

### President-Elect Consults Hoover On League Issue

Former Food Administrator Visits Harding at Home—Favors Framework of Original Covenant.

Marion, O., Dec. 13.—The league of nations deadlock and other problems to be faced by the next administration were talked over between President-elect Harding and Herbert Hoover, conspicuous advocate of the league, who came to Marion Sunday as one of the first men to be summoned by Mr. Harding in his promised "meeting of minds."

"We went over about the whole gamut of world and national troubles," said Mr. Hoover, after the conference, "and we solved none of them."

Besides the league, international conditions and European relations were the particular subjects on which the president-elect sought the advice of his visitor, and there also were references in their talk to appointments Mr. Harding is to make in constructing his administration.

Mr. Hoover frequently has been mentioned for possible membership in the cabinet, but he said Sunday's discussion of appointments was casual and not conclusive.

Today Mr. Harding will see Elihu Root, recently an adviser in the formation of a world court under the Versailles league covenant. Their conference, generally acknowledged one of the most important sessions to be held here, is expected primarily to concern the league and related subjects.

Favors Present Covenant. In giving his advice on an international peace concert, Mr. Hoover is understood to have urged that portions of the Versailles covenant be used in whatever world association the incoming administration may attempt to build.

Mr. Hoover was an adviser to the American peace delegation at Versailles and he is understood to have furnished Mr. Harding with much first-hand information on the attitude of European statesmen.

Among other things, Mr. Hoover declared the amount of indemnity to be paid by Germany, left indefinite by the peace treaty, should be fixed early so that German industry could gauge its activities to fix the tax of payment.

Discuss Financial Situation. The financial situation at home, also was discussed. Mr. Hoover making several suggestions for the stabilization of American markets.

Mr. Harding took a keen interest in his caller's description of relief work now in progress under his supervision, and arrangements were made for Mr. Harding to become personal sponsor for 250 European children who are to be aided by American contributions until next harvest.

Following the conference, Mr. Hoover and the president-elect went to White Oakes farm, where they were entertained at luncheon by Dr. C. E. Sawyer, Mr. Harding's physician.

Early in the afternoon, Mr. Hoover left by automobile for Columbus to board his train for the east.

Tokio Students Protest Against Anti-Japanese Law. Tokio, Dec. 13.—A large mass meeting of students, members of the Student's League of Japan, was held in Ueno park. A resolution protesting to the world in the name of "justice and humanity" against the anti-Japanese law in California was adopted.

Rehearing Sought by Cole to Keep Out of Electric Chair. Lincoln, Dec. 13.—(Special.)—John M. Priest, attorney for Alton R. Cole, announced today he had filed in the court of Howard county an application for a rehearing of his client's case.

### 27th U.S. Infantry Saved 1,800 Lives

Credit for Rescue of Prisoners In Camp Placed by Austrian Officer.

Washington, Dec. 13.—Credit for saving the lives of 1,800 Austro-Hungarian prisoners of war in a prison camp near Chabarovsk, in eastern Siberia, during the fall of 1918, is given to officers of the 27th United States Infantry by Lieut. Col. Ferdinand Reder of the former Austro-Hungarian army in an open letter to the press of Austria and Hungary.

Colonel Reder's letter, forwarded to the State department by the American mission at Budapest, says an epidemic of influenza had threatened to convert the camp into a vast "cemetery" when personnel of the American regiment took charge and transformed the "wretched hospital accommodations provided by the Russian authorities into a model establishment."

Colonel Reder declared he felt it his "first and most sacred duty" on returning to his country to "let the world know" that he and his comrades owed their lives, health and happiness and power for good in the world to the noble American officers of the 27th regiment of the great American nation.

### Man Sentenced to Hang For Murder During Riot

Marion, Ill., Dec. 13.—Settino De Santis, charged with murdering Ansel Calcaterra and Tony Hemphill, whose deaths resulted in race disorders in West Hartford last August, was found guilty by a jury in circuit court and sentenced to be hanged.

De Santis was charged with being the accomplice of Frank Bianco, who committed suicide while the trial was in progress.

It was brought out during the trial that Bianco had desired to marry Calcaterra's sister and had hired De Santis, for \$200, to kill her husband in order to frighten her into submission to his wish.

De Santis' attorney announced he would make application for a new trial.

### Farmer Badly Hurt When Caught in Corn Sheller

West Point, Neb., Dec. 13.—(Special.)—Ignatz Spenner, one of the best-known farmers of the west side, was badly injured while shelling corn on his farm last evening when he was caught by the belt of the machine and carried to the fly wheel.

He was extricated as quickly as possible and medical aid called. It was found that arteries and muscles on the left side of his body were badly crushed.

Dr. Dwyer of Omaha, was summoned and reached the city at noon Sunday to examine the injured man. His recovery is doubtful, as complications in the circulatory system are feared. Spenner has a wife and 10 children.

### Caruso Recovering

New York, Dec. 13.—Enrico Caruso, tenor, who ruptured a small blood vessel in his throat during an opera performance in Brooklyn Saturday night, will be able to sing today, his physician announced.

### Trouble Averted Temporarily In Row Over Cables

Threatened Break With Foreign Delegates to Communications Conference Averted—Negotiations Secret.

By The Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 13.—Differences over the disposition of the former German cables which have threatened to break up the international communications conference in session here, were temporarily smoothed over Sunday at the plenary session held at the State department.

Negotiations between the five allied and associated powers reported in the conference will be continued.

The basis for prospects of agreement by the delegates to the conference was not fully disclosed and it only became known that the threatened disruption has been averted through cancellation of railroad and steamship reservations by foreign delegates who had planned to leave Washington for New York and San Francisco tonight to take their departure home.

Their plenary session will be held tomorrow in an effort to reach a settlement on the points at issue.

While no end to the negotiations is yet in sight, plenary sessions held last night and today are understood to have developed at least a better understanding and an agreement that a solution should be attempted before adjournment.

To Ask Instructions. The results of these latest conferences, meanwhile will be transmitted by the foreign delegations to their governments with requests for instructions. The chancelleries of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, are understood to have become concerned over failure to reach an amicable agreement as to disposition of the cables.

The outstanding difficulties are understood to be the refusal of the Japanese to concede the principle of equality of all nations in cable land-

ing rights on the Island of Yap in the Pacific and the refusal of the French to make concessions to the United States and Italy of the trans-Atlantic cables seized by the French in 1914 and diverted from Endege, Germany to Brest, France.

The United States, together with Great Britain and Italy, have argued for the internationalization of all islands like Yap, upon which cable communications of more than one nation are dependent.

Japan is understood to have contended that Yap was awarded her without restriction by the mandate given by the Paris peace conference over former German islands north of the equator, and that the establishment of even the principle of equal cable landing rights at Yap would be contrary to Japanese law.

Ask Trans-Atlantic Line. The United States and Italy have asked for the former German trans-Atlantic cable now in possession of the French, in order that it might be relaid between New York and Genoa, Italy.

The delegates are understood to have approved the work of the technical subcommittees charged with drafting provisions of international law governing the use of cables, radio and telegraph and the framing of an amalgamated telegraph and radio convention.

These reports are expected to be submitted to the world congress on communications next year, in Europe.

### Army of "Moochers" Heralds Appearance Of Reorganization

Chicago Tribune-Omaha Bee Leased Wire. Chicago, Dec. 12.—Annuale evidence that a great reorganization is under way is afforded by the appearance, in increasing numbers, of the professional "pathfinders" and "mooch-

ers," the individuals who received high wages during the war period and saved not a cent of their earnings. They were the first to hit the street when employers began to weed out the incompetents, and now they are back at their old avocation—siding up to men and women, mostly women, and begging a few coins.

Street begging has increased enormously in the last two weeks, say officials of the Bible Rescue mission and the police. Men at the mission say men stood in front of their

place last year and hooted and jeered at offers of work at big wages. Today, even larger crowds are begging for anything that will bring them the price of coffee and sinkers.

Breaks Airplane Record. Paris, Dec. 13.—Sadi Lecoq, the aviator, broke the world's airplane speed record for four kilometers. Flying at Villacoublay, Lecoq negotiated the distance in 46 seconds, or at the rate of 194.5 miles per hour.

### Mau, Wife and Daughter Killed in Motor Crash

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 13.—Neal B. Whitzel, an official of a local motor car company, his wife and one daughter were killed and a second daughter seriously injured when the motor car in which the family was riding crashed into a store.

According to the police reports, Whitzel turned his car to the curb to avoid a collision, but lost control.

## To the Public:

It is the intention of the Nebraska Power Company to appear before the city commission on Tuesday afternoon, December 14th, and present to them the facts upon which are based its application for an increase in rates.

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