

SHANTUNG WRONGED, WILSON ADMITTED

Prof. Williams Says President Upheld Sanctity of "Unconscionable" Pacts NEW LIGHT ON CONFERENCE

By the Associated Press Washington, Aug. 22.—A first hand story of the negotiations which resulted in the treaty provision giving Japan control in Shantung province, China, was told the Senate foreign relations committee today by Prof. E. T. Williams, formerly the State Department's expert on Far Eastern affairs, who acted as a technical adviser to the American peace delegates.

Prof. Williams said he had "objected very strongly" to the Shantung settlement, but that his resignation from the Peace Commission had not been due to his opposition.

Alternatives Presented April 22, the witness said, President Wilson sent for him and asked him which of the proposed alternatives would be less injurious to China—the transfer of the German Shantung rights to Japan or insistence on Great Britain and France were bound by certain engagements with Japan to support Japan's claims in Shantung and that Lloyd George said he would bow only on the consideration that the 1915 treaty was executed.

"The President added that the treaty seemed to have been bought to establish the sanctity of treaties and while some of them were unconscionable it looked as though it would be necessary to recognize them."

Suggested Abrogation of Treaty The witness said he suggested that since the 1915 treaty was executed by force it ought not to be binding, but that the President replied Japan might not be willing to recognize that they were made by force.

Fears Labor Provisions The labor provisions of the peace treaty fail to cope with threatening labor evils and point toward a program which may disturb the domestic peace of the United States, Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Colorado, declared in a speech today in the Senate.

Forces Lower Standard "It may be possible to reach the goal of uniformity in the conditions of labor, but I question whether it can be done otherwise than by making the standard the lowest, and leveling down to it."

Points Way to Upeaval "I do not look for the ready advent of the stupendous upheaval which must come to the structure of the American Government before it can constitutionally assent to such a delegation of power, but I can well imagine how efforts to secure it would profoundly disturb our domestic peace; for the labor program points that way."

Fight to Wreck League in Senate

Continued From Page One a national campaign against the league. These men want to take the stump against the treaty and at the same time be protected at Washington against the adoption of the treaty in their absence.

Bank on Shantung Issue They count much on the Shantung issue to develop popular sentiment against the treaty. They believe that the missionaries and the churches will gradually marshal sentiment against the surrender to Japan in regard to Shantung strong enough so that they can either amend the treaty here or at least delay it until the next session.

While the disinclination to amend the treaty is strong, it is least strong with regard to Shantung. Except for the fact that they do not want to be held responsible for the complications which would ensue from amending the treaty, many senators would like to amend the Shantung provision. The latter orders hope to build up sentiment against the Shantung settlement which, while it may not be strong enough to lead to the amendment of the treaty in this respect, will contribute to the force behind the movement to vitiate Section X.

Await Business Demand The administration counts also on popular sentiment, particularly upon the business sentiment of the country. An attempt will be made to induce the business organizations of the country to exert pressure for prompt action upon the treaty on the ground that uncertainty unfavorably affects the business of the world.

The President, if he will concede defeat promptly with regard to putting reservations into a resolution separate from the resolution of ratification, has the situation in his hands. A substantial victory is his—the ratification of the treaty as he negotiated it, with new reservations interpreting it in exactly the way he says he understood it himself.

Mild Reservationists Waver Many of the mild reservationists are wavering. While they probably will not depart from their program of merely interpretive resolutions, they may be won over to interpretations that will do much damage to the league. They may be, that is all one can say. The situation is uncertain.

LO ATTEGGIAMENTO ENERGICO DI TITTONI Il Ministro Italiano Costringe il Supremo Concilio ad Affrettare i Lavori

Roma, 22 agosto.—Il Ministro per gli affari Esteri d'Italia, On. Tittoni, capo della Delegazione Italiana alla Conferenza della Pace, ha assunto una energica atteggiamento per costringere il Supremo Concilio ad affrettare i lavori e definire una quantità di problemi ancora rimasti insoluti.

Nella seduta di ieri l'altro, l'On. Tittoni fece rilevare la enorme tensione causata dal prolungarsi dei lavori della Conferenza e la possibilità e anzi la necessità di un'accelerazione dei lavori.

Il Consiglio Supremo, su proposta dell'On. Tittoni, ha informato l'Ungheria che non può riconoscere un membro del governo ungherese a meno che non sia un membro del Consiglio Supremo.

STAGELAND SCRIBES ORGANIZE TO EXIST

Royalties Endangered, Writers Unite to Hunt Way Out in Actors' Strike

New York, Aug. 22.—Ground between the upper and the millstone by virtue of the actors' strike, which threatens to stop indefinitely royalties on their plays, leading playwrights yesterday formed a playwrights' protective association, elected officers and started search for a "way out" of the difficulties which have stultified all except five of Broadway's glittering arrays of playhouses.

The new organization announced last night it is "against any radical change in the old order of the theatre" and that it would maintain "absolute neutrality" now and hereafter on all differences between actors and managers.

Twenty-first Theatre Closed The Booth Theatre, showing "The Boy Who Sailed," closed when its strike hands and musicians walked out, making the twenty-first house to go "dark" during the strike.

Cobb Upholds Actors Edwin S. Cobb, the author, told members of the Actors' Equity Association at a meeting yesterday that "one of the writing professions now is to add nothing but organized public opinion in the United States is with the actors."

Chicago, Aug. 22.—(By A. P.)—The proposal of a benefit for striking actors met with a setback through threats to present a motion picture which would depict the actors' strike.

France Honors American Leaders With Legion Titles Paris, Aug. 22.—General Pilot, commanding the Paris garrison, decorated a number of American officers today.

ARMOUR POULTRY SEIZED Some of Food Said to Have Been Stored Eighteen Months St. Paul, Aug. 22.—Label proceedings were started by the government in the United States District Court here yesterday against Armour & Co. for the seizure of 165,210 pounds of frozen poultry.

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"Little White Girl" on View in National Gallery, London London, July 28.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—One of Whistler's most famous paintings, the "Little White Girl" is now on view in the national gallery to which it was presented together with two other Whistler paintings, "Cremorne Lights" and the "Fire Wheel."

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