

BRITAIN WILL TRY TO SNARE AMERICA

John Bull Soon To Start Propaganda To Get U. S. Into League

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Washington, April 16.—The latest campaign to get Uncle Sam into the League of Nations has not made much progress yet, but it will attract increasing attention as advocates of the plan get more and more effectively into action.

The suggestion is British and the British are brilliant propagandists. They may not attain their objective in this instance, but it never is safe to bet that they will not get what they want when they make up their minds to do so. They will make a formidable effort anyway.

American public opinion undoubtedly assesses the league as a fizzle at present. However, American public opinion was dead against going into the World War when it started. Nevertheless the Allies needed us, the British did the propagandizing and in due course we were converted.

JOHN BULL'S REASONING

As usual, John Bull's reasoning is sound—from his standpoint.

He is in a dangerous jam on his side of the ocean.

His interest is against Italy's in Ethiopia, where Mussolini evidently has practically won his war with Haile Selassie and seems likely to gain control of the Nile headwaters, threatening British-controlled Egypt's irrigation system, besides digging himself in at a strategic point on Britain's road to the Far East.

With France's support the British probably could checkmate Italy, but the French are unwilling to offend the Italians, believing that they may require their help against Germany. Moreover, also, as insurance against German aggression, they are tied up in an alliance with Russia, which is one of John Bull's bugbears.

By force of circumstances, Britain now is mildly pro-German, but Germany has not sufficiently recovered from the last war to be a very dependable partner.

BRITAIN'S PLIGHT

John Bull, then, is perilously almost alone in the midst of an ominous-looking situation. What he wants is, not so much Uncle Sam's participation in the League of Nations, as Uncle Sam for an ally.

And, together in the league, John Bull and Uncle Sam doubtless would be a party against the other league members, by reason of common traditions and a common language. If it came to an intra-league clash, presumably they would be united against the remainder of the league membership—and it is quite possible that Uncle Sam would be the deciding factor, as he was in the World War.

McDonald's Speed Worrying Rivals

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forces. It is not making the managers of either Clyde R. Hoey or A. H. (Sandy) Graham stand up and cheer, since Valentine is conceded to be as able a political strategist as there is and to know Eastern North Carolina politics as well as any one in the State. It was Valentine as much as any one who succeeded in pushing the campaign of R. T. Fountain to its peak in 1932, in which Fountain was almost nominated in the second primary. It was likewise Valentine, as manager for Harold D. Cooley, who two years ago routed the supposedly unbeatable organization of George Ross Pou here in the fourth congressional district and succeeded in electing Cooley to Congress.

That the appointment of Valentine as associate manager of the campaign and as chief assistant to Campaign Manager W. L. Lumpkin, is a distinct gain for the McDonald forces and a real wallop to both Hoey and Graham in the eastern counties, is generally conceded. For Valentine is not only regarded as an able political organizer with first-hand knowledge of conditions in most of the eastern counties, but also is admitted to be an expert money getter. For while the McDonald campaign now shows signs of having more money behind it than ever before—he has already signed contracts for 13 radio broadcasts to cost about \$5,000 between now and June 6—the acquisition of Valentine is regarded as indicating that it will have still more campaign funds available. The belief is that McDonald can and will step on the gas of his campaign Packard from now on.

Grissom Expects To Be Governor

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attitude. I likewise know very little of Mr. McRae, but do not think I would have much difficulty in defeating him, should he be the Democratic nominee."

If Grissom should be elected governor in the November election, he would be the first Republican governor elected in North Carolina in 40 years. Many of the Republican leaders

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of the State are as confident as Grissom that he will be elected governor this fall, pointing out that since Grissom is not as radical and extreme in his views, especially with regard to taxation, as is McDonald, that he would undoubtedly get the votes of enough conservative Democrats to assure his election, should McDonald be nominated. On the other hand, if either Hoey or Graham should be nominated, the Republican leaders believe that a very large number of the McDonald Democrats would vote for Grissom rather than for the Democratic nominee, since in many respects the platforms of Grissom and McDonald are almost identical, in that both are caustic critics of past Democratic administrations, both oppose the

sales tax and favor larger appropriations for schools, old age pensions, and so forth.

'Dry' Leader Calling For Law Support

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having stores, and comparing the similar months after the stores opened, Burgess said records of arrests showed an increase of 79 percent in public drunkenness since the stores opened. In Pitt county, he used October, 1934, with 42 arrests, as compared with 52 in the month of 1935. Vance showed 23 in March, 1935, and 88 in March, 1936, and Wilson county show-

ed 53 in September, 1934, and 156 in September, 1935. Since January 1, 1935, Burgess said the dry forces had raised and expended \$11,510.59 in the "fight against strong drink. The organization distributed more than 110,000 pieces of literature, mailed over 30,000 letters, and representatives have spoken to more than 120,000 persons. Laws permitting liquor in stores in some counties and "permitting the sale of high-powered beer and wine have converted practically every filling station into saloons and have fill-

ed our towns with beer parlors and drinking taverns that in many respects are more harmful than the saloons in former years, Burgess reported. Burgess said county liquor stores engaged in the business of debauching their cities for profits have sent to liquor dealers in other states \$1,632,821, "while getting only \$473,392 for themselves." "These counties," he added, "for the miserly profit involved, not only promote moral and physical debauchery but commit economic folly."

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