at 10 o'clock by a luncheon at the party house and another business session in afternoon, with a boat ride down the Neuse river later in the day. Thursday evening will be known as historical evening and, at that time, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, president of the Washington, Lee university, will make an address.

## FLORA MACDONALD GIRLS HEAR SECRETARY DANIELS

Cabinet Member Praises Part of Women in Politics

(Special to The Star)  
RED SPRINGS, Oct. 13.—Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, received a hearty welcome from Democrats of upper Robeson county. When he arrived he was taken at once to the cotton fields on the edge of town, where 250 Flora Macdonald girls were in waiting. With sixteen bales of cotton as a background and enthusiastic cotton-picking students grouped around him, he was photographed in a driven car to the college, where he was entertained at dinner.

The secretary spoke tonight to an audience which taxed the capacity of the hall, and his address was well received in the audience. Mr. Daniels was paid tribute to the men and women of Scotch faith and blood, referred to the part that women had taken in the war, both on the field of battle and at home, and lauded the spirit of the American mother.

"Government will benefit by the part that women will take in politics," said the secretary.

Mr. Daniels left immediately after the speech for Fayetteville.

## IDEAL WEATHER AIDS GATHERING OF COTTON

Labor Shortage Only Complaint, Says U. S. Bulletin

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—With ideal weather conditions gathering of cotton prevailed in all sections of the belt during the last week, although there was local complaint of labor shortage according to the national weather crop bulletin made public today by the department of agriculture.

Temperatures averaged somewhat below normal in much of the cotton belt and the week was practically rainless. Very little change was reported in the general condition of the belt, the report declared the crop matured in central and southern South Carolina, adding that picking was complete in the southern sections of Alabama; that harvesting was practically finished in Louisiana, nearly complete in southern sections and well advanced elsewhere in Texas, and that a fair top crop was in sight in the latter state.

NEW PROGRAM RULING  
WEST RALEIGH, Oct. 13.—Faculty action has made possible the wearing of the college monogram by members of the State college band and rifle teams. It is believed that this step will do a great deal to promote interest in these organizations, service in each being purely voluntary.

## PARKER STEALING HIS OWN THUNDER, MORRISON STATES

Gubernatorial Candidate Asserts He Preceded Opponent in Urging Tax Program

ISSUES STATEMENT IN LINCOLN ADDRESS  
Points Out How Party Stands for Very Plan Republicans Are Now Favoring

(Special to The Star)  
LINCOLN, Oct. 13.—A statement, which was included in his speech to the voters of Lincoln county here this afternoon, was made today by Cameron Morrison, Democratic candidate for governor, and addressed to the voters of North Carolina, touching upon the taxation issue in the present campaign.

Mr. Morrison said he was moved to make the statement by the continued and persistent distortions of the facts concerning revaluation being made broadcast by John J. Parker, his Republican opponent. The statement reads:

"It is true that the Democrats and Republicans passed the revaluation act and that it was executed by administrators acting together in every county in the state, but the important question is the final system to be adopted for the state. The same general assembly which enacted the revaluation bill paved the way for a modified up-to-date system of taxation in North Carolina by adopting an amendment to the constitution, to be submitted to the people, providing for the levy of an income tax.

"Mr. Parker is declaring everywhere that he favors the new system aimed at by the Democratic party, but very shrewdly denying to the Democratic party credit for having proposed it before he ever advocated the income tax basis, and he is seeking to create the impression that I do not stand for a new system based upon the income tax. He tells the people that revaluation is the same as Mr. Parker claims for his complete system.

"I have been urging the adoption of the constitutional amendment upon the subject of the income tax. Mr. Morrison continued to explain, "everywhere and yet some of the Democratic papers are unwillingly aiding Mr. Parker in creating the impression that the Democratic party stands only for the revaluation act, by presenting me as 'speaking for revaluation.' I am defending the revaluation bill, as administered by sworn Republicans and Democrats, but, at the same time, I most earnestly urge and favor the new system as Mr. Parker claims he does."

MAN ARRESTED FOR FIRING COTTON GIN  
Boasted He Headed Band of 50, Report

News of the first arrest and the addition of another state to the list of those in which cotton gins have been ordered to discontinue operations feature reports on the activities of the night riders in the cotton belt.

J. Hicks, who is said to have boasted that he was "head of fifty men who took orders" from him, was arrested at Carrollton, Ga., yesterday, charged with posting notices warning gins to close, indicted and released in \$500 bail pending trial, according to reports from that place. It was added that Sheriff Garrett, of Carroll county, has a reward of \$100 for the arrest and conviction of persons posting gins in the county.

DECLINES JURIST'S ADVICE  
Mountaineer, Fined For "Moonshining," Knows His People Too Well To Turn Reformer.

(Special to The Star)  
GREENVILLE, S. C., Oct. 13.—John H. Trommell, a rugged Blue Ridge mountaineer, takes no stock in the theory that he should give up moonshining and carry on liquor for the hills about his home in order to help his people.

"Why, Judge," he interrupted Judge H. H. Watkins in federal court yesterday when the jurist was urging that he just bore up and give up the moonshine, "if I were to do what you say there would be nothing left of my house but a little pile of ashes. I know those folks up there in the hills."

APPEALS TO DEMOCRATS FOR FUNDS TO CARRY ON CAMPAIGN WORK  
Joe Sparks, assistant treasurer, Democratic national committee, has issued the following appeal for funds to carry on the campaign:

"Let me appeal to every Democratic man and woman in the south to immediately make a contribution to the national Democratic campaign fund to victory has turned. We are sure of victory if the proper financial support is given. The election of a Democratic President means peace, prosperity and happiness for the south.

"No one can trust what will happen in the event of Republican success.

"The Jeffersonian politician of the north is jealous of the prosperity of the south.

"The funds should be immediately contributed. Delay may be fatal. Send your check today to your state finance chairman."

## RESERVE BOARD PLANS TO ISSUE STATEMENT ON NEW POLICY SATURDAY

Governor Harding Tells Representatives of Agricultural Interests How Banking System Regards Present "Financial Stringency"—He Deplores Burning of Cotton Gins and Assures of His Sympathy for Farmers Hard-Pressed

WASHINGTON, Oct. 13.—The federal reserve board is preparing to make a new statement of policy covering all phases of the credit situation, Governor Harding told representatives of agricultural interests in convention here who appealed to him today for relief from "stringent" credit conditions. The statement, Governor Harding said, probably would be made public Saturday, but he concluded that the fall conference of federal reserve agents and reserve bank governors here.

A committee from the reserve board listened for three hours to accounts which the agricultural delegates said threatened the life of the nation through a reduction of food production. Difficulties of the farmers were laid almost wholly to inability to obtain financial assistance. It was asserted that banks of the reserve system were not supplying needed funds and that many local bankers claimed to be acting under instructions from the federal reserve board.

The board and officials of the reserve banks were in sympathy with the plight of the farmers, he said, and were encouraging banks to aid them, but the board was without authority to instruct member banks as to loans they could or could not make.

In sympathy with them, the governor said, "In the first place," the governor said, "I can see no practical value in your visit to the board. Our acts are defined by law. Your conference here with us has resulted only in your retelling what we already knew. The board knows your trials and your difficulties and is in entire sympathy with you."

Meanwhile, the delegates considered whether they should press their request for a conference with President Wilson's cabinet. Some thought it would be necessary to lay their grievances before the cabinet after the conference with the reserve board. It was said also that most of the cabinet were out of the city and that, as the delegates were in the city, they would not paper mountains in Washington tomorrow, a cabinet conference might not be insisted upon.

Governor Harding told the delegation that German interests had in fact secured a practical value in the 2,000,000 bales of American cotton. A German commercial agent who called on him, he said, had told him that German manufacturers were eager to buy, but the cotton producers must accept paper money in payment of their payment. The governor suggested to

Senators Smith, of South Carolina, and Smith, of Georgia, were with the delegation and both voted approval of the governor's attitude. Reports submitted today by committees respecting the various agricultural products represented at the convention declared that each item in the same condition. A falling market in the open air forced farmers to sell their products below the cost of production. A committee was created to sit in Washington indefinitely and look after the needs of farmers as brought out at the meetings.

A special committee on cotton, which requested that no acreage be planted next year unless conditions materially improved, started a fight in the convention, representatives of other farming actions indicating that such course would be unfavorable.

## DANIELS SPEAKS AT DUNN'S FAIR

Woman Makes Hit As Supreme Bench Holds Law Is Constitutional

(Special to The Star)  
DUNN, Oct. 13.—"Conditions in this country will never be stabilized so long as the peace treaty and League of Nations are used as footballs by politicians who care less for the nation than they do for party success," declared Josephus Daniels, secretary of the navy, in a speech before a record crowd at the Dunn fair today.

"Prices of farm and factory prices cannot be made satisfactory to the producers until the European countries have been stabilized and their peoples are taught to renew their confidence in America's justice," he said.

Attendance at today's warm reception when he arrived this morning. Thousands of school children, ex-service men and citizens generally escorted him in a two-mile parade through the principal streets of Dunn to the fair grounds. His car entered the line of parade at Wilson and Broad streets, the children sang the Star-Spangled Banner in greeting.

Mrs. W. J. Jones, principal of the Pinebluff School for Girls, in company with the secretary of the Roanoke and Salemburg railroad and a most ardent suffragist, introduced Mr. Daniels here. It was the first time a woman had taken part in a local ceremony of this kind and she made a distinct hit.

The fair was all that the association expected. It is estimated close to 9,000 people entered the grounds during the day. The races were the best ever held on the local track. Miss Rector, of the Schroeder-Columbia stables, lowered the track record in the second heat of the third race, when she made the mile in 2:12. The former record was 2:14. C. M. R., of the Swert-Rocky Mountain stables, was winner of the race, however, making the other two heats in 2:14 and 2:16. "Little Lady" won the 2:24 pace and Mabel Worth won the third race of the day.

The fair will close Friday. Thursday is expected to be the biggest day. The last day will be for negroes.

RAILROAD PAYS RECORD TAX  
ROANOKE, Va., Oct. 13.—The Norfolk and Western railroad will pay a total tax to the state of Virginia this year of \$1,055,000, the largest amount paid to the state by any corporation in the commonwealth. It was announced at the headquarters of the road today. The total tax for the year is \$1,055,000. It was said.

WILSON CONGRATULATES MANAGER THIS SPEAKER  
CLEVELAND, O., Oct. 13.—Manager This Speaker, of the world champion Cleveland Indians, today received a telegram of congratulation from President Wilson. The telegram was as follows:

"May I not congratulate you on the success of your honest and sincere efforts."

"WOODROW WILSON."

COURT SANCTIONS ABSENTEE VOTERS  
Supreme Bench Holds Law Is Constitutional

(Special to The Star)  
RALEIGH, Oct. 13.—The supreme court, in an opinion written by Justice Brown today, upheld the constitutionality of the absentee voters' law, which was involved in the case of L. L. Jenkins against the state board of elections. Chief Justice Clark writes a strong concurring opinion in the case, citing many states which have varying forms of the absentee voter law.

Discussing the contention of the plaintiffs in this case that it was the intention of the framers of the constitution that the ballot should be secret, Justice Brown says that the provision is purely in the discretion of the voter. He has the right to vote a secret ballot, if he so desire, and he volunteers information about his ballot he votes, it is entirely legal for him to give that information. The ballot may be cast by the voter or by a person placed in the box by the election official.

Justice Clark does not think it the intention of the framers of the constitution that the voter must present himself in person before the ballot box in order to vote. He thinks there is no conflict in the two expressions, "I which he offers to vote," and "ever person offering to vote." Neither does he believe that these expressions mean the presentation of the person of the voter to the ballot box. The framers of the constitution, in 1787, probably knew of the absentee voter law which had been passed in many states at that time and they wisely left the manner of casting a ballot to the hands of the legislature. In the New England states, about the idea of town meeting is written into the constitutions, the absentee may be direct violation of the constitution, but there is no such idea running.

If the right to govern is derived from the consent of the governed, it is essential that there be a free expression of the electorate and the absentee voters' law helps get their expression says the court.