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It May Be That Bok Has Revitalized League Issue

His Challenge to Irreconcilables to Produce an Alternate Proposal That Will Achieve and Preserve World Peace Is a Poser

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Washington, Jan. 22.—Edward Bok has started something which may ultimately become an issue in the presidential campaign.

He has challenged the opponents of the League of Nations plan to make an alternate proposal that will "achieve and preserve" world peace and then promises a nation-wide referendum to determine which program the American people approve or disapprove.

Mr. Bok in his parting shot to the Senate committee appointed to investigate his first peace award has placed the responsibility for the next move on the so-called "irreconcilable" group. For several years they have been attacking the Covenant of the League of Nations but without giving any constructive suggestion as to a substitute.

In the 1920 campaign, the Republicans declared for "an association of nations" but no plan for such an international organization has come from the administration. William Gibbs McAdoo, aspirant for the Democratic presidential nomination, has endorsed Mr. Bok's first award and no doubt will endeavor to rally to his side the people who by their ballots are today endorsing the plan for the League of Nations with suitable reservations safeguarding the sovereignty and independence of the United States.

Will the Republican party follow the "irreconcilables" who want no world organization or will it follow men like Elihu Root who have declared for a league or association of nations? The tangle of issues in the 1920 campaign prevented a clear-cut mandate, especially since Republicans like Herbert Hoover, Charles Evans Hughes, William Howard Taft and Elihu Root insisted that a vote for Harding was a vote for the League of Nations with suitable reservations.

President Coolidge in his last speech to Congress spoke of the League question as "a closed incident," but while he may have been referring to recommendations emanating from him as chief executive or from the Secretary of State, of course, had no wish to stop the American public from discussing any practicable plan that might lead to world peace. Indeed, it is said that Mr. Bok at a conference with President Coolidge last autumn acquainted the latter with the plans for the referendum and that Mr. Coolidge was deeply interested in learning the outcome of the balloting.

Approximately 90 organizations, civic and fraternal, religious and non-sectarian, business, commercial and social have taken ballots for distribution among their members. So alarmed did the "irreconcilable" group become at the agitation in favor of the League of Nations plan that they pushed through the Senate a resolution of inquiry as to who was financing the referendum. Mr. Bok has told the Senate committee of his part, insisting that he was spending his own money and that it was his personal affair. To divulge the expenditures he makes in this case would, if sustained as a matter of right, give the Senate the privilege of inquiring into any personal affairs and by giving publicity thereto acquaint the whole world with things that are essentially private. Lawyers in the Senate have doubted the Senate's right to force Mr. Bok to reveal what he spends in a philanthropic enterprise. If, of course, there were any proof of the improper or corrupt use of money, the Senate committee might be able to compel answers to its questions but nothing has been adduced of that kind.

Mr. Bok's readiness to finance a second award if the Senate committee will act as jury and go through the 22,000 peace plans and select a better one is an indication of his impartiality—he will spend his money to finance a referendum on any plan offered as an alternative. Is the Senate committee against all peace plans or will it pick one that it thinks is practicable and secure the approval of the United States Senate? Mr. Bok stands ready to give \$50,000 to the author of the plan selected by the Senate committee either as members of a congressional committee or as individuals and \$50,000 when the plan is approved by the Senate, for he insists it should be a "practicable" plan.

The Senate committee wasn't looking for a bombardment from Mr. Bok. He would be on the defensive, its members thought, and probably would reveal that others had financed the scheme; but he has not only shown that he alone has financed the peace award but that he stands ready to finance another award if the Senate committee will act as jury.

The upshot of the Bok episode will be more discussion of the League of Nations or an association of nations. What alternative proposal will be offered? Mr. Bok has challenged the

Just Like Other Children



All children like to play in the sand, and Gloria Caruso, daughter of Mrs. E. A. Ingram, formerly Mrs. Enrico Caruso, is no exception. Here she is at Palm Beach, Fla.

NEW RUM TREATY IS SIGNED TODAY

Washington, Jan. 23.—The new rum treaty with Great Britain was signed at the State Department today by Secretary Hughes and Ambassador Geddes. They affixed their signatures to the agreement which provides for extension of the American right of search beyond the three mile limit and permits British vessels to bring ships' stores into American ports under seal.

ATHLETICS ARRANGE BASKETBALL GAMES

An active schedule of games has been arranged by the Elizabeth City Athletic Association which promises basketball fans an interesting program of skirmishes until the end of February.

The series will begin on Friday night at the Y. M. C. A. building in a clash with Hertford. Other games will be with Edenton, Small Cross Roads, Peerless Quint of Portsmouth, Apollo Club of Norfolk, and the last game with the Peerless Quint in Portsmouth.

The same Friday night has promise of being close and interesting. It is probable that Holmes, Ballard, Dwight, Alford and Morgart will carry the Elizabeth City colors. Jack Baum, one of the local guards, is out of the running with an injured foot and will not be able to play soon.

The Athletic Association has been working hard to keep Elizabeth City on the map as a basketball town and they deserve the co-operation of the city in this series of games.

BROOKS, JUNIOR, HERE

E. C. Brooks, Jr., who is now with the State Child Welfare Department, passed through the city Tuesday on his way to Manteo and is expected to return here Thursday. Mr. Brooks is in this section checking up on child labor conditions following an inspection of the industrial plants in this territory last October.

FALL MAY FACE PROSECUTION TOO

Washington, Jan. 23.—While former Secretary Albert Fall is summoned back to testify before the Senate committee concerning the Teapot Dome lease, the Department of the Attorney General announced today that it will have representatives at the hearing ready to institute prosecution proceedings if any acts of unlawfulness are disclosed.

COLUMBUS TREASURER OVER \$30,000 SHORT

Raleigh, Jan. 23.—A total of \$31,529.66 of county funds is unaccounted for in Columbus County by County Treasurer W. H. Hickman according to an audit made by the State Auditor's department.

The report of the auditors declares that the record of the financial transactions of the county are in bad shape and hard to check up at all.

MINERS ACCEPT REPORT WITH ENTIRE ACCORD

Indianapolis, Jan. 23.—The biennial convention of United Mine Workers today accepted without debate the report of its committee on officers' reports, approving the accounting of his administration given by John Lewis, International president. This action was in sharp contrast to previous conventions in which the president's report has provoked bitter debate.

COTTON MARKET

New York, January 23.—Spot cotton closed steady this afternoon advancing 75 points. Middling 34c. Futures closed at the following levels: January 33:50; March 33:85; May 34:02; July 32:93; October 28:25.

New York, January 23.—Cotton futures opened this morning at the following levels: January 32:85; March 33:16; May 33:30; July 32:12; October 27:85.

"Irreconcilables" to put up their plan to the American people. Thus does a private citizen with a fortune which he says he obtained from the American people, presumably as the editor of a successful periodical and wants to give back to them in the form of service, turn things upside down here and force to the front an issue that so many professional politicians have declared dead. It is a striking illustration of what a private citizen with a disinterested motive can do in public affairs.

Ask Robe Company To Locate In City

A unanimous and enthusiastic vote to extend the Robe Motor Company an invitation to locate its plant and build its automobiles in Elizabeth City was the action taken Tuesday night by the Chamber of Commerce meeting which at that time heard the merits of the Robe car and the advantages of Robe metal explained in detail by representatives of the company, as well as a strong and vigorous presentation of what the location of the industry here would mean to Elizabeth City.

A committee of the Chamber of Commerce was appointed to come to terms with the Robe Motor Company and the company is now putting its proposition to the Elizabeth City Chamber of Commerce in writing, so that there may be a definite and clear understanding of the matter.

The committee is to pass on this proposition Wednesday night. If the proposition is accepted, the Robe Motor Company, it is said, will immediately begin plans to move its plant to Elizabeth City.

Clemson President Dead

Washington, January 23.—Dr. W. M. Riggs, president of Clemson College, South Carolina, died in a hotel here last night.

SOUTH BUYING HORSES

Kansas City, Jan. 23.—Demand for sound, unblemished horses for use in the Southern states has made its appearance in this market. Southern buyers have been purchasing mules freely but until this week there was little call for horses.

GAS GOES UP

New York, Jan. 23.—The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey announced an advance of two cents a gallon in the tank wagon price of gasoline in North and South Carolina today, and an advance of one cent in Virginia. The new prices are 19 cents plus state taxes.

LESS THAN 10 MILLION

Washington, January 23.—Cotton ginned prior to January 16 amounted to 9,946,462 running bales, including 235,891 round bales counted as half bales, 2181 bales of American Egyptian cotton, and 781 bales of Sea Island cotton, the U. S. census bureau announced today.

READY TO COMPROMISE

Washington, Jan. 23.—Republican members of the House Ways and Means Committee offered today to compromise with the Democrats on the Mellon tax plan and frame a non-partisan measure. Representative Garner, ranking Democrat on the committee to whom the offer was made, did not definitely commit his party to a compromise.

Cigarettes The Prevailing Feminine Mode On Florida's Bathing Beaches This Season

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Palm Beach, Fla., Jan. 23.—What is the prevailing feminine mode in Florida this winter? Unquestionably it is the cigarette. Women smokers have long ceased to be a novelty, but the extent to which they are carrying the practice these days, while in no sense alarming to modern "society," never the less, is quite intriguing. The fashionable woman in Florida this winter is prepared to take part for part with her masculine escort at any time and any place.

In this respect Florida's fashionable places are making New York look provincial. In the gay metropolis the cops still have orders to arrest any person in skirts caught smoking on the streets. Down here in the so-called summer time atmosphere of Southern Florida, it is a case of smoke as you please, and the ladies all seem to please.

Madame and Mademoiselle smoke morning, noon and night. Not so long ago it was considered an affectation, if not a downright confession of nicotine slavery, for a man to carry cigarettes with him on the bathing beach. This season the women are doing it, too, and it's useless to say they do not appear attractive to the male in their bathing costumes, under Japanese parasols, with light blue smoke wreaths rising all about them.

The smoking is done on the private beaches and the public beaches with equal sanctity. It is not a custom peculiar to Palm Beach and its ultra set. It is equally the vogue at Miami Beach and at every other fashionable resort along the East Coast.

The beach bathers, who seldom go near the surf, carry their perfumed and gold tipped cigarettes to the beach in gold cases.

The swimmers take along their "fags" in the original packages, and also carry their own matches. There is always a "last drag" just before dashing into the waves. And many fingers clutch for a new "smoke" the moment the fair bathers are clear of the water.

In the Palm Beach rolling chairs, with their Ethiopian motive power, on the hotel verandas, on the fishing pier, in hotel lobbies, on the everglades links, on the lake walk, on

house boat decks, wherever, in fact, that two or three women may be gathered together, it has come to be the exception to see them without cigarettes. Even in the hotel ball rooms, the female of the species and the "fag" are apparently inseparable.

At Miami Beach the weed equally is in evidence. One encounters it delicately poised from feminine lips at the polo matches, at the bathers' dining balcony overlooking the Roman pools, at the dog races, on the golf courses, and at the exclusive dining and dancing clubs.

It has become perfectly evident that the use of the cigarette steadily is growing among women and the needs of the feminine tobacco enthusiast soon must be reckoned with. Already in New York the newer theaters have taken the custom into consideration and the lounge or smoking rooms are open now to both sexes. The result is that almost as many women as men leave their seats between the acts to take a soothing smoke.

Women travelers to Florida are complaining of the lack of smoking accommodations for women on board the limited trains—not only those that are made up for Florida travel, but all the others that cross the country. Their principal complaint is against the Pullman Company, and it is evident that before long the builders of sleeping and parlor cars will have to face the demand for feminine smoking rooms. At present the women say that only those fortunate enough to obtain state rooms or compartments can smoke in any sort of comfort. Others have to retire to the cramped dressing rooms which are not conducive either to comfort or the full enjoyment of the cigarette. Men have smoking rooms in each sleeper, and most of the better trains carry club-cars—all for the men. Women have not as yet had the hardihood to break into the club cars, but down here one hears threats of their doing so in the very near future.

Political equality for women also carries more or less of social equality. It is contended by the feminists, and the modern woman smoker is preparing to demand the smoking rights and privileges which have been as exclusively accorded the man as once the ballot was.

Cruiser Goes Down Rebels Rescue Crew

And Upon Advice from Rebel Leaders That Blockade Tampico Will be Raised Cruiser Richmond Will be Withdrawn from Mexican Waters

BOILER EXPLODES AS TRAIN FLIES

Pittsburgh, Jan. 23.—The boiler of the Erie Railroad engine hauling the morning express from Pittsburgh to Cleveland over the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad exploded today at Alquippa, Pennsylvania, while the train was running at the rate of 40 miles an hour, killing the engineer, George Clark, the fireman, Kuechler, and the road foreman, J. R. Meade.

UNDERWOOD FOR A SINGLE TERM

In Second Speech of Campaign Denounces Bureaucracy and Comes Out for Longer Presidential Term.

Akron, Ohio, January 23.—A six or seven year term for president, with a provision making the executive ineligible for reelection was advocated and the bureaucracy, officialism or functionalism as it exists in the United States today, was attacked by Senator Oscar W. Underwood in his second speech of his campaign for the Democratic Presidential nomination, made here today before the Akron Chamber of Commerce.

"Change the system of four year terms," said Senator Underwood, "Make the term six or seven years and make the executive ineligible for reelection and you will have removed all temptation to further personal ambition; you will have taken out of the sphere of partisanship the one man in the country who should stand above and beyond it, and you will have purified the very air of politics itself, by giving it worthier motives and loftier ideals."

In speaking of bureaucracy, Senator Underwood said much time had been lost but it is still not too late to strangle this detestable thing which attacks and eats into the very vitals of government.

"In the United States the evil was peace bred and war fed," said the Senator. "War and the after-war nourishment has grown into a monster."

Before launching into his leading discussions the Alabama Senator paid high tribute to Akron and its industries and then touched lightly on the foreign policy of this country.

"Should some new catastrophe overtake unhappy Europe I am clear in my mind," he said, "that the United States would be irresistibly drawn into the maelstrom ere the conflict ended."

"We talk about the foreign policy or the lack of it! I tell you that this country's foreign policy is already hewn out for it by an inexorable logic of events, and that our destiny hereafter is unalterably interwoven with the destinies of our sister nations overseas. It is lack of vision to see this of which I have complained; for it is of this blindness, and this alone, that a selfish policy of inaction and aloofness is born."

In presenting his argument for a single term of either six or seven years for presidents, Senator Underwood gave a brief history of the question as it was discussed in the first Federal Convention when propositions ranging from a term of three years with possible reelection to seven years without re-eligibility, were thoroughly discussed. He went on to show that once the states in convention decided that presidential term should be seven years and that he should be ineligible for reelection. He told that Washington could have had a third term but refused it and that Thomas Jefferson did likewise and gave as his reason that "if some termination to the services of the Chief Magistrate be not fixed by the Constitution, or supplied by practice, his office, nominally for years, will in fact become for life."

Senator Underwood said that Andrew Jackson not only refused a third term but even advocated a limit be inserted in the Constitution. He said in the time of Grant the House passed a resolution by a vote of 234 to 12, endorsing the precedent established by Washington. Senator Underwood quoted Benjamin Harrison and Woodrow Wilson, as having criticized the present presidential term arrangement.

"Relieve the newly-elected President of his eligibility to another term and he will cease to be the center of political maneuver," said Senator Underwood.

Washington, Jan. 23.—The American cruiser Tacoma went down as a result of a cable last night and members of the de la Huerta faction of the Mexican civil war rescued all of the crew except the captain and the three radio operators who went down with the ship.

Two northers which beset the cruiser Tacoma off Vera Cruz, whither she was proceeding for duty in connection with activities of the Mexican revolutionists, have done for the ship.

Her captain and her two radio operators are dead; but the remainder of the skeleton crew left aboard when the Tacoma stranded in the first storm have been rescued.

They were taken off the cruiser in the teeth of the second storm by rebel transports.

The death of Captain Sparrow and two radio operators occurred through an accident in the performance of duty aboard ship during the storm, according to a report of Consul Wood at Vera Cruz, but no details were given in the report.

Mexican Revolutionary leaders have advised Consul Wood of Vera Cruz of their decision to raise the blockade at Tampico.

Mr. Wood has been asked by the Washington Government for further information as to whether the blockade is to be raised permanently or whether its raising is of a temporary nature.

If the consul's reply is such as to indicate conclusively that the de la Huerta leaders have permanently abandoned the blockade, orders will be issued withdrawing from Mexican waters the cruiser Richmond which is now standing off Tampico to protect American commerce.

YET ANOTHER OFFER FOR MUSCLE SHOALS

Washington, Jan. 23.—An offer by the Union Carbide Company of New York to manufacture fertilizer at Muscle Shoals was today transmitted to Congress by Secretary Weeks.

GEORGE DAVIS WILL KEEP HIS PROMISE

"He was a good boy, he never gave me bit of trouble," said Mrs. Miles Davis, 107 Dyer street, of her only son, George, who was killed in an accident, on board the S. S. Santana of the Standard Transportation Company, on which he was serving as seaman, Monday.

Around the world almost, visiting many foreign lands, often in dangerous places, George Davis has spent the last eight or ten years; and then had come safely home to his native shore when he met his death. About a year ago he promised a friend of his here in the city to return in a year's time. George Davis will keep his promise.

In his 25th year he had followed the call of the sea since he was 17 years old, first joining the Merchant Marine, later trying other branches of service until his last berth on board the Santana.

The Standard Transportation Company has sent the body home and the funeral arrangements are pending the arrival.

GASOLINE PRICES ARE LIKELY TO GO HIGHER

San Francisco, Jan. 23.—Decreases in California crude oil and gasoline production are responsible for the increases in gasoline prices here and all men predict that further advances will follow. Figures just made public show 103,872,185 gallons of gasoline were produced in this state in December, or approximately 2,000,000 gallons less than the month previous. Crude oil production for the first two weeks of this month indicates the total January production will be about 2,000,000 barrels under December. On January 1 there were 191,760,375 gallons of gasoline in storage in the state, or less than two months' output.

INCOME ON OFFICES OVER EIGHT PER CENT

Chicago, January 23.—The average office building in the United States has a population of 1,054 and is a little more than 11 stories high, according to a survey made by the accounting and exchange committee of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers.

Office buildings in themselves were shown to be little cities with fire departments, police forces, transportation systems, cleaning departments, lighting systems, sewers, water departments and other facilities similar to those of modern cities.

The average taxable valuation is \$9.94 a square foot of floor space, which means a valuation on the building averaging more than \$1,000,000. The average net return to the owner is a little under \$85,000 a year.

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