

REPUBLICAN SENATORS MENACE PARTY—TAFT

Former President Sees Knox Resolution as Violation of G. O. P. Record in Constructive Statesmanship

Republican Senators in favoring the Knox resolution violate party tradition in constructive statesmanship, according to Ex-President William Howard Taft, commenting editorially in the PUBLIC LEDGER today.

Chairman Hays, of the Republican national committee, properly refuses to be led by the Democratic chairman, Mr. Cummings, into making a partisan issue of the peace treaty.

Senator Kellogg would naturally have been taken before Senator Messers, a new senator, and one whose term expires in two years.

More than this, Senator Borah, who insists that Republicans who decline to make this a party issue and fight the treaty are cowards, had sufficient influence with the Republicans in the committee and with both the chairman and the author of the resolution to strike out of it the words "in a spirit of hope of constructive and affirmative aid to the world from the United States."

It must give those Republicans who now find themselves supporting the Knox resolution a cat-in-hat-strange-feeling when they think of the great traditions of their party and of its historical attitude toward every critical step forward in the history of this country under our constitution.

They must feel as uneasy as those Federalists who fought the Louisiana purchase as unconstitutional because it was made by Jefferson.

Read John Marshall's opinions. Not a line is written in them by which the usefulness of the United States under the constitution is restricted.

Always, heretofore, it has been the Democratic party which, as a problem have presented themselves, has sought to limit the sphere of our government by nice interpretations and strained applications of our fundamental law.

Council in Deadlock Over City Loan Issue

Continued From Page One member of the municipal affairs committee of the Chamber of Commerce, said it would be "a crime, if the defeat of the loan in Common Council means that the appropriation for extending the water system would fail."

"We have gone over the ground very carefully with Chief Davis of the Water Bureau," said Mr. Chapman. "Chief Davis assures us that \$3,000,000 is the minimum amount which he can use to advantage."

"If only \$1,000,000 were appropriated it would not be sufficient to start any work of a really constructive sort. It might be expended on repair work, but not on badly needed new construction."

"Chief Davis has planned a comprehensive water system of which the work for which he wanted the \$3,000,000 would be a part. If he got but \$1,000,000 the only way he could proceed would be to build a main sewer for part of the distance called for in the plan, then blank it off. This is impracticable. Our committee made a strong plea for an appropriation of the entire \$3,000,000."

Danger of Fire Mr. Chapman called attention to the danger of fire resulting from inadequate water service.

"If the bill for the loan bill means that there will be no money for the extension of the water service, then it is a crime. No one realizes what might ensue here in Philadelphia in case of fire. A serious break in the water mains might cut off an entire section of the city. Such an occurrence is looked for any time. Here is a condition of absolute danger."

Chief Davis would make no comment on the defeat of the loan bill. He admitted, when pressed for an answer, that the bill's failure necessarily would mean the failure for the present of his comprehensive scheme of water development.

"We shall continue operating to the best of our ability," said Chief Davis. "Though the loan almost certainly is lost, according to the best informed of the leaders, the city will have to pay a bill for \$400,000, the cost of advertising the loan. There will be a further bill for the printing of ordinances introduced in the belief that the bill would pass."

Common Council entertained no less than 100 bills contingent on the passage of this loan legislation. Chief Clerk Felton sent these bills to the printer this morning, as the law enjoins, though it seemed pretty evident that the only purpose they were destined ever to serve was to crowd the covers of a volume of Council's appendices.

Leaders Retire The leaders have been strangely reticent concerning the loan defeat. Mayor Smith, who boasted that the loan would go through when first the plan to defeat the measure was disclosed, had "nothing to say" about it today.

of Common Councils next Thursday and may be the course adopted by the faction after a conference scheduled for this week. Joseph P. Gaffney, the Vore floor leader, declares that this bill will not meet the demands for improvements and stands flatly on the \$14,750,000 proposition or none at all.

Robert E. Lambertson, floor leader for the Independent Progressives, offered Gaffney an opportunity for a conference at any time on the loan proposition, but declared that his friends will never stand for a loan that will hamstring the incoming administration, no matter what its political complexion.

The bitter faction row in Common Councils was the chief topic of conversation among politicians at City Hall today and bets were wagered that no improvements would be put under way before the close of the Smith-Vare administration. Followers of Senator Vare say their opponents defeated a bill that was designed to provide for badly needed improvements and that they would have to share the blame.

Robert E. Smith, chairman of Council's highway committee, which some days ago approved millions of dollars' worth of street improvements to be made out of the items in the original loan, today said that nothing could be done this summer. He called attention to the closing session before the summer recess, and that even if the independents should introduce a new loan bill it would probably not see the light of day before the latter part of September or October.

New Loan Bill Planned On the other hand Francis F. Burch, president of the Independent Councilmen's Association, declared that the next move he and his friends would make would probably be to introduce a new bill providing funds for highway improvements, water extensions, etc., that can be placed under contract this year, but no money that cannot be used to good advantage within a year.

In the event of the Independent Councilmen taking the lead any bill introduced would have to be referred to the finance committee. The bill they plan and will approve is of many millions less than the one sponsored by the Vare leaders.

Mr. Gaffney as chairman of the finance committee has the power to call a meeting for the consideration of such a measure, in the event final adjournment for the summer is postponed or special meetings are provided for consideration of the political deadlock.

The Vare forces in the finance committee are overwhelmingly in the majority and have the unbounded power to rearrange any items that may be included in a loan bill sponsored by the independents and their allies, the followers of Senator Penrose. This condition might result in the report to Councils of a loan bill similar to the one that went down to defeat.

If the finance committee saw fit, in the event of the introduction of an independent loan bill, the measure could be hurried until fall and then be so emasculated as to bear no resemblance to its original form. In fact the committee might, in the present frame of minds of many of its members, report the whole loan proposition negatively.

In what looks to be an improbable event of a compromise, a new loan bill could be introduced next week, or the motion of Councilman Mentzinger yesterday might be construed as valid, and the finance committee would report favorably the \$10,570,000 measure. If the latter course were found practicable the bill could be reported next week and passed during the early weeks of July.

and spokesmen for the anti-administration forces, said: "We are ready to reconsider the vote on the loan at the next meeting of Councils if the organization is willing to accept our amendments. Then, too, we offer the loan ordinance introduced by Mr. Mentzinger."

If the administration forces insist on all or none then we will not have a loan. We need the loan to the amount which we believed would cover everything that was necessary and from our position on that we do not intend to recede."

If the city is to have available funds available for greatly needed street repairs, for water and hospital improvements, a compromise must be reached. The amendment offered by W. W. Mentzinger, Jr., Common Councilman from the Twenty-second ward, provided a loan called for a \$10,570,000 loan. Independents pointed out today that the amendment does not slash items for urgent requirements.

The substitute ordinance offered by Common Councilman Mentzinger leaves intact the \$3,250,000 item for water. The comparative figures of the Smith-Vare loan and that proposed by the Independent Councilmen show this result.

Table with 3 columns: Item, Vore-Smith, Independent. Lists various infrastructure items and their funding amounts.

MASARYK REPLIES TO KUN Declares Czechs Will Fight Until Hungarians Cease Attacks Zurich, June 20.—(By A. P.)—Professor T. G. Masaryk, president of Czechoslovakia, has replied to a message from Bela Kun, foreign minister of the Hungarian soviet government, pointing out that Hungarian troops repeatedly took the offensive after the note of the Council of Four had been sent to Budapest, and declaring that when the Hungarian troops have complied with the demands of the Entente the Czech-Slovak forces will cease hostilities.

Latest reports show that the Hungarians attacked the Czech-Slovaks as recently as June 17, having made an assault upon the right wing of the Czech-Slovak army, which put up a stubborn resistance.

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U. S. NEEDS LEAGUE, DECLARES SHEPPARD

Texas Senator Terms Covenant Mightiest Advance Since Day of Bethlehem

KNOX GROUP LOSES HOPE By the Associated Press Washington, June 20.—Supporting the league of nations, Senator Sheppard, Democrat, of Texas, told the Senate today that objection to any war-making power of the league was entirely groundless.

"Viewing the covenant as a whole," said the Texas senator, "it may well be characterized as the most effective instrument for the maintenance of peace and the prevention of war the heart and brain of man have yet produced. It has not attempted the impossible; it is based on a clear recognition of the fact that we have not yet reached that stage where war may be entirely suppressed. It makes war remote and improbable, however, by organizing the public opinion and the moral force of civilization in one great international unit, pledged to the peaceful settlement of international controversies."

"But we are told that the United States should not enter into an arrangement of this kind because our geographical situation and our inherent strength make us independent of foreign broils, and they say this with fifty thousand graves in foreign soil bearing tragic testimony to the effect of a European situation on this republic."

League or Armaments They tell us that if we subscribe to this covenant we do so as a matter of favor to other nations; that they need us, but we do not need them. I tell you that there was never a time when it was more necessary for the civilized nations to stand together for the peace and liberty of the world than now. It is either this or the piling of armaments on armaments until the people's backs are broken from the strain.

"The covenant offers the firmest barrier against war humanity has yet known. It builds fresher and stronger foundations for the civilization and progress of mankind. It is the mightiest advance toward a higher existence and a better day since the cry of the angels in the skies of Bethlehem for peace on earth, good will to men."

Hope of bringing a roll call on the Knox resolution virtually has been abandoned, and some leaders think it might be permitted to die without even coming before the Senate for formal action.

It was designed to give notice of opposition to accepting the league covenant along with the peace terms, and in the general opinion it will cease to serve its purpose after Germany has accepted the treaty.

Whether any other expedient would be adopted to show Senate sentiment today or tomorrow also was uncertain.

Various proposals for co-ordinating the speaking tours of senators who are to reply to President Wilson were much discussed during the day. There is considerable sentiment favoring a special car to follow the President on his speaking trip, but several leaders are opposed to it, and the general prediction was that the senators would go out separately.

CORNELL PLANE HITS EARTH Filers on Way to Exercises Unhurt, but Machine is Wrecked Ulica, N. Y., June 20.—(By A. P.)—Drifting south of the course followed by his four companion planes, Lieutenant Jesse O. Creech, of the Cornell fliers commanded by Major Maurice Connelly, former Iowa congressman, crashed in a landing between Cedarville and Iilon yesterday afternoon.

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Other Interesting Features WHAT is a "telephone voice" worth? There's one in Philadelphia that brings \$10,000 a year in sales to the store that employs it. How and why are told on page 8. THE story of Ann Haviland, "the woman with the most wonderful nose in the world," appears on page 21. She makes and sells perfumes at \$99 an ounce. Could you sell perfumes at \$99 an ounce? "WHY sell only one corker or umbrella or clock or pack of cigarettes?" asks a retail sales expert on page 8. "It's just as easy to sell more"—and then he tells how. THE Quackibush Pharmacy, in New York, was founded in 1817—When Brooklyn was a cowpath and the site of Grand Central Station a farm. The story of this, the oldest drug store in the United States, appears on page 9.

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