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## BIG FACTOR IN SWING TOWARD DEMOCRATIC PARTY IS LEAGUE OF NATIONS

### Prominent Political Writer Reports That Sentiment For League is Winning Votes For Democracy.

By C. W. Gilbert in Greensboro News.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 29 — The biggest factor in the swing toward the Democratic party, which has been apparent in the last fortnight, is the league of nations.

That is becoming evident as news comes in to both headquarters here. For instance a Republican leader from Michigan reports that Cox has made progress in the last few weeks among the intellectuals — college professors, ministers, school teachers, writers — and especially among the women of Michigan.

He tells of a minister in Detroit addressing his congregation on the political situation. The women of the church gathered about the clergyman, who was a Republican leader, after the sermon to ask about the league of nations. He used the argument that Harding was not for rejection of the league, but for rejection of Article X. The use of that argument showed the way their minds were inclined.

On the other hand he told how an important supporter of Cox in Michigan expressed his disgust with his candidate because "he hasn't even got the mob with him."

Here is another side: A cabinet member here the other day on a speaking trip said his early meeting had been a frost but that in the last two or three weeks his crowds had been large and enthusiastic. He had just spoken in Republican Iowa and there he had such gatherings as he never had outside of the south. His auditors applauded every reference to the league.

### German Vote Doubtful.

There is little doubt that the Democratic campaign, since it has been made to revolve about the league of nations, since President Wilson projected himself into it, with his first statement on the league from Washington, has made some progress. With some sections of the population the league has become more the issue than it was in the earlier stage of the contest and the Democratic party has profited.

The woman vote is peculiarly fluid this year because much of it will use the ballot for the first time, and has been slow in making up its mind. Its declaration is responsible for the phenomena of the unusually late swing to the Democratic party this year. Such movements are common enough, but they usually come earlier. Other factors have contributed. From a Republican familiar with the Germans of this country it is learned that there is some restlessness among the Germans. This people has been counted upon to vote almost solidly for Harding. It is not quite so solid as it was. It does not like being taken for granted, and the Republicans, for obvious reasons, have refrained from cultivating it. Besides, it is not so sure of Harding on the league as it would like to be. Like most better elements it is entirely happy.

The return of some Irish to the Democratic party is familiar to the public and the effect of raising the race issue in the border states has been sufficiently dwelt upon. But the biggest factor in the improved Democratic condition has been the more effective presentation of the league issue.

## NO TRACE OF NINETEEN MISSING MEMBERS CREW

NEWPORT, R. I., Oct. 30 — Members of the coast guard stationed here reported today that no trace had been found of any of the 19 missing members of the crew of 34 who were on the tugboat *Steamer Cape Fear* when that vessel was sunk in Narragansett Bay last night in a collision with the Savannah line steamer *City of Atlanta*.

The coast guardmen conducted an all night search and found only quantities of wreckage. Points along the shore also reported wreckage but there was no word of the missing men. Both vessels carried only their crews.

The *Cape Fear* was struck amidships and sank in three minutes, about half way between Castle Hill and the Newport shore and Goose Island, going bow first in 125 fathoms the greatest depth in the bay.

The *City of Atlanta's* bow was damaged badly. Her bulkheads held, however, and she anchored in the bay. The *Cape Fear* went down so quickly that the majority of the crew had to jump into the water.

The *Cape Fear*, which had been lying at anchor in the harbor at Providence since last June, was outward bound for Norfolk in ballast. The *City of Atlanta* was bound from Savannah for Providence with a cargo of pig iron.

To Mr. and Mrs. John G. Carpenter, at the Gaston Sanitarium, Saturday, Oct. 30, a daughter.

## FARMERS ADVISED TO INAUGURATE HOLDING MOVEMENT TO BRING BACK PRICES

### Chas. S. Barrett Tells Farmers to Go Home and Hold Wheat and Cotton For Cost of Production — World Must Have Both Wheat and Cotton.

(Theodore Tiller, in Greensboro News.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29.—If the producers of the country follow the recommendations unanimously adopted today by the second agriculture conference the greatest holding movement of farm products for better prices ever undertaken will be made effective throughout the south and other agricultural sections.

The second conference adjourned today after adopting resolutions and hearing Charles S. Barrett, president of the national farmers union, advise his farmer audience to go back home and hold their products, especially cotton and wheat.

During the day's discussions there had been further criticism of the federal government because it refused to extend the farmer aid. Eugene Meyer, former director of the war finance corporation, came from New York to address the convention and sharply criticized Secretary Houston for suspending the activities of the corporation at a time when its financial assistance was needed in financing exports.

"Men, hold your cotton and wheat," was the parting advice in the speech of Charles S. Barrett, chairman of the meeting. "The farmers' union officials are being flooded with messages from the cotton and grain belts to call for a holding movement. The unrest in the country over the price situation is deeper and more widespread than ever before. The time for action has come. Since government has failed us, we now ask that government officials stop talking price decline and give us a chance to help ourselves."

This last reference was to Secretary Houston and Governor Harding of the reserve board, accused by the farmers of issuing statements about the cost of living which beat down producers' prices.

World Soon to Be in Need. Mr. Barrett said farmers' union officials "interpreted" the resolutions just adopted by the conference as calling for a holding movement on wheat and cotton and probably other farm products. He declared he had positive information that the world soon must have both cotton and wheat.

The resolutions adopted by the conference were as reported by a ways and means committee. They carried a preamble reciting that a "great crisis exists in agriculture" and this crisis affects both farmers and the great mass of city dwellers dependent on farmers for food and clothing.

Agriculture had repeatedly sounded "a warning," the preamble continued, "because the country should know the facts. Farmers, it was declared, have borne the brunt of the deflation movement after having been urged by the government to produce larger crops to feed the world, these crops having cost enormously in production.

"As a result of deflation and lack of foreign markets," the resolution continued, "farmers today find themselves without a remunerative market for their products, and sometimes without market at any price. Through the lack of credit livestock producers are being forced to throw unfinished livestock upon the market, and producers of cotton, grain and fruits find it impossible to realize even approximately the first cost of production.

"No such thing as orderly marketing is now possible. All of these facts have been repeatedly brought to the attention of high officials of our government, including the secretary of the treasury and governor of the federal reserve board, but without avail."

The resolution added that while there has been considerable extension of credit so business recently it was believed of the total credit available to the farmer he had received but a pittance.

### Eight Lines of Action.

The resolution then called for specific action along eight lines as follows:

That all farmers join existing marketing organizations in their communities, or form such organizations if non-existent.

That all farm commodities be marketed co-operatively in an orderly manner, that is, throughout the 12-months period from one harvest until the next as the demand requires, known as the consumption year, plus a normal safety carry-over."

Congressional investigation of prevailing high interest rates.

Initiative by the government in reopening foreign markets and financing where necessary.

Re-establishment of the war finance corporation for the promotion of export trade.

Appointment of a standing committee from farm organizations to bring about co-ordination of effort and unity of action in the market decline of staple products.

Appointment of another committee to urge upon Congress a liberalization of currency laws so that the reserve board may classify loans and also issue and sell short time notes based on warehouse re-

## COX TO SPEAK FIVE TIMES IN CHICAGO

### Will Make Five Speeches in Chicago Today and One at Gary, Ind.

CHICAGO, Oct. 30 — Five speeches in Chicago and one in Gary, Ind., and an old-time torchlight parade are on the schedule of Governor Cox today for the windup of his campaign for the presidency.

One of the greatest demonstrations of the campaign is planned preparatory to the evening speech at the Coliseum, where Governor Cox's opponent, Senator Harding, was nominated.

The governor's first address is to women at a theatre under the auspices of the Chicago women's democratic committee, at noon. At 2:30 he is to speak to a throng of steel workers at the Gary steel mills, returning quickly to Chicago for a speech at the Patton gymnasium, Northwestern University, in Evanston, a suburb.

After the address at the Coliseum, two trips to auditoriums in different sections of the city and a visit to the South Shore Country Club about midnight are planned.

Gaily decorated automobiles are to form the main section of the evening torch light parade from the governor's hotel to the Coliseum. The automobile parade will later accompany the governor to the other night meetings, one under the auspices of citizens of Bohemian descent, and another organized by those of Polish ancestry.

## WEATHER PREDICTIONS FOR NEXT WEEK

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30 — Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday are:

Middle Atlantic states: Unsettled weather and probably rains first half and generally fair second half of week; temperature will be below normal.

South Atlantic and east gulf states: Unsettled weather and rains first half and generally fair second half of week. Cool, frosts again in the interior after Tuesday.

Receipts for farm products or a proper pledge of farm inventories. Also to consider the advisability of establishment of a great national agricultural bank with a directorate chosen from farm organizations.

Creation of a "public relations committee" on which the consumer and the laboring class may be represented along with the agriculturist.

### All Sections Represented.

These resolutions were drafted by a committee of 16 representing all sections and the different branches of farming and headed by John Tromble, of Kansas, the spokesman for western wheat growers. It was decided not to set a specified price for any commodity, but to urge the producer to keep off the market his product until he can obtain a price equalizing at least the "cost of production."

President Barrett asserted in conclusion that the world must have both cotton and wheat.

"The world's wheat situation is such," he said, "that I know that even a slight holding movement among American farmers will lift the price of wheat. I know also the world cannot go much longer without southern cotton. The 1920 crop is not a large crop and spinners must have our cotton shortly. It is a question whether the speculator or farmer will carry this cotton and the farmer cannot do otherwise this year. It would bankrupt most farmer and merchant communities to sell at present prices. Those who have loaned money on cotton production can and must allow the farmer time extension.

"The national farmers' union advises every cotton grower to hold back his cotton for cost of production."

After that the delegates started homeward promising to aid in a gigantic holding movement which will affect all classes of producers and consumers as well.

## IOWA MINISTER IS ATTACKED BY THUGS

### Dr. D. E. Cleveland, Pastor of Council Bluffs Church, Lured to Lonely Spots and Slugged — Saves Himself From Death by Burning — Had Tried to Suppress Crime Wave.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Iowa, Oct. 30.—Lured to a lonely part of the city by a fake telephone call, the Rev. Dr. D. E. Cleveland, pastor of the Dodge Memorial church, and prominent in civic affairs, late last night was slugged, bound and gagged by four thugs, who throw him into an automobile truck, soaked his clothes in oil and then set fire to the car. He saved himself from being burned to death by rolling out of the truck.

Two boys who were attracted by the blazing car found Dr. Cleveland. He was taken to a local hospital where it was reported today his condition is critical.

Dr. Cleveland said he was certain the motive for the attack on him was revenge for steps taken by him to suppress crime in the section of the city in which his church is located.

## PROMISE OF SPEEDY AND HAPPY OUTCOME IN MEXICO

### Secretary Colby Announces That Discussions Promise Early Settlement of Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—Announcement by Secretary Colby that "discussions with the confidential agent of the new administration in Mexico gave promise of a speedy and happy outcome" was believed today to be a forerunner of recognition of that government at an early date.

Mr. Colby late yesterday made public a letter from Roberto V. Pesqueira, representative in Washington of the new government of Mexico, and in that connection stated that it afforded a foundation "upon which the preliminaries to recognition can confidently proceed."

Nothing was said as to whether recognition can confidently proceed.

Nothing was said as to whether recognition would precede the inauguration of President-elect Oregon next December.

Secretary Colby's announcement came as a surprise as there had been no intimation that the state department was considering early recognition. Earlier in the day emphatic denial had been made at the department when it had been learned that a report was in circulation in New York that recognition was a possibility.

In his letter to Secretary Colby, Mr. Pesqueira declared that there was peace throughout Mexico that "not a single rebel" remained in arms against the government and that the entire country thought "in terms of law and order and reconstruction."

"The informal and frank conversations," which he had had with Under Secretary Davis, the confidential agent added, had "resulted in cordial and thorough understanding."

### CHRISTENSEN WANTS GERMANY IN LEAGUE

SPOKANE, Wash., Oct. 30 — The attack on the American industrial system and the league of nations was declared by Parley P. Christensen, presidential nominee of the Farmer-Labor Party, last night.

"I'm ready," he said, "to extend the hand of fellowship to the workers in Germany. Of course, I despise the Kaiser and his unspeakable junkers, but I don't know whether I loathe the German junkers any more than I loathe and despise the American junkers."

"The present league," he continued, "is little more than the constitution and by-laws of an international bankers' set."

"What's the use of having a league of nations and leaving the fellow we had the last fight with out of it? I'm in favor of Germany sitting at this international with Russia and Ireland and India," he declared.

## GAZETTE TO GIVE FULL ELECTION RETURNS

The Gazette has completed arrangements for receiving on election night, Tuesday, November 2nd, the full leased wire Associated Press election returns. A wire will be installed right in The Gazette building, with an expert operator at the key, and election news will be received without interruption throughout the night or until a definite result is announced. If the weather permits the bulletins will be thrown on a screen across the street so everybody can see them as they come in. This will be a direct Washington wire and the election news will be flashed over it to Gastonia just as quickly as to the largest cities in the country. The Gazette invites its friends from all over the county to come in on election night and get the news hot off the wires.

## TUESDAY'S ELECTION IS NOTABLE BECAUSE OF MANY PARTY CANDIDATES

NEW YORK, Oct. 30.—The national and state elections to be held next Tuesday, November 2, will be notable for the number of women nominees and the large number of parties which have nominated candidates.

Six parties have national tickets for president and vice president, though by no means in all the states. These tickets are Republican, Democratic, Socialist, Prohibition, Farmer-Labor and Single Tax. About 13 other parties have candidates either for state tickets or for representatives in Congress, bringing the total of all parties in the field nearly to a score.

In the presidential election there will be chosen 531 members of the Electoral College, of which 266 will be necessary to the election of a candidate as president. In the last election President Wilson had 277.

The present membership of the United States Senate is 96, composed of 47 democrats, 48 republicans and one republican and progressive. This year 33 states are to elect 34 senators, the terms of 32 members of that body expiring on March 3, 1921, while the other two are being selected to fill unexpired terms up to March 4, 1926. Of the 32 senators whose terms expire next March, 17 are democrats and 15 republicans. The two additional vacancies were caused by the deaths of Senators Bankhead of Alabama and Martin of Virginia, both democrats. One senator is to be chosen in each of the 33 states except in Alabama, which elects 2.

The only states which do not elect senators are: Delaware, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Women candidates for the Senate have been nominated in six states, by the prohibitionists in Indiana, New York and Pennsylvania; by socialists in California, by the farmer-labor party in New York and Connecticut and by independents in Nevada.

Socialists have candidates for the Senate in 11 states: Alabama (2), California, Illinois, Indiana, New Hampshire, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Washington. The farmer-labor party has senatorial candidates in seven states: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, New York and Washington.

At least eight other parties have nominated candidates for senator in one or more states. These are progressive, socialist, labor, single tax, independent, industrial labor, labor, independent republican and non-partisan league.

The total membership, 435, of the next House of Representatives is to be elected. Of this number, 218 is necessary for a majority. The present membership is: democrats, 190; republicans, 232; independent republicans, 2; independent, 1; prohibitionist, 1; vacancies, 9. Women have been nominated as candidates for representatives in at least 11 states, including Alabama, California, Idaho, Iowa, Michigan, Nebraska, Massachusetts, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon and Missouri.

Governors are to be elected in 34 states as follows: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

Many women have been nominated for office on state tickets.

Constitutional amendments are to be voted upon in 29 states. There will be referenda in 12 and initiatives in four. Arkansas will vote on amendments granting suffrage to women and the powers of the initiative and referendum to the people. California will have a referendum on five questions, including the Harris prohibition enforcement act and the sale of poison act. One of the most notable of the initiatives is that in California where the voters will be called upon to decide the fate of Japanese farmers by amending the alien land law so as to withdraw the land leasing privilege from aliens who are ineligible to American citizenship. California has an initiative vote also on prohibition of vivisection. Voters will pass upon several constitutional amendments, including the single tax measure and prohibition of compulsory vaccination.

Georgia will pass on a constitutional amendment authorizing pensions to Confederate veterans or their widows. In Kansas the voters will pass on an amendment to provide state aid in the purchase of farm homes. Louisiana will vote on pensions to Confederate veterans. Michigan on an amendment to require all children between the ages of five and 16 to attend public schools and Minnesota will decide whether to exempt automobiles from personal property tax, increase the license fees and use the funds to build and maintain state highways.

Missouri will decide whether to call a state constitutional convention. Montana will vote on a proposed repeal of the presidential preferential primary. Nebraska will decide a referendum on

## PRESIDENT AND MRS. WILSON HAVE CAST THEIR VOTES

WASHINGTON, Oct. 30.—The president and Mrs. Wilson voted today in the presidential election. They marked their ballots at the white house and mailed them to Princeton, N. J., where the president heretofore has gone each election day to vote.

Nine other ballots also were forwarded to New Jersey today from the white house, those voting by mail including Secretary Tumulty and Mrs. Tumulty, Dr. Stockton Axson, a brother of Mr. Wilson's first wife, Charles Swen, the president's private stenographer, and other attaches of the white house.

These were the first ballots ever cast by Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Tumulty and they were among the first of the great army of women enfranchised by the nineteenth amendment to vote in the 1920 election. The ballots from New Jersey were forwarded to the white house early this week by request.

Most members of the president's cabinet and many other government officials, as well as employes will go to their old homes to personally cast their ballots. A large number of federal officers and other Washingtonians, however, will cast their votes by mailing ballots to the places where they maintain residences.

Preparations were being made today at the executive offices of the white house for the receipt of election returns next Tuesday. The president will be kept informed of the progress of the counting of the ballots by means of wires installed in the executive offices communicating with various democratic headquarters over the country.

Four years ago the president went by special train to Princeton to vote as at that time it was not possible for him to vote by mail.

## LIQUOR DISGUISED AS SOAP APPEARS IN CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Oct. 30 — Characterized by many of the old "tipplers" as having "a distinct bearish movement on the whiskey board of trade," liquor disguised, labelled, and billed as soap, coming from Canada, made its appearance here today, according to federal officials. The liquor, said by imbibers not to have the strength of "the old stuff," sold "cheap." A carload arrived on the market today federal officials declared.

The discovery of a draft for \$31,000 on a Louisville bank may disclose, federal officials said today, the purchaser of the liquor which was delivered to the saloonkeepers "customers" and almost immediately thereafter stolen from the customers' through the connivance of men posing as city policemen.

Complaints to police and federal officials as a result of this "theft" led to the present federal court whiskey investigation.

## ORDERS HUNGER STRIKERS TO EAT — THEY REFUSE

(By the Associated Press.)

CORK, Ireland, Oct. 30 — Bishop Cahalan, of Cork, visited the jail yesterday and peremptorily ordered the hunger strikers there to take food. All refused. Thereupon the bishop instructed the nuns attending the hunger strikers to prepare food. The nuns, having no alternative, obeyed the command and offered food to each of the prisoners but all refused it.

Bishop Cahalan now is appealing personally to the Sinn Fein leaders to release the prisoners from their hunger strike. At noon today they had completed the 80th day of their fast. Michael Burke collapsed this morning. Sam Hennessey and Thomas Donovan are reported to be very low.

a law substituting nominating conventions for primaries for all state offices except governors. New Hampshire will vote on questions of levying a state income tax, granting the governor right to veto items in appropriation bills and reducing the size of the House of Representatives.

New York voters will pass on a proposed \$45,000,000 bond issue. North Carolina will vote on a proposed state income tax while North Dakota will decide whether to grant woman suffrage. Ohio has a referendum on an act providing for the enforcement of prohibition while Oklahoma is to settle the question of regulating the practice of medicine.

No state elections will be held next constitutional amendment for compulsory voting and registration and an initiative on an anti-compulsory vaccination.

Six constitutional amendments are proposed in South Dakota including one to authorize the issue of \$6,000,000 in bonds to provide bonuses for soldiers, sailors and marine. Washington also will vote on a proposed bonus for soldiers and on the question of increasing the salaries of state officers.

No state elections will be held next Tuesday in Maine, Maryland, Mississippi, New Jersey, nor Virginia.

Probably the banner state for the number of candidates is Illinois, where 16 parties have named candidates for that office, including the Democratic, Republican, Socialist, Socialist Labor, Farmer-Labor, Single Tax, Prohibition, Co-operative Party of America, Liberty Party and Harding-Coolidge Republicans.