

DIPLOMATS STIRRED BY ROOSEVELT

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PROPOSE TO ASK FOR OFFICIAL DISAVOWAL

Utterances Are Regarded as Semi-Official Statement From White House—General Tone of Speech Offensive.

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Washington, Aug. 25.—The claim of Franklin D. Roosevelt, democratic vice presidential candidate, in his Butte (Mont.) speech that the United States would have 12 votes in the league of nations as compared to the six votes for England and her dependencies, created a real sensation in Pan-American diplomatic circles here.

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More than ordinary weight is being given to Mr. Roosevelt's recent speeches in Pan-American circles. This is an account of his retirement from the official family and the fact that he participated in the conferences with President Wilson and Governor Cox at which an agreement was reached to make the league of nations the paramount issue of the campaign.

It is insisted in some quarters that the South and Central American countries hastened to join the league of nations because they believed that it would restrict the sphere of influence of the United States in the western hemisphere. Some of the most astute South American diplomats were of the opinion that they could make combinations around the council board of the league of nations which would increase the influence of the southern countries in the affairs of the western hemisphere.

General Tone Offensive. Aside from Mr. Roosevelt's claim as to the domination of the United States in the league of nations, the general tone of his speeches are spinning offensively to Pan-American diplomats. They do not take kindly to his reported declaration that "I know what I am talking about, for I wrote the constitution of two of these nations."

Mother Would Give Up Boys She Can't Support



Reading about the two little Pittsburgh children who were adopted by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Singer, 5022 Underwood avenue, and the happy, comfortable home they have been given after having been separated for some time, Mrs. Edith Schooler of Rosalie, Neb., has written Mrs. Singer about her two small sons.

Howard and Dick Singer were separated from each other when Dick was adopted in Chicago and Howard went with his other six brothers and sisters to California. Their longing for each other led Mrs. Singer and her husband to adopt Howard also. The two boys were 4 and 8 years old then.

Thomas Quinlan, who was visiting on the coast, brought Howard back to Omaha, where he now lives in the same home with his own brother.

Wants Home for Her's. "I am writing to you in the interest of my little sons, who are need-

RUPTURE OF PEACE MEET THREATENED

Break in Negotiations With Reds Will Come if Poles Adhere to Present Demands, Soviet Minister Says.

RUSSIANS READY TO GIVE UP TO ENEMY FORCES

Latest Reports From Warsaw Say Bolsheviks Are Anxious To Quit Struggle—60,000 Are Taken Prisoners.

By The Associated Press. London, Aug. 25.—An immediate rupture of the Russo-Polish peace negotiations at Minsk will result if the Poles adhere to their demand for withdrawal of the main Russian terms, says a message received here today from George Tchitcherin, the Russian soviet foreign minister, dated Monday at Moscow.

Paris, Aug. 25.—Negotiations looking to surrender to the Poles have been begun by the northern Russian bolshevik army, according to a Vienna dispatch received here today. Latest information from Warsaw indicates the advance of the Polish armies continues rapidly and that the bolsheviks seem anxious only to lose contact with the Poles. The number of prisoners captured by the Poles is said to approximate 60,000.

Kolno, an important town near the East Prussian frontier of Lomza, has been taken by Polish forces, which have been sweeping rapidly northward in pursuit of the retreating bolsheviks. More than 10,000 prisoners, who were cut off from the main body of the soviet army, have been captured in this region.

REDS ARE DEMORALIZED

Reports from various fronts, particularly the northern sectors of the line, indicate the bolsheviks are demoralized and fleeing everywhere in great disorder. General Snolokowski, minister of war, has issued a statement to Polish newspapers declaring that the soviet armies have been decisively beaten everywhere, adding that 250,000 bolshevik troops participating in the offensive for the capture of Warsaw more than 140,000 have been accounted for and that nearly all other detachments have been shot to pieces. He estimates the number of prisoners at 50,000 and the number of other bolshevik casualties at 40,000.

The remnants of the Fourth bolshevik army is surrounded near Mlawa and, while disorganized, is endeavoring to fight its way eastward. It attacked a Polish Siberian brigade near Chorzele, about 20 miles north of Przasnysz, but was repulsed, losing many prisoners.

Peace Envoys Not Affected. Polish victories over soviet armies which invaded Poland apparently have not affected the bolshevik delegates at the peace conference being (Continued on Page Two, Column Three.)

HARDING TAKES SHOT AT WASTE OF DEMOCRATS

G. O. P. Presidential Nominee Urges Greater Individual and Governmental Economy.

By The Associated Press. Marion, O., Aug. 25.—Greater individual and governmental economy were urged by Senator Harding in a front porch speech today accusing the democratic administration of extravagance and giving credit to the republican congress for saving nearly \$1,000,000,000 since it came into power.

The republican nominee also declared for repeal of war-time legislation and for better federal maintenance of highways and for readjustment of taxation. In a brief reference to ratification of the suffrage amendment he asserted his confidence that the enfranchisement of women would be a long step forward in securing capable government.

The speech was delivered to a delegation of republicans from Wyandot City, O. Its text follows in part: "Our country is suffering today in common with much of the world as a result of the great war. We have this difference to distinguish us from Europe: We have actual peace, though not formally declared, while much of Europe is engaged in war, directly or indirectly. The European states have made their (Continued on Page Two, Column Four.)

ANTISUFFRAGE FORCES RECEIVE ANOTHER CHECK

District of Columbia Supreme Court Refuses to Issue "Show Cause" Order Against Colby.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Antisuffrage forces received another setback today when Justice Siddons of the District of Columbia supreme court refused to issue a "show cause" order against Secretary of State Colby, preliminary to the issuance of an injunction to restrain him from proclaiming the nineteenth amendment a law. The order would have required Mr. Colby to show cause why the injunction should not be issued. The action was brought by Charles S. Fairchild, an official of the American Constitutional league, on behalf of himself and the organization.

No further effort would be made to prevent the issuance of the proclamation, Alfred B. Smith, attorney for Mr. Fairchild said. The official certification of Tennessee's ratification was expected from Nashville tonight and Secretary Colby indicated that he would issue the proclamation as soon as he received Governor Roberts' certification.

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There Are Others



READJUSTMENT IS ORDERED IN GRAIN CHARGES

Freight Rates to Atlantic Seaboard Fixed on Basis of 30 Per Cent Increase.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Readjustments of rates on grain to the Atlantic seaboard was ordered today by the Interstate Commerce commission, on the basis of 30 per cent increase in domestic rates and 25 per cent in export rates, instead of the 40 per cent authorized in the recent increase allowed by the commission.

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INCOMPLETE RETURNS SHOW DIXON LEADING FOR MONTANA GOVERNOR

Helena, Mont., Aug. 25.—Former United States Senator J. M. Dixon, on the face of incomplete returns from 252 precincts in yesterday's primary, was leading for the republican nomination for governor this afternoon with 9,206 votes. Harry L. Wilson, his nearest opponent on the same returns, had 8,810 and Attorney General S. C. Ford was third with 5,114.

Former United States Attorney B. K. Wheeler, endorsed by the Nonpartisan league, was leading candidate for the democratic nomination for governor with 15,024 votes, compared with 9,735 for Lieut. Gov. W. W. McDowell. Thomas E. Carey was third with 1,686 votes.

OMAHA MAN ARRESTED FOR MURDER AT BURLINGTON, IA.

Burlington, Ia., Aug. 25.—Peter Moran, aged 49 years, of Tiffin, O., who was shot by Louis Marcum, alias "Slim Butler," at the Tristate fair grounds Monday, died today. Marcum is held without bail on a charge of murder in the first degree. Both men were employed by Owens' racing stables.

RECEIVER APPOINTED FOR BETHLEHEM MOTOR COMPANY

Philadelphia, Aug. 25.—A receiver was appointed today by Federal Judge Dickinson for the Bethlehem Motors corporation, with plants at Allentown and Pottstown, Pa. Clinton E. Woods, who has been general manager since last May, was appointed receiver under bond of \$25,000. The receivership was on a bill of equity brought by Keck and Brothers of Allentown, creditors to the extent of \$26,306 for lumber. The company filed answer admitting all averments of the bill and assenting to the appointment of a receiver.

THE NEW CONSTITUTION

(The Bee continues today its explanation of the various amendments to the state constitution, proposed by the state constitutional convention, submitted to a vote of the people at a special election to be held September 21. This election is in many respects the most important held in Nebraska in a generation. An intelligent ballot can be cast only after full understanding of the various proposals submitted. There are 41 proposals and each is submitted for separate vote.)

PROPOSITION NO. 5

An amendment to Section 2, Article III. Provides that counties entitled to more than one state senator or state representative shall be divided into districts. For instance, Douglas county would be divided into five senatorial and twelve representative districts, each district being entitled to one senator or one representative, as the case might be.

PROPOSITION NO. 6

An amendment to Section 3, Article III. Permits an increase in the number of state senators from 33 to 50.

SITUATION IN EUROPE RAPIDLY GROWING BETTER

Opinion Expressed Allies Now Are More Closely United Than at Any Time Since Armistice.

Paris, Aug. 25.—An optimistic feeling prevailed at the French foreign office today regarding the European situation. The opinion was freely expressed that the situation is clearer and that the allies are more closely united than at any other time since the armistice.

WORKMAN NARROWLY ESCAPES DEATH WHEN HE CUTS POWER CABLE

The entire industrial district of Omaha lying between Leavenworth street and the railroad tracks to South Omaha was threatened with a shutdown late Wednesday afternoon when J. G. Klonoski, an employe of the Metropolitan Water company, while excavating for an extension to a gas main on Leavenworth street, between Fifth and Sixth streets, drove a pick through a lead cable of the Nebraska Power company.

SECRET AGENT IN MEXICO REFUSED ADMISSION TO U. S.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 25.—Dr. Paul B. Altendorf, secret agent in Mexico during the war for the United States, was refused admittance into this country by immigration agents because he is classed as an alien enemy. His wife, an American girl, whose first husband died in France, was refused permission to go to Juarez to meet him because she now also is classed as an alien enemy by the immigration authorities.

THE WEATHER

Forecast. Thursday fair; not much change in temperature.

HOURLY TEMPERATURES

Table with 2 columns: Time and Temperature. Rows include 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., 9 a.m., 10 a.m., 11 a.m., 12 noon, 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m., 5 p.m., 6 p.m., 7 p.m., 8 p.m., 9 p.m., 10 p.m., 11 p.m., 12 midnight.

DECREASE IN COAL PRICES PREDICTED

Renewed Activity in Drive on Profiteers Given as Main Reason for Expected Drop in Fuel This Fall.

PLAN TO WIDEN SCOPE OF INVESTIGATIONS

Attorney General Instructs United States Attorneys to Probe the Situation in All Parts of Country.

Washington, Aug. 25.—Forecast of a tumble in coal prices was made by Department of Justice officials today, coincident with the announcement of "renewed activity" in the campaign against coal profiteers.

Prices already have dropped at Baltimore, where the federal agents started yesterday to gather evidence against an alleged combination of dealers who were declared to have boosted prices through repeated resales. A similar case at Hampton Roads, one of the largest bunkering stations on the eastern seaboard.

COVER LARGE SCOPE

Although interior points have reported exorbitant coal prices in many instances, it was stated that the "flagrant violations" of the Lever law were confined largely to the Atlantic coast. The department will press its investigations at all points, however, as a part of the program outlined Monday when the attorney general instructed all United States attorneys to delve into the coal price situation on the basis of information that pyramiding of prices had been accomplished through interstate sales.

The department's hands are tied at Philadelphia by a court order restraining the United States attorney from prosecuting profiteers under the Lever law, which was held to be unconstitutional by the court here. But the court will not stay the gathering of evidence, according to H. S. Mitchell, special assistant to the attorney general, who is directing the campaign.

TRANSPORTATION IMPROVING

Federal reserve board officials also reported indications of an impending drop in the coal market. Their information was that transportation conditions with respect to the Lever law, and that, therefore, there would be better distribution. This of itself, in the opinion of department officials, should aid the price reduction movement. The reserve board officials said the empty bins, made so by the bituminous miners' strike and later by the Lever law, were again stocked. They did not believe the storage of this sort of stock was up to normal, but, based on recent reports, stocks were rapidly being accumulated.

Temporary conditions have handicapped certain sections of the country, without respect to regular supply, with the result, according to Mr. Mitchell, that higher prices have been asked. Federal attorneys at these places, however, were said to be in close touch with such situations, and were prepared to act if there was evidence that dealers were taking advantage of the shortage.