

## COLLEGIANS' VOTE HELPS PRESIDENT

Approval Seen in Meager Number of Ballots for Senator Lodge's Reservations

### WILSON STILL STANDS FIRM

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Washington, Jan. 15.—The referendum among the colleges on the treaty has stiffened the Democrats in their attitude. At the White House particular satisfaction is felt with results of the voting. The failure of the bitter-enders, who want the treaty rejected outright, was emphasized in the discussion that was held here. It was the fact that more students had voted for the acceptance of the treaty without amendment or reservations than for the Lodge reservation.

The latest vote is 28,915 for the Wilson treaty, 17,222 for the Lodge reservation and 15,668 for the Bora-Johnson position, while 36,115 ballots were cast in favor of compromise. This vote is a definite rejection of the noncompromise attitude of the Republicans upon Article X, which is now holding up the ratification of the treaty.

This vote is a small thing, but it will have its effect in stiffening up the President and in making it more difficult for the Democrats to force a surrender to Lodge by him. And he is already stiff enough. Men who surround him say "you cannot talk to him about the treaty."

The issue now is whether the President can be made to eat his own words on Article X or not. The Republicans want to humiliate him as much as possible. Therefore, they insist on Article X reservation as it stands. The President having already in two of his western speeches declared that the Article X reservation was not acceptable to him.

**President Unyielding**

Various recent incidents have tended to make the President more unyielding than ever upon the Lodge Article X reservation. One of those was the strong support he received from the Democratic national committee at its recent meeting here. Another has been the clash with Bryan at the Jackson Day dinner.

Mr. Wilson does not want to eat his own words when served up to him by Mr. Lodge. It does not add to his relish of them in the least to have Mr. Bryan join with Mr. Lodge in serving them up to him. He is irritated at Mr. Bryan and resents his assumption of

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leadership. His pride is deeply involved. It was bad enough to be asked to surrender to Mr. Lodge. It is twice as bad to be asked to surrender to Mr. Bryan also.

This whole treaty fight has been largely a personal fight. And Article X has become the most personal part of the fight. That section of the treaty as it stands is a Wilson section. The rejection of the Lodge reservation is a Wilson utterance. Gradually the President has been left all alone on Article X. Mr. Bryan is not only for the Lodge reservation, but even indicates a desire to get the whole of Article X out of the treaty. A Lawrence Lowell, after supporting the President on Article X, recently shifted his ground and wrote that Article X might as well be wholly eliminated.

And apparently with President Lowell went the whole group of college presidents who were trying to effect a compromise that would save the treaty and with it Article X. While, as a matter of regularity, Mr. Wilson's party in the Senate support him in opposing the Lodge reservation on the important article, in reality it does not see any reason not involving the personality of the President for not accepting the Lodge reservation. Privately members of the Senate admit that the President made a mistake in "going out on a limb" on the Lodge reservation on Article X. In addition the whole Irish-American vote is against it. The President on this article. The question is personal to him. And the more alone he has become the more obstinate he has become.

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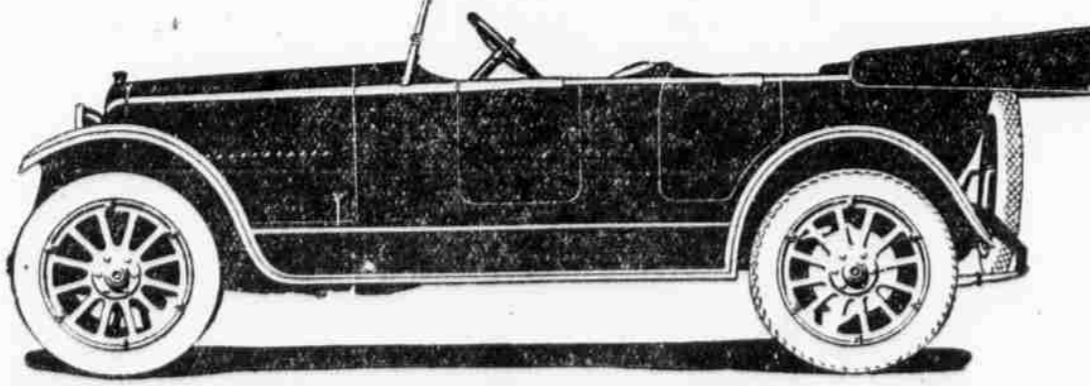
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long authorized statement of Mr. Bryan's views on the public questions, including the league of nations, the necessity of compromise on the treaty and the wisdom of article X, substantially the views expressed at the dinner on Thursday.

Now it is asserted on good authority that Mr. Wilson has prepared a statement for the Jackson Day dinner before the publication of this article in the Sun on Tuesday. After the appearance of the Bryan interview it is said that the President destroyed his statement and wrote another, the one subsequently read to the diners. About at this time it began to be announced from the White House that the President would have something "important" to say to the dining Democrats.

Thus there is good reason to believe that the President's letter suggesting that the league might be taken as an issue into the national campaign was a direct challenge to Mr. Bryan for declaring that the issues should be compromised and kept out of the campaign.

But even if it should be denied that the President prepared a second message after the publication of Mr. Bryan's interview, Mr. Bryan's views had been published in the paper the President regularly reads two days before the Wilson message was made public. In either case no one can find signs of compromise on Article X in the message with which, in effect, Wilson replied to Bryan. "The incident illuminated the treaty situation. 'You cannot talk to Wilson on the treaty,' Mr. Bryan tried to

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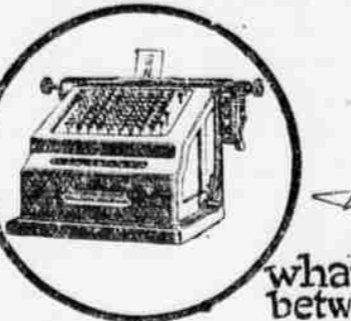
Lloyd George and Clemenceau Demand Statement of Slav Aspirations

ITALY IS READY TO ACCEPT

By the Associated Press

Paris, Jan. 15.—Just at the time when Italian seemed likely to agree to the acceptance of a solution to the Fiume question which has been approved by Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau, a division has been created among the Jugo-Slavs regarding the problems involved.

According to best information obtainable, the Slovene element of the new Slav kingdom is stoutly opposing a compromise by which Italy would give up some of the territory apportioned her on the Dalmatian coast in exchange for full sovereignty over Fiume, with a strip



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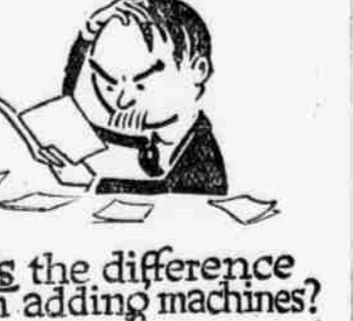
Other elements favor accepting the compromise, but because of the impossibility of reaching an agreement the Jugo-Slav delegation has been obliged to reject the proposal. Premiers Lloyd George and Clemenceau thereupon issued a sort of ultimatum demanding that the government at Belgrade decide without delay what it wanted to do, and give a categorical answer of "yes" or "no" to the Italian compromise.

It is impossible to ascertain here whether President Wilson has been consulted regarding the proposed Fiume settlement, which appears to be in absolute contradiction to the President's firm stand. Nor has satisfactory assurance been given that Italy as a whole will approve the compromise.

Recently the prime ministers of Great Britain, France and Italy have been in conference trying to settle satisfactorily the Adriatic issue. A dispatch from Paris January 10 said the project of bringing about direct negotiations between Italy and Jugo-Slavia was reported to be proceeding favorably.

After the signing of the Versailles treaty in Paris last Saturday the three principal premiers went into conference on the question and called in Foreign Minister Trumbitch, of Jugo-Slavia, and D. R. von Zolger, who had come to Paris with M. Trumbitch.

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