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LODGE LETS LOOSE ON PEACE TREATY

Massachusetts Peacock Spreads His Feathers To Delight of the Galleries

"DEFORMED EXPERIMENT UPON A NOBLE PURPOSE"

Chairman of Foreign Relations Committee Declares That He Could Never Accept Features of League Covenant; Thinks We Ought To Beware of European Quarrels

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 12.—Describing the League of Nations as a "deformed experiment upon a noble purpose," Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, chairman of the Foreign Relations Committee and Republican leader of the Senate, declared in a speech today that there were features of the league covenant which "as an American," he never could accept. The galleries were crowded and the applause was more than liberal.

Creating, not an alliance embracing "provisions for war," the covenant in its present form, he asserted, would kill the Monroe Doctrine, nullify any possibility of withdrawal from membership, impair the sovereign power of deciding domestic questions, and "plunge the United States into every controversy and conflict on the face of the globe."

"Let us beware," he said, "how we palter with our independence. We have not reached the great position from which we were able to come down into the field of battle and help to save the world from tyranny, by being guided by others. Our vast power has all been built up and gathered together by ourselves alone."

Owe Debt to None Save France.
"We forced our way upward from the days of the revolution, through a world often hostile and always indifferent. We owe no debt to anyone except to France in our revolution, and these policies and these rights which our power has been founded should never be lessened or weakened. It would be no service to the world to do so, and it will be of intolerable injury to the United States. We will do our share. We are ready and anxious to help in all ways to preserve the world's peace. But we can do it best by not clipping ourselves."

Beware of "Leading Strings."
"I am as anxious as any human being can be to have the United States render every possible service to the civilization and the peace of mankind, but I am certain we can do it best by not putting ourselves in leading strings or subjecting our policies and our sovereignty to other nations. I will go as far as anyone in world service is the maintenance of the United States. You may call me selfish, if you will, conservative or reactionary, but an American I was born; an American I have remained all my life."

Home Country Comes First.
"I can never be anything else but an American, and I must think of the United States first, and when I think of the United States first in an arrangement like this I am thinking of what is best for the world, for if the United States falls the best hopes of mankind fall with it. I have never had but one allegiance—I can not divide it now."

"The United States is the world's best hope, but if you fetter her in the interests and quarrels of other nations, if you tangle her in the intrigues of Europe, you will destroy her power for good and endanger her very existence. As to breaking heart of the world. We are told that we shall break the heart of the world if we do not take this league just as it stands. I fear that the hearts of the vast majority of mankind would beat on strongly and steadily and without any quickening if the league were to perish altogether. If it should be effectively and conscientiously changed the people who would be awake in sorrow for a single night could be easily gathered in one not very large room but those who would draw a long breath of relief would reach to millions."

HIGH TIDE DAY IN LEAGUE DEBATE

John Sharp Williams Roasts Lodge For Making It Political Football

ANOTHER RUCUS IN THE F. R. COMMITTEE ROOMS

Hunter Miller, Legal Adviser of League Commission At Versailles Grilled By Republican Members of Committee; Clashes Over Manner of Questioning Him

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 12.—The traditional decorum of Senate procedure was upset today by an unusual demonstration of approval from the galleries following an address by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, chairman of the Foreign Relations committee, assailing provisions of the League of Nations covenant.

For more than a minute the gallery spectators applauded and cheered in violation of Senate rules, and then when order had been restored they interrupted with howls and hisses a speech by Senator Williams, Democrat of Mississippi, in reply to Mr. Lodge. In spite of sharp admonition from the chair there were more hisses mingled with applause when Senator Hitchcock, Democrat of Nebraska, seconded Senator Williams' speech.

Vice President Marshall made no attempt to check the first demonstration until it had begun to die out, but later he twice threatened to clear the galleries unless order was preserved.

Senator Lodge's address was aimed chiefly against league provisions which he said would make the United States a subject nation, "and ended with an appeal for the preservation of Americanism. The covenant in its present form, he asserted, would not establish a league of peace but would destroy the Monroe Doctrine and give other nations the power to decide domestic American questions and to order American troops into foreign service."

Senator Williams bitterly assailed the Foreign Relations chairman, declaring that in three months of preparation he had worked his address to serve Republican political ends and to play to the galleries.

No Mention of the Reservations.
There was no appeal in Senator Lodge's address for rejection of the league altogether, nor was there any mention of the program of reservations proposed by seven Republican Senators as a basis of its acceptance. It was learned, however, that this program had been discussed with him by some of its sponsors and that a conference of Republicans would be held within a few days, at which an attempt will be made to bring the Massachusetts Senator and several others into agreement on such a plan.

It was understood the reservation program felt they had good ground for believing that their proposal would be accepted by Mr. Lodge and that enough Republicans then could be lined up to insure success of the movement should the Democratic leaders give their assent.

Rucus in Committee Room.
The uproar in the Senate chamber followed an equally tumultuous session of the Foreign Relations Committee, at which David Hunter Miller, legal adviser to the League of Nations commission, at Versailles, was vigorously questioned by Republican Senators about the genius of the league covenant and the meaning of some of its provisions. Clashes over the manner of questioning the witness resulted repeatedly in intervention by the chairman to restore order.

BOLSHEVIKI HEAD WHO IS REPORTED TO BE ABOUT TO RETIRE



STREET RAILWAY'S FINANCES WORSE

And They Are Getting Worse Every Day Witnesses Tell Commission

PUBLIC OWNERSHIP OF PLANTS IS ADVOCATED

Detroit Man Figures Out the Problem of "Absorbing the Operating Deficit" By Taxation of Land Values Served By the Lines; Municipal Control Generally Favored

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—Witnesses today before the Federal Electric Railway Commission were in agreement that the financial situation of the companies was serious and probably would grow worse because of rising costs and motor vehicle competition. Remedies suggested ranged from the proposal of Mayor Couzens of Detroit for municipal ownership and operation of urban lines on the ground that they were a social problem, vital to the health and well-being of citizens, to suggestions by State utility commissioners that revenues be increased. The commission represented were those of Indiana, Connecticut and Rhode Island.

Municipal Ownership.
P. F. Ingram, of Detroit, a retired manufacturer who described himself merely as a citizen, suggested public ownership of the street car plants, a nominal charge and absorption of any operating deficit by taxation of the land values of the property served by the lines. This, he said, was the only alternative to municipal operation. Mayor Couzens, however, contended that only by sociological treatment of the matter could any real approach be made toward furnishing the public with "comfortable and decent" transportation.

For the present the Detroit Mayor said he favored municipal ownership and operation at a reasonable rate of fare, but said ultimately he might easily come to believe that the street car lines should be free as the highways, and maintained at public expense as are the highways.

Not a Fair Return in Receipts.
Commissioner Bliss read from a special report on the Rhode Island company to show that the system, now in the hands of a receiver, was not receiving a fair return on the valuation of its property as fixed by the commission. Since the recent strike, which resulted in the establishment of 65 cents per hour maximum wage rate,

STREET CAR MEN STILL ON STRIKE

Thousands Walking To Their Work from Outlying Districts of Winston-Salem

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FARMERS CAN MAKE AND SELL CIDER

Uncle Sam's Attorney General Rules It Will Not Be Illegal

GLASS WILL ADDRESS BANKERS ASSOCIATION

Apples Can Go Into the Cider Press in N. C. Without Objection By U. S. Authorities; Held Not To Be Intoxicating And Therefore Not Prohibited

(By S. R. WINTERS.)
Washington, D. C., Aug. 12.—Hon. Carter Glass, Secretary of the Treasury, and Hon. Lee S. Overman, junior Senator from North Carolina, have accepted invitations to address the North Carolina Bankers Association in Winston-Salem, the dates of the meeting being August 20, 21 and 22. Secretary of the Treasury Glass declined the invitation some time ago, but upon reconsideration yesterday has notified the North Carolina Senator that he would go to the Twin City.

The subject of the address of Secretary Glass is not known but undoubtedly he will discuss some phase of the financial situation as it relates to the cost of living. Mayor E. W. Gorrell and President James A. Gray of the North Carolina Bankers Association have requested Senator Overman to speak on the subject of "The League of Nations." His address will be delivered on August 22.

Home Made Apple Cider Legal.
Apple growers in North Carolina may convert their products into cider and offer it for sale without being subject to confiscation or the prohibition laws, Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer has ruled that apple cider is not a vinous liquor and that the farmer who can afford to pay the tax when sold as wine or when bottled and sold as a soft drink can proceed without any legal restrictions.

Not Intoxicating and Not Prohibited.
The Attorney General in a letter to Senator Simmons states that considerable doubt had arisen as to whether cider was a vinous liquor but that he had already advised the Secretary of the Treasury that it is not an intoxicating fluid and, therefore, not prohibited by the prohibition law. One farmer in North Carolina made this inquiry: "I have some apples out on my farm and my man there is anxious to know whether or not he has a right to make cider of them and if so, what disposition under the present law he may make of same."

Consequently the cider venter, who is a familiar object on the street corner of the moderate size town in North Carolina, may continue to operate unmolested the strength of his product will not be tested by any chemical analysis and the chief of police will not be permitted to arrest him for the sale of distilled spirits—thus, the old landmark survives.

Movements of Tar Heels.
Hon. Cameron Morrison, candidate for governor of North Carolina, who has been in Washington for a couple of days, left tonight for Winton, Bertie county, where he will make an address tomorrow on the occasion of the returning soldiers.

Former State Senator A. D. Ives and E. D. Pritchard, cotton mill official of Rockingham county, were in Washington presenting certain cotton mill interests in the presentation of claims against the government.

Senator Kenneth D. McKellar, of Tennessee, has tentatively accepted an invitation to make an address at Goldsboro some time in the immediate future.

E. C. Duncan, of Raleigh, was a visitor in the National Capitol today.

John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, was in the city today on business. Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Avery, of Morganton, are in Washington on a pleasure trip.

HALF MILLION FOR EXPENSES TO PROBE THE H. C. L. GERM

HIGH LIGHTS IN VA. LEGISLATURE

One of the Scintillating Measures Doubles the State Tax On Automobiles

(By The Associated Press.)
Richmond, Va., Aug. 12.—Creation of a highway commission of five members, in addition to the commissioner and the governor, who shall decide upon routes between the designated points in the State road system; an additional levy of twelve cents on \$100 worth of general property for road purposes, and an increase of the automobile license tax by fifty per cent., effective January 1, 1920, are high lights in three bills which will be introduced simultaneously tomorrow in both branches of the General Assembly, meeting in extra session.

Lipton declared that if left alone matters of price adjustment in the high cost of living agitation would adjust themselves. The speaker also appealed to the merchants to give their support to the good roads proposition to be taken up by the special session of the Legislature. He advanced the theory that better roads will make for better business.

At Wednesday's session the merchants of Virginia, West Virginia and North and South Carolina will be the guests of a local meet company, which will demonstrate to them an abattoir and the process through which meat passes in preparation for the market.

These measures embody the plans of the Virginia Good Roads Association and received this evening the final endorsement of that body's executive and legislative committees, in session here. They were drafted by State Senator C. O'Connor Goodrick, of Fredericksburg, who will become their principal patron in the upper house of the legislature.

R. R. BROTHERHOOD CHARGE CORRUPTION

Management of R. R. Under Private Control Is Attacked

Washington, Aug. 12.—The railroad brotherhoods through their counsel, Glenn E. Plumb, today laid before the House Interstate Commerce Committee their charges of corruption in the management of the railroads under private control. The charges, announced as forthcoming a week ago, were that many of the great railway systems had been plundered systematically by the financial interests and that the railroads illegally held millions of acres of public lands.

Eighteen representative railroads of the country, the brotherhood attorney asserted, issued stock aggregating \$450,000,000 between 1900 and 1910 as bonuses and paid millions of dollars in dividends on these bonuses. These same railroads, he further charged, were "controlled in whole or in part by the Morgan interests, the Rockefeller interests and the Gould interests."

Coupled with the charges which came just before the House committee closed its hearings on organized labor's bill for elimination of private capital from railroad ownership, was the demand by Mr. Plumb that Congress make a thorough investigation of the matter so that "the American people may know to what extent it is sought to subject them to exploitation 'under the other plans' proposed for future disposition of the railroads."

Got It Or Knows Where to Get It.
There was no intimation as to what course the committee might take in regard to the request for an investigation. Chairman Eash, in half a dozen questions, indicated that to go into the charges would be like traveling over old ground, as they had been threshed out long ago. Plumb told the committee that he either had the evidence to support every charge or knew where it could be obtained. Presentation of the charges apparently failed to arouse such interests among members, as no one except the chairman sought light through examination of the witness.

A. B. Garretson, former head of the Order of Railway Conductors, claiming his statement began Monday, declared with utmost frankness that if a vote was taken today the country probably would reject organized labor's plan. He would reject organized labor's plan due to general suspicion against new things, and he predicted that it would be endorsed and adopted in the not distant future.

HAMMERING DOWN PRICES IN CHICAGO

Scared Hoarders Take Lot of Stuff Out of Cold Storage; The Reductions

(By The Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Aug. 12.—Concerted attacks by federal, state and municipal officials on the high cost of living resulted today in lower prices on many articles of produce to Chicago consumers. It was the first definite benefit to result from the attacks on food profiteers and hoarders. With the decrease in wholesale and retail prices, there came a substantial increase in receipts of various articles of food. It was said that producers were rushing shipments to the Chicago market in fear of further reduction of prices in the near future and large quantities of supplies were being taken out of cold storage warehouses and offered for sale.

Yesterday the first sale of army canned goods at two downtown department stores resulted in the disposal of 60,000 cans of corn and peas, at a saving of 80 per cent. over the current retail prices.

What It Now Costs Family of Five.
A budget of household expenses, purporting to show that \$1,918 is the minimum on which a family of five can live for one year, was introduced today by Chicago packing house employees appearing before Federal Judge Alschuler, federal mediator, with demands for increased wages.

Mrs. Anna McWullen, who lives near the stock yards and who prepared the budget, said it was based on June of this year, and that living expenses since then have increased twenty to thirty per cent. She declared table costs were set to the lowest possible figure and that the amount permitted no luxuries, vacations nor savings. Prices last October made the total cost \$1,518, it was stated.

CHARLOTTE LIT UP, BUT UNDER GUARD

Striking Electricians Turned Off Switches And Mayor Had 'Em Turned On Again

(Special to the News and Observer.)
Charlotte, Aug. 12.—When electricians employed by Southern Public Utilities Company went on strike here this afternoon, pulling out the switches which supplied Charlotte and this entire section with electrical energy, Mayor F. R. McNinch promptly dispatched Police Chief W. B. Orr in charge of a picked squad of officers to the power plant, where under their guard the switches were thrown back in place. Mayor McNinch announced that the city would not be deprived of electrical power if it took the entire police force and reserves to guard the power plant, and see that men stationed there by Southern Public Utilities officials to replace the strikers were allowed to perform their duties unmolested. A police guard is being maintained at the plant tonight, and the city is receiving its usual electrical supply.

Local labor unions, at meetings today, voted against the action of the electrical workers in attempting to cut the city off from electrical power. The electrical workers were cut off for about an hour this afternoon during the interval between the inauguration of the strike by the electricians and the arrival of police and the assignment of other men to take the place of the strikers.

The electricians are said to have went on strike in sympathy for motormen and conductors who quit work early Sunday morning. Though no street cars have operated since Sunday morning, President Z. V. Taylor announced that arrangements would be made in a very short time for resuming the car service. The company merely waiting for the present to give the striking carmen time to "cool down."

SOUTHEAST UNIONS CALL OFF R. R. STRIKE

Allied Shopmen Unanimously Vote To Stop It Pending Adjustment

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 12.—The strike of allied railroad shopmen in the Southeast was officially called off at a convention here late today of representatives of the various unions. Decision to end the strike pending the adjustment of matters by President Wilson and Director Hines came in the form of a resolution which was unanimously adopted. The men were ordered to return to work Thursday morning.

Bills Pending Designed To Secure Cheaper Shoes And Sugar Right Now

TRADE COMMISSION ASKS \$500,000 FOR EXPENSES

Republican Manager Fess Sees Where There Has Been Much Alleged Waste, By Democrats in Continuing War-Created Agencies; Hoarding and Profiteering; Today Reed and McKellar Will Fire a Warm Fusillade of Verbal Artillery At the Question of the Hour

(By The Associated Press.)
Washington, Aug. 12.—An appropriation of \$500,000 for investigation of the increased cost of living by the Federal Trade Commission was asked of Congress today by Acting Chairman Murdoch of the commission in a letter to Speaker Gillett. Funds for the commission already authorized are insufficient to conduct the proposed inquiry, the letter said.

Chairman Murdoch, who also is a member of the sub-committee named by Attorney General Palmer to submit recommendations for reducing living costs, set forth in his letter that the commission proposed to conduct further investigations as to the production, storage and distribution of food-stuffs with the aim of arriving at figures on the real cost, wholesale and retail prices.

So far as known the President has not directed any additional investigations but bills are pending in the House for inquiries into the sugar and shoes industries.

The communication from the trade commission chairman reached the House at the close of a day during which both branches of Congress gave much time to cost of living.

\$175,000 For Secret Service.
Appropriations of \$175,000 was asked for the secret service by Secretary Glass who asked that in authorizing the appropriation a clause be inserted to permit the use of the service operatives in running down food hoarders and profiteers.

Would Fine 'Em \$5,000.
Hoarding and profiteering were the subject of two measures presented in the House. A bill by Representative Gard, Democrat of Ohio, would provide \$10,000 fine or five years imprisonment for hoarding, profiteering or monopolizing the production of food-stuffs, fuel or clothing.

Representative Goodykoontz, Republican of West Va., presented a resolution to direct the judiciary committee to frame a legislation to eliminate hoarding and to reduce the amount of currency in circulation. Mr. Goodykoontz also introduced a resolution requesting the Secretary of war to sell the surplus stocks of automobiles and motor trucks.

National Conservation Board.
Representative Kellar, Independent Republican, introduced a bill to authorize creation of a national board of conservation headed by the President and composed of members of the cabinet, five Senators and five Representatives which would have power to regulate wholesale and retail prices of food and clothing.

Representative Fess, Republican, Ohio, discussing the high cost of living in the House declared that government wastefulness during the war and at present in continuing many war-created agencies largely was responsible for the existing situation. Senator McKellar, Democrat, Tennessee, appearing before the House Agriculture committee predicted organized opposition on the part of the packing industry to any legislation to regulate cold storage facilities.

A Hot Volley Scheduled for Today.
The cost of living question will be brought up again tomorrow on the floor of the Senate with prepared addresses by Senator McKellar and Senator Reed, Democrat, Missouri. The two addresses probably will give rise to considerable debate. Although no announcement was made by the Department of Justice today regarding its efforts to bring living expenses down to a level with the average man's pocket book, it was understood that the activities already directed were progressed with the department's representatives hard at work in all parts of the country.

AGREE TO CONTINUE THE DOOLING INQUIRY

Concord, Aug. 12.—Today in a conference here between Gaston B. Means and Solicitor Clement the matter which has been pending all week as a grand jury investigation of the alleged guilt of Dooling and Miller as persons in their actions in the famous King-Means case in 1917 and since that time, it was agreed to continue the investigation, until the October term of Cabarrus court. Mr. Clement says he finds it a physical impossibility for him to consider now the vast bulk of evidence submitted. He has two murder cases to be tried this term besides other less important matters.

Underwood Succeeds Payne.
Washington, Aug. 12.—Appointment of E. Marvin Underwood, of Atlanta, as general counsel for the railroad administration, to succeed Judge John Barton Payne, who has become chairman of the shipping board was announced today by Director General Hines. Judge Payne will continue to act as special counsel for the administration.

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