

G. O. P. Nominee Answers Wilson's Note at Once

Senator and French Foreign
Office Deny Any Impro-
priety in Conferences
With "Spokesmen."

By The Associated Press.
Marion, O., Oct. 19.—Replying to
an inquiry from President Wilson,
Senator Harding wrote the White
House last night that although
France had sent her "spokesmen" to
him informally asking America to
lead the way for an association of
nations, the incident had not in-
volved the French government in
any violation of international im-
proprieties.

The senator declared that in his
reference to the subject in a speech
at Greenville, Ind., recently, he
only had sought to convey the
thought that there had come to him
"those who spoke a sentiment which
they represented to be very manifest
among the French people." He ad-
ded that his words "could not be con-
strued to say that the French gov-
ernment has sent anybody to me."

Referring to Mr. Wilson's sug-
gestion of propriety in a foreign
nation approaching "a private citi-
zen" on such a subject, Senator
Harding pointed out that he is a
member of the foreign relations com-
mittee as well as a nominee for the
presidency, and suggested that "an
informal expression to me is rather
more than that to a private citizen."

Text of Letter.
The text of Senator Harding's let-
ter sent in reply to one from Presi-
dent Wilson, asking whether the
senator had been correctly quoted in
his Greenville speech, is as fol-
lows:

"Dear Mr. President:
"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 spokesman to me in-
formally asking America in its new
realization of the situation to lead
the way for an association of na-
tions.'"

Explains Meaning.
"I am sure that my words could
not be construed to say that the
French government has sent any-
body to me. The thought I was try-
ing to convey was that there had
come to me those who spoke a senti-
ment which they represented to be
very manifest among the French
people, but nothing could suggest
the French government having vio-
lated the proprieties of international
relations. Official France would
never seek to go over your high
office as our chief executive to ap-
peal to the American people or any
portion thereof."

"I can see no impropriety in pri-
vate citizens of France, or in Ameri-
cans deeply friendly to France, ex-
pressing to me their understanding
of sentiment in that friendly repub-
lic."

"It is not important enough to
discuss, perhaps, but I very respect-
fully urge that an informal expres-
sion to me is rather more than that
to a private citizen. I hold a place
as a member of the foreign relations
committee of the United States
senate, which is charged with cer-
tain constitutional authority in deal-
ing 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 to be unseem-
ingly that some very devoted
friends of a new and better rela-
tionship among nations, no matter
whence they came, should wish to
advise me relating to aspirations to
co-operate with our own republic
in attaining that high purpose. Let
me assure you again of the obser-
vance of all the proprieties and
again assert that the French gov-
ernment has maintained that great
respect for your position to which
I myself subscribe."

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

**Consortium Organized
For Financing of China**
Washington, Oct. 19.—The repre-
sentatives of the banking groups of
the United States, England, France
and Japan have reached a complete
agreement and perfected the organi-
zation of the consortium for finan-
cing China, the groups having for-
warded a report to their respective
governments and the State depart-
ment is expected to issue a statement
on the subject tomorrow.

Former Stenographer Admits Killing Hubby



In a sensational alleged confes-
sion after she had been on the po-
lice grill for 72 hours, Mrs. Vir-
ginia Clark, 27, matrimonial agency
bride of Chester J. Clark of Oak-
land, Cal., admitted having shot
and killed her husband as he lay
in bed beside her, according to a
report from Oakland. According
to the alleged confession, Mrs. Clark
declared she had killed her husband
because he was "not the kind of
man I thought he was." Following
her arrest Mrs. Clark, formerly a
stenographer of Hartford, Conn.,
is said to have denied killing her
husband and declared he had committed
suicide.

It is learned that no demands ob-
noxious to China will be made by
the consortium in consideration of
loans to be advanced, but the guar-
antees to be requested are severe,
and it is asserted in well-informed
quarters that representatives of the
consortium will supervise both the
expenditures of the loans and the
collection of revenues pledged to
secure the loan.

Cannon loaded with sand are used
to break up swarms of locusts in
Costa Rica.

Acting Mayor Promises Prompt Reply to Palmer

Frisco Executive Denies That
He Said Attorney General
Knew of Liquor Transac-
tion at Demo Meet.

Sacramento, Cal., Oct. 19.—Acting
Mayor Ralph McLeran of San Fran-
cisco denied he had ever said "At-
torney General Palmer knew all
about the transaction" whereby 41
barrels of liquor were purported to
have been released from bond in
San Francisco for use of delegates
to the democratic national conven-
tion.

A telegram from Attorney Gen-
eral Palmer at Washington, asking
that McLeran submit proof of this
statement, had not been received by
him, McLeran said, but would be
answered at once when it came.

"I never said to any person that
Palmer had knowledge of release
and use of liquor during the demo-
cratic convention. I never met
Palmer, and have no means of

knowing whether he was aware of
any liquor transaction.

"The matter was one of general
knowledge among the delegates,
and the attorney general was in San
Francisco at the time."

General Ludendorff Now Only a Private In German Home Guard

Berlin, Oct. 19.—Gen. Erich Lud-
endorff, Germany's noted military
strategist, and for two years prac-
tically commander in chief of more
than 7,000,000 officers and men com-
posing Germany's army, is now a
private. He holds that low rank
in the Bavarian einwohnerwehr, or
home guard.

General Ludendorff recently moved
from Berlin to one of the suburbs of
Munich, where he applied for ad-
mission as a private in the local
company of the home guard and was
accepted.

Should disorders break out, the
former head of the German army
may have to shoulder a rifle and
patrol the streets side by side with
an ordinary householder.

Japanese Questionnaire Seeks Recruits for Army

Tokio, Oct. 19.—As a result of

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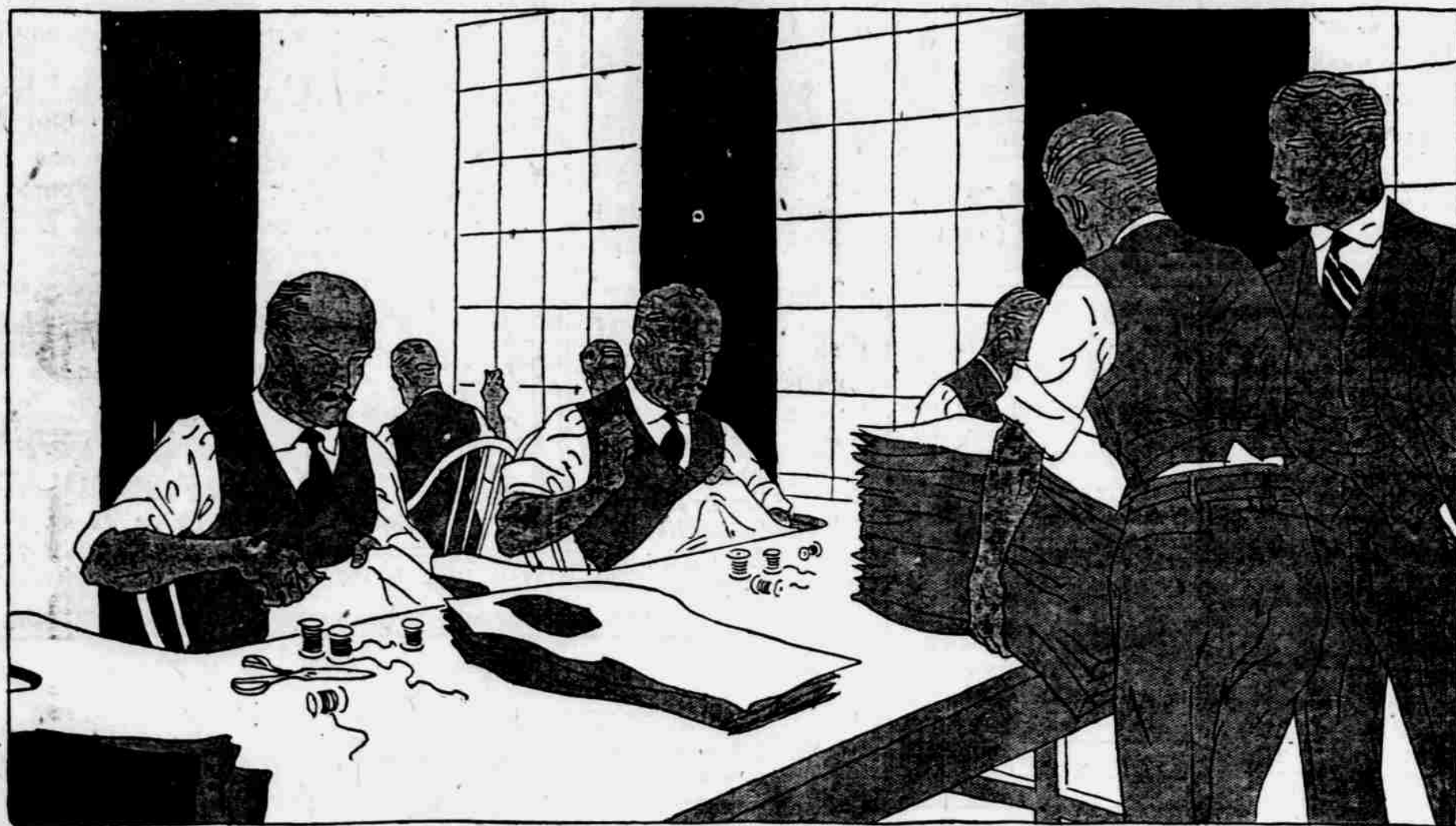
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