

### FRANCE DENIES ANY CONNIVANCE

NO OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION MADE, SAYS FRENCH GOVERNMENT.

#### AWAIT HARDING REPLY

Paris, Oct. 19.—The French foreign office stated that it had not received any demand from Washington regarding the letter President Wilson wrote Senator Harding.

It is further stated that no official communication had been made by the French government regarding a substitute for the League of Nations.

Washington, Oct. 19.—The French Charge d'Affaires here assured the State Department today that the French government had delegated no spokesman to act to negotiate with Senator Harding either "formally or informally, officially or unofficially."

Washington, Oct. 19.—The White House officials made the statement this morning that the reply from Senator Harding to the letter sent by President Wilson, which was furnished to all the papers for publication in this morning's issue, had not been received by the president.

The text of Senator Harding's letter follows:

"I have before me a press copy of your letter to me of this date, though I am not in receipt of the original copy. I am glad to make a prompt reply.

"It is very gratifying that you hesitate to draw inferences without my assurance that I am correctly quoted. The quotation as reported in your letter is not exact. The notes of the stenographer reporting my remarks quote me as saying 'France has sent her spokesmen to me informally, asking America in its realization of the situation to lead the way for an association of nations.'

"I am sure that my words could not be construed to say that French government has sent anybody to me. The thought I was trying to convey was that there had come to me those who spoke a sentiment which they represented to be very manifest with the French people, but nothing could suggest the French government having violated the proprieties of international relations. Official France would never seek to go over your high office as our chief executive to appeal to the American people or any portion thereof.

"I can see no impropriety in private citizens of France, or in Americans deeply friendly to France, expressing to me their understanding of sentiment in that friendly republic.

"It is not important enough to discuss, perhaps, but I very respectfully urge that an informal expression to me is rather more than that to a private citizen. I hold a place as member of the foreign relations committee of the United States senate, which is charged with certain constitutional authority in dealing with foreign relations, and I am necessarily conscious that I am the nominee of the Republican party for president of our republic.

"In the combination of these two positions it ought not be unseemly that some very devoted friends of a new and better relationship among nations, no matter whence they come, should wish to advise me relating to aspirations to cooperate with our own republic in attaining that high purpose. Let me assure you again of the observance of all the proprieties and again assert that the French government has maintained that great respect for your position to which I myself subscribe.

"With great respect, I am,  
"Very truly,  
"WARREN G. HARDING."

### SENATOR SWANSON SUFFERS AN ATTACK

Roanoke, Va., Oct. 19.—Senator Swanson was able to leave for Washington after a collapse from heart attack while addressing a meeting.

It is said that he suffered a similar attack in the senate last April.

### WHISKEY CLUB WAS RAIDED TODAY

New York, Oct. 19.—One of the city's alleged whiskey clubs was this morning raided and forty men were arrested.

### "REUNION OF TARHEELS" AT RALEIGH THIS WEEK

CAM MORRISON RESUMES HIS CAMPAIGN TOUR TOMORROW AFTER FEW DAYS' REST; MAX GARDNER RECEIVES A WARM WELCOME BY RALEIGH AUDIENCE LAST NIGHT.

Raleigh, Oct. 19.—Raleigh is filling up rapidly today with the thousands of visitors from all over North Carolina attending the State Fair, which was formally opened at noon today. With good weather prevailing, the attendance this year may equal the record breaking crowds of last year, when all the farmers of every special crop was swelling with affluence and a feeling of his oats mightily.

The farmers have not received such prices for cotton and tobacco as last year—and probably never will again—but they nearly all have their last year's Kittie Fords and they can come to the State Fair in their machines at little expense, even if they do not have much money to blow in—and have almost as good a time.

The exhibits, races and attractions are above the average and the great reunion of Tarheel folks on Wednesday and Thursday of every fair week bids fair to measure up to the average. It is the "reunion" that is enjoyed by many more than any other feature of the State Fair.

Word received here from Charlotte is to the effect that Mr. Morrison will probably resume his campaign tour next Wednesday, October 20, filling his appointments at Wilmington and elsewhere in the east. The prospective governor has been through great strain, with two primaries and the state campaign. But his general health is good, the trouble being with his throat, which, of course, interferes with the work of a speaker seriously. It was with difficulty that his physicians forced him to take a few days of rest, for he is a tireless worker and the western people were calling for him at as many places where he was not booked as at his regular appointments. He filled as many of these as he could and consequently overworked his voice, especially. The people of North Carolina will receive gratefully the assurance that he is not and has not been seriously ill.

Lieut. Gov. Max Gardner spoke in Raleigh last night and received a warm welcome. The manner in which Mr. Gardner has conducted himself since his defeat in the second primary has made him many new friends and won the admiration of his old friends who supported him in the race.

### HARDING LEAVES ON LAST CAMPAIGN

Marion, Oct. 19.—Senator Harding is resting at his home today before leaving tomorrow on his last campaign drive in New York state. He states he will make no more "front porch" speeches.

Judge Walter H. Sanborn, of the United States Circuit Court, born at Epsom, N. H., 75 years ago today.

### HELP FARMERS TO SECURE CREDIT

Washington, Oct. 19.—Vice President Marshall and Secretary of Agriculture Meredith addressed the American Bankers Association convention this morning.

Secretary Meredith said: "The shrinkage of farm products was the result of the farmers receiving two and a half billion dollars less than they would have received a year ago." He estimated the fall in cotton prices as amounting to a third of a billion dollars and said that the American people must help the farmers to secure credit to supply the nation's need of food.

Observance today of "national homeopathic clinic day" throughout the United States.

### LODGE SECRETARY IF HARDING WINS

Washington, Oct. 19.—Gossip as to the probable Cabinet, if Senator Harding is elected, has brought Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, to the front as the most likely selection for Secretary of State.

Herbert Hoover was mentioned for Secretary of Commerce. John W. Weeks, former Massachusetts Senator and a graduate from the Naval Academy, is urged for Secretary of the Navy. Major General Leonard Wood is mentioned for Secretary of War.

### CARRIES LEAGUE FIGHT INTO EAST

Enroute with Gov. Cox, Oct. 19.—Governor Cox has carried the League of Nations fight into New England and is speaking in Massachusetts and New Hampshire.

### IRISH STRIKERS IN BAD CONDITION

Cork, Oct. 19.—The condition of the Irish hunger strikers in Cork jail is worse, due to depression caused by death on Sunday of Michael Fitzgerald, the first to die.

Two have shown collapse and the others are in critical condition.

### KING ALEXANDER HAS CONGESTION

Athens, Oct. 19.—King Alexander, suffering from a bite from a monkey which he tried to separate in a fight with a dog, is reported very much worse, having developed congestion of the lungs.

Should the King die, Prince Charles, of Belgium, the younger son of King Albert, is regarded as the favorite to succeed Alexander.

### EARLY VS. LATE COTTON PICKING

At the Georgia experiment station they undertook to determine the effect on the gross yield, per acre of cotton, of picking promptly after it opened, as compared with delayed picking. They used three varieties. In their prompt pickings, they went over twice. October 1 and November 1. Delayed pickings were January 21. Let's say they took four rows of a variety and picked them over on Oct. 1, and again Nov. 1. The neck four of same variety, at equal chance, they picked only once, January 21.

Results were: Boykin, Oct. 1 and Nov. 1, total, 1,118; Jan. 21, 998. Express, Oct. 1 and Nov. 1, total, 1,006; Jan. 21, 1,379. Trice, Oct. 1 and Nov. 1, total, 1,326; Jan. 21, 1,224.

This is not a variety test. Likely, did not all grow in the same field.

"Was all sold at even chance, and gross returns were: Boykin, prompt picking, \$152 per acre; delayed, \$106. Express, prompt picking, \$193; delayed, \$112; Trice, prompt picking, \$165; delayed, \$121.

Can a man afford to grow cotton and leave it in the field to waste and damage, then gin and leave it to rot? How long will sensible men continue such folly?—Zeno Moore.

### MEMBERSHIP GAIN, FEWER CHURCHES

St. Louis, Oct. 19.—A committee report at the international convention of the Christian church showed a slight gain in membership, but a loss of forty-eight congregations.

### GOV. ALLEN URGES PROBE OF BOARD

Topeka, Oct. 19.—Governor Allen, of Kansas, said today that he would press for government investigation of the Chicago Board of Trade, and that if the recent slumps in cotton and wheat were shown to be due to speculation and gambling, he will urge the abolition of the Chicago Board of Trade.

### RADICAL PLANS REVEALS DANGER

TAKE OATH ON NAKED SWORD TO FIGHT CAPITALISM.

#### U. S. TO BE ATTACKED

Washington, Oct. 19.—Eighteen hundred and ninety-one delegates to the third Internationale at Baku, Azerbaijan, have disbanded after taking solemn oath on a naked sword to work night and day to overthrow "capitalism," as they term the present governments of the world, it was announced officially at the State Department.

Zinovieff, president of the Petrograd Soviet, is regarded as responsible for the program. He was quoted at Halle, Germany as having stated that the United States will be included in the movement. Three delegates from this country were present at the Baku meetings.

The present advance of the Soviet troops through Armenia is regarded here as part of the program. As a result the United States has already reinforced its squadron based upon Baku, in the Black Sea.

It was stated that six more destroyers—the Sturtevant, McFarland, Childs, Reuben James, Sands and the Williamson—will join the force now abroad as soon as they can be made ready for sea.

Japan, it is said, will propose joint action by all the powers to check the movement in Asia.

"The permanent work of this gathering of radical elements is now to be carried on by a 'Soviet of action and propaganda,' which will work in contact with and under the control of the Communist Internationale," said the State Department in its announcement.

### MUST QUADRUPLE UNIVERSITY SPACE

Chapel Hill, Oct. 19.—A story of overcrowded and almost impossible living conditions at the University of North Carolina and of pressing needs to handle the present students and those coming in the future has been unfolded by President H. W. Chase in a preliminary survey of the university.

"With dormitories built to accommodate 469 students and actually housing 738, not counting students in private rooms; with a dining hall for 450 actually feeding 725; with only 19 class rooms available, not counting the professional and scientific buildings which cannot be used for other purposes; and with the faculty teaching all the students it can teach, the present situation is one that cannot possibly last," says President Chase.

As immediate relief, says the president, the university must quadruple its dormitory space, quadruple its feeding arrangements, treble teaching and office space, more than double its faculty and office force, and increase its salaries in accordance with standards at other institutions.

Registration figures show that in 1879 when the university re-opened after the civil war, it had 171 students. Eleven years later, in 1890, it had 200. Another 19 years and it had 521 in 1900. Another 10 years and it had 821 in 1910. Another 10 years and it had 1,406 in 1920. Figuring on the number of high school graduates, which from the four-year schools has jumped 400 per cent in the past five years, President Chase can see no place where the university or any other college in the state can take care of them.

### LOAN EXPANDED, NOT CONTRACTED

Greenville, S. C., Oct. 19.—A paper by Governor George Seay, of the Richmond Federal Reserve Bank, was read at the Cotton Manufacturers Association meeting today and stated that rather than there being any curtailment bank credit has been a continuous expansion, not only of commercial, but agricultural loans.

He said the south makes the loudest complaints, although this section has been specially favored.

### TRIPLE ALLIANCE COUP DISCLOSED TO FRANCE

### BALLOT IS NOT FIGHT LICENSE

#### LINCOLN, INTERNATIONAL SPY, TURNS TRAITOR TO BAUER BY REVEALING GERMAN AND RUSSIAN PLANS TO NEW "WHITE" FACTION.

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Women are getting to be more of a problem every day. Giving them the ballot has "turned their head," according to Martin Jankin. He called an officer when his wife insisted on exercising her newly-found rights.

"Oh, officer, I'm so glad you came," he said. "I'll get things straight now. My wife said to me: 'I'll show you what they are like, these free American women who can vote. I'll make you do what I like. I'll throw you out when I get ready. I am a new woman, and they can do anything and it's all right.'

"Mr. Officer, I want to know if she is telling me right?" asked Jankin.

Charles H. Brayne of the Illinois Humane Society, who answered Jankin's call, said he did not think it was right, especially when Mrs. Jankin threw a stool at his head. But he explained the Court of Domestic Relations would have to settle the question.

### WOMAN OF 93 YEARS RODE LIKE A GIRL

Senatobia, Miss., Oct. 19.—Mrs. Mary Solomon, aged 93, won first prize at the county fair as the most accomplished horsewoman. She rode like a girl.

### PRESIDENT HAWES BANKERS REPORT

Washington, Oct. 19.—Reduction of federal taxes, cooperation of the bankers in solving the problems of the railroads and economy in government and private expenditures were urged in the annual report of Richard S. Hawes, president of the American Bankers Association, which was presented today at the opening session of the association's 46th convention.

Other recommendations made by Mr. Hawes were that the Transportation Act be amended so that bankers and business men could become directors of railroads, that agriculture and foreign trade be encouraged and that steps be taken to relieve present industrial unrest.

Taking up the tax question, Mr. Hawes said the need was not only for a reduction of federal taxes, but also for a most careful supervision of the expenditures of the proceeds of the taxes.

"A slogan recently coined," said Mr. Hawes, "is appealing: 'More business in government; less government in business.'"

Mr. Hawes declared that "no tax itself should interfere with the accumulation of wealth, or the development of the industrial life of the nation. Any tax system which discourages savings, which discounts accumulation of capital, is to be deplored, for all capital is used and enjoyed primarily by society at large and not particularly by the one in whose legal title its ownership rests."

### THREE BANDITS SNATCH \$20,000

Chicago, Oct. 19.—Three bandits held up a messenger of the State Commercial and Savings Bank on a busy corner, today, snatched a grip containing twenty thousand dollars, and escaped in an automobile.

### LOSING MEMORY AND EYESIGHT

London, Oct. 19.—Lord Mayor MacSwiney is reported to be losing his memory and eyesight and scurvy is developing.

### BURIED ALIVE, SEARCH FOR GRAVE

New Brunswick, N. J., Oct. 19.—The police are searching in Manville for the grave of a woman reported to have been buried alive by her husband.

Mike Cucuk is held as a material witness after saying that a boarding house proprietor had beaten his wife, tied her hands and feet, and buried her.

### PRELUDE TO OVERTHROW

#### BERLIN, OCT. 19.—A stir has been caused in the inner circles of the Russian counter-revolutionary groups who lean toward Germany rather than France by the alleged discovery that Ignatius Lincoln, famed as the "international spy," and who played a prominent part in the Kapp revolution in March, disclosed their secret plans to France.

Among the secrets is said to have been the strategic plan drawn up by Colonel Bauer, who was Kapp's chief of staff, for a combined Russian, German and Hungarian operation in the spring to overthrow the Bolsheviks. If successful, the operation was to have been followed by a grouping of the three powers against the treaty of Versailles—economically and politically.

Lincoln was Colonel Bauer's confidential agent in the Kapp coup. It is said now that he is the confidential agent of the new movement.

The movement against the Soviet regime is in two parts—one, General Wrangel and the pro-French influences, the other the anti-Bolsheviks who are allied with the German anti-Bolsheviks.

The group that is inclined toward France favors a new "white" and preferably monarchist Russia as an ally of France against Germany. The other group can see Russian success only if that country is allied with Germany. This professes to be the aim of the Federated United States of Russia.

Colonel Bauer, it was alleged, was in connection with certain Budapest and Vienna circles and had evolved a scheme and organization for a "restoration" of Russia to be favorable to Germany.

Lincoln was credited with being the initiator of many of the phases of the plan. He was very active in Budapest. Being a Hungarian Jew before he transformed himself into a Presbyterian minister in Canada and later a member of the British House of Commons, Lincoln resented the attitude toward him in Budapest and went to Vienna, where he is said to have assisted in organizing the monarchist movement.

One of the Russian anti-Bolshevik leaders asserts that surveillance revealed that Lincoln was in contact with the French, and when his demands for money were no longer met he openly went into the French camp. He is now in Paris.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENDS SUFFRAGE

Washington, Oct. 19.—Over five hundred delegates are here in attendance on the biennial convention of the United Lutheran Church of America.

The convention will consider the strong demand of the women for extension of suffrage to women in the church.

### STREET SKATING BE DISCONTINUED

Skating on the streets has become a nuisance and is very dangerous to the children who skate.

I regret very much to ask that it be discontinued. I do not think the streets are made for this purpose and the risk is too great.

I therefore ask that this form of amusement be discontinued; the playgrounds have been equipped and set apart for the children.

May I not have the cooperation of all parents; the danger is too great for this to continue.

H. D. HARDISON, Mayor.

The British Parliament is to reassemble today for what promises to be one of the most momentous sessions in many years.

### KAISER PLANNED SECOND PUNIC WAR

REICHSTAG MEMBERS MADE VICTIMS OF HIS MOCKERY.

#### PRELUDE TO OVERTHROW

Berlin, Oct. 19.—The former German Emperor William confidently expected to emerge victoriously from the world war and then marshal his continental armies against England in what he termed "the second Punic war," says Mathias Erzberger, in his volume of war recollections just published at Stuttgart. The Emperor evidently used the term of "Punic war" in the sense of a conflict for world supremacy between two great nations.

Erzberger, who was formerly minister of finances, but now has temporarily retired from public political activities, set forth in detail the meeting between the then Emperor William and the Reichstag leaders, after the fall of Chancellor Bethman Hollweg, and following the adoption of the peace resolution in July 1917.

He says the Emperor became enthusiastic over the phrase "peace or compromise," which he assumed was what the Reichstag majority wanted. "Excellent word 'compromise,'" William stated. "It means," he said, "that we take the money, raw products, cotton, oil and ores out of the pockets of our enemies and transfer them to our own."

The parliamentary leaders, Herr Erzberger says, were astonished by this unexpected display of imperial mentality and felt that they were being made the victims of his mockery. The Emperor's further remarks were in the same channel, he declares.

William asserted that the United States and England had entered into an alliance for the purpose of reckoning with Japan after the war. He was also reliably informed that Russia would join Japan in warding off the Anglo-Saxon blow. He admitted that England would not emerge from the war defeated, but said the final accounting would come when he led his continental armies against her in "the second Punic war."

The amazement of the parliamentarians grew as the Kaiser, continued Erzberger's reports. The monarch asserted that "a complete understanding would be reached with France when the war was over."

Referring to a battle in Galicia, which occurred only a few days previous, the Kaiser claimed that the Prussian guard under the command of his son Fritz had "brushed the democratic dust off the vests of the Russians."

"Wherever the Guards appear there is no longer any democracy left," he exclaimed.

The Rumanians got their just deserts, the warrior told Erzberger when the latter suggested that the poor Rumanians had probably lost everything but their shirts.

Erzberger adds that the whole meeting between the Kaiser and the parliamentary leaders was not only a grave misfortune, but it proved "the deepest cut with the spade that ultimately resulted in the overthrow of the prevailing regime."

He concludes the chapter with the statement that the Reichstag veterans who up to that time were opposed to the parliamentary system, that very night openly avowed that the old system would inevitably plunge Germany into disaster.

### SOME DISORDERS IN SOUTH WALES

London, Oct. 19.—The British parliament reopened today and Premier Lloyd George is expected to outline some strike settlement plans.

London, Oct. 19.—Great Britain's coal industry has been nearly paralyzed by the miners' strike and with cool weather prevailing.

Slight disorders have occurred in South Wales.

### MRS. PANKHURST ARRESTED TODAY

London, Oct. 19.—Sylvia Pankhurst, daughter of Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, has been arrested charged with publishing seditious literature.