

LEAGUE OF NATIONS IS REJECTED BY HARDING

TROUBLED WORLD LEARNS U. S. HAS ABANDONED PACT

Immense Applause From Jubilant Followers Greets President's Final Decision

DEMOCRATS LISTEN IN AN UNSMILING SILENCE

Irreconcilables Receive Pronouncement With Many Expressions of Gratification

(By The Associated Press) Washington, April 12.—Final rejection of the Versailles league of nations by the American government was proclaimed to the world today by President Harding in a solemn pronouncement of the foreign policy of his administration. Speaking before the new congress assembled to write a program of political and economic reconstruction, the president declared acceptance of the league would be nothing short of a betrayal of the mandate of the November elections. Instead, he asked for a congressional declaration of peace and for ratification of those sections of the Versailles treaty which protect specifically American rights and interests in the war settlement.

"In the existing league of nations world governing with its superpowers, this republic will have no part," he said. "It is only fair to pay to the world in general, and to our associates in war in particular, that the great covenant can have no sanction by us."

The declaration was answered by a tremendous demonstration in which Republican and Democratic representatives led while most of their Democratic colleagues sat silent and unsmiling. After weighing the words of the chief executive, the senatorial group of irreconcilables tonight was claiming a complete victory, predicting that even the parts of the treaty endorsed by Mr. Harding never would receive senate approval.

Mr. Harding's definite stand against the league covenant was not a speculative problem. It has been anticipated by party leaders long before the advent of the presidential days. In conference with the committee members the president considered the foreign relations section of the address for more than an hour, hearing the advice of reservationists as well as irreconcilables before finally putting his manuscript into his pocket for the ride to the capitol. Without exception the senators present expressed satisfaction with the president's views, though there was a wide divergence of views among them regarding the likelihood of an early ratification of the treaty with the league and other portions omitted.

Not before Senate. It was pointed out that the treaty was not now before the senate, having been returned to the White House after the second failure to ratify it, and that Mr. Harding had shown no indication that he meant to resubmit it in the near future. In his address today he did not specifically declare his intention to do so, merely saying in preference to separate treaties with Germany and Austria "the wiser course would seem to be the experience of the confirmation of our rights and interests as already provided, and to engage under the existing treaty, assuming of course that it can be satisfactorily accomplished by explicit reservations."

The point stressed by him in this connection and emphasized recently in a treaty with the league, was that the United States must find some way to reach diplomatic agreement with both Germany and the allies which would fully protect such of our interests as this government gained under the unratified pact of Versailles.

HIG WAGE REDUCTION COMPANY BY SMELTING COMPANY

(By The Associated Press) New York, April 12.—The salaries of the American Smelting and Refining Company will receive a 10 per cent cut in pay, and wages of laboring classes between thirty and forty per cent, effective June 1. It was learned officially here tonight.

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First Message to Congress By President Harding Read At Joint Session Yesterday

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FATAL QUARREL NEAR BETHESDA

Jack Hicks, Merchant, Kills Charley Cardwell, it is Said

ROW GREW OUT OF SALE

Shot Gun Used By Hicks When Wife, According to Report, Was Struck With Bottle

(Special to The Journal) Madison, April 12.—Jack Hicks, a merchant of Bethesda, and Charley Cardwell, farmer, were involved in a dispute about a sale which Hicks refused to make to Cardwell. Hicks' wife became involved. Cardwell struck Hicks' wife, according to report, with a bottle. Hicks, it is said, then shot Cardwell with a shotgun, the lead taking effect through the heart. Death was immediate. A coffin was sent from Madison early Monday morning. Hicks surrendered to sheriff of Stokes county immediately after the affair. Hicks' store is at Bethesda church about six miles from Madison.

SECRETARY DAVIS CALLS FOR SQUARE DEAL FOR ALL

(By The Associated Press) Chicago, April 12.—A plea for a square deal for capital, a decent living wage for labor, larger profits for farmers through lower railroad shipping rates, and settlement of all industrial disputes through conferences between employer and employe with the golden rule as the basis of settlement, was made tonight by James J. Davis, secretary of labor, in an address before the Loyal Order of Moose. Mr. Davis warned labor that if it is to take a share in the policies of the nation, it also must take a share in the nation's responsibilities and declared that labor must see that transportation conditions were such that the farmer could make a fair profit.

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ENGLISH HUSTLE TO GROW COTTON

To Utilize All Available Area in Vast Dominion

EVEN GERMAN COLONIES

India, Egypt, and Mesopotamia to Be Used For Escaping Dependency on U. S.

(By The Associated Press) Washington, April 12.—Great Britain is bending every effort to escape from dependency upon the United States for raw cotton, according to a report to the department of commerce today from Commercial Attache Dennis in London. To this end, Mr. Dennis said, England is encouraging the production of cotton in the former German possessions in east Africa obtained under mandates and in her own colonies. "While our own people have been considerably aroused by the so-called British dominion of the world's petroleum resources," Mr. Dennis said, "little attention has been paid to the obvious fact that as a result of the war increased demands for the production of raw cotton have developed within the British empire. The British have asked upon that fact and systematic efforts are being made by the empire cotton growing committee to stimulate cotton growing within the empire."

REPORTS SHOW MUCH FROST IN MANY SECTIONS

Fruit Crop Damaged Seriously in All Western Carolina; Some Plants in Ground and Beds Hurt

Reports reaching The Journal from various parts of the State show that heavy frosts developed Sunday and Monday night and that much damage has been caused. It seems that all fruit has suffered heavily in the west and northwest, and in considerable measure in the middle sections. Early vegetables have been injured, and in some cases, even the plant beds have not escaped. It is hoped that no serious damage has been suffered by the grain crops, which had an unusually early start because of the warm weather in March.

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SPEECHES BEGIN IN CONTEST OVER RATES FOR POWER

O'Brien Robinson and Judge Bynum Argue Before Corporation Commission

INTERSTATE ISSUE IS REVIEWED AT LENGTH

Sunday School Convention Opens With Gilbert T. Stephenson Presiding

(By JULIE B. WARREN) The Winston-Salem Journal Raleigh Bureau, Merchants' National Bank Building, Raleigh, April 12.—The corporation commission this afternoon voided again a high session in hearing arguments of the Southern Power Company case, adjourning until Wednesday morning at the conclusion of the argument by Judge W. P. Bynum. The first day has been consumed by two speeches because of Robinson for the petition and Judge Bynum against. There will be a number of other speeches on both sides. Judge Bynum confined his argument to the contention that the corporation commission has no jurisdiction since the company is engaged in interstate commerce. Argument of the Southern Power Company's petition for increase in rates began at 10 o'clock. The corporation commission this morning and every indication points to a two-day session of speech-making by the attorneys involved on both sides of the case. It took an hour to get the argument under way. The Southern Power Company, as the petitioner, had the right to open and close the argument. Then Attorney E. S. Parker for the protestants made a motion to dismiss the petition on the following grounds:

1.—The Southern Power Company is engaged in interstate commerce and the corporation commission has no authority to regulate the rates. 2.—The company has filed with the commission no showing of the value of its property in North Carolina and no showing of its income from operation of the North Carolina properties on which the commission can intelligently pass on the rate question. 3.—Fixing rates by the North Carolina commission is a violation of the discrimination against North Carolina consumers as compared with South Carolina consumers. 4.—Fixing the rates would abrogate the contracts held by a large number of consumers.

BURIAL RITES FOR NEGRO ATTACKED AFTER ACQUITTAL

Judge Pritchard

All Asheville Turns Out to Pay Him Full Honor

PROFUSION OF FLOWERS

Eloquent Addresses by Rev. Dr. W. F. Powell and Former Congressman Britt

(Special to The Journal) Asheville, April 12.—The body of Judge J. Pritchard was laid to rest this afternoon in a body ceremony in the presence of people from all walks of life. The funeral was the largest in many years in this city. Scores of automobiles followed the motor hearse to the cemetery. During the morning a constant stream of persons passed the caasket when the body lay in state in the church. A fitting eulogy was given by Rev. Dr. W. F. Powell, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church, and James J. Britt, former congressman and friend of Judge Pritchard, paid a high tribute to his character in an impressive address. Practically all the city's organizations were present and representatives among which were the Typographical union, of which Judge Pritchard was an honorary member, Bar Association, Knights of Pythias, city, county and federal officers. All activities were suspended by the courts during the funeral and business was called to a complete standstill for five minutes at the funeral hour, marked by tolling of the fire bell.

NO COLLECTION YET OF SPECIAL TAX ON GERMANS

(By The Associated Press) Washington, April 12.—Goods shipped from Germany through territory held by the allied armies are exempted from import duties only the regular export duties required under German law being imposed, a summary of the new regulations adopted by the Inter-Allied Rhine and High Commission, April 12. The summary, received today at the state department from the American embassy at Paris, also indicated, officials said, that the allies have not begun the collection of special taxes demanded by the reparations commission.

HOUSING PROBLEM ABLY PRESENTED

Money For Home Building Can Be Secured Through Investment in B. and L.

AUTHORITY SPEAKS AT MASS MEETING

K. V. Haymaker Delivers Exhaustive Address on Various Phases of Associations

"The man who pays a dollar into a building and loan association gets from seventy to eighty cents of it back, while the man who pays a dollar in rent gets none of it back," said K. V. Haymaker in a masterful address on solving the housing problem of Winston-Salem delivered last night in the Chamber of Commerce hall at a mass meeting of interested citizens. A great deal of enthusiasm was aroused in building and loan association work, several men who have been engaged in this line of business for years testifying at the close of the address to new visions seen during its delivery. This meeting was preliminary to a campaign that will be waged by local associations in the near future to interest the slow of thinking in subscribing for stock in the organizations in this city.

Mr. Stockton Presides

R. G. Stockton, president of the Chamber of Commerce, presided at the meeting. At his close A. H. Eller, G. A. Pollin, E. P. Yates, Leon Cash, J. E. Kuykendall and E. T. Mickey voiced their appreciation of Mr. Haymaker's presentation of the housing problem and its solution and added pertinent remarks relative to the local situation. It is noted that it was so much in evidence last night, it is pointed out, can be translated into concrete achievement, there is little doubt that the aggravating housing problem here can be greatly alleviated at a time soon by Mr. Haymaker spoke for more than an hour and only the main points of his great effort can be reproduced.

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MERCHANTS OF CITY TO MEET THURSDAY

PREMIER'S PLAN FLATLY REJECTED BY GREAT UNIONS

Miners Stick to Their Plan For National Pool of Profits and Wage Settlement

INSIST ON SHARE IN PROSPERITY OF TRADE

Lloyd George Declares Scheme Government Control and Subsidy From Taxation

(By The Associated Press) London, April 12.—The conference of the mine owners, the mine workers and government officials, today failed to reach a settlement in the miners' strike, the miners refusing to accept the prime minister's proposals for a national settlement of wages without a national pool of profits. The only government proposal which the miners would consider was one in which the government offered after the war question had been settled, to give temporary assistance to mitigate the rapid reduction of wages. The others they brushed aside, at times with heated arguments.

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