

HARDING LEAGUE PLANS GET CHECK

Bitter-Enders' Sweep in Senate Blow to President-Elect's Program

McCUMBER JOINS GROUP

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Marion, Dec. 29.—Will President-elect Harding modify his league plan considerably in the light of the views of the leaders in the United States Senate? The surprising shift of Senator Porter J. McCumber over toward the league, which has not yet found expression in these conferences at Marion.

McCumber did not say that he disagreed with the President-elect, but he did say, after discussing foreign relations with Mr. Harding, that he personally thought the present League of Nations was dead and that it could not be used as the basis of a new security of nations and he added that he thought all that was necessary was an agreement among nations, by treaty, not to make war until disputes among them were investigated and reported upon.

McCumber implied he did not regard any League of Nations as a permanent organization of nations, of which the present League may become the basis. Mr. McCumber did not declare his approval of the Harding proposal, as Senators Fall and Shields have, but contacted himself, as Senator Poindexter did, with indicating the distance to which in his opinion the United States might go in an effort to make war unlikely, and that distance apparently fell somewhat short of the lengths to which President-elect Harding is now prepared to go.

Declaration Surprising

Mr. McCumber's declaration was surprising, in view of the fact that all last winter he was the pro-league senator on the Republican side of the upper house. On more than one issue he alone of the Republicans voted with the Democrats. He was the midwife of the mild reservationists and the most conservative. Now his position does not seem to be far from that of Senators Borah, Knox and Johnson.

No Breach With Harding

Mr. McCumber's irrevocable position does not indicate a breach with the President-elect. Mr. Harding's own position is indefinite, and it is subject to change. If one can guess from here, Mr. McCumber, being a senator and an important one, stands with the Senate, until Mr. Harding takes the senate into camp or until the Senate takes Mr. Harding into camp.

party in Washington is holding together as a correlative bunch of the government, or sort of a correlative head of the Republican party and meaning to have a lot to say in the organizing of party opinion. That appears to be what Senator McCumber's unexpected declaration here means.

Harding May Be Forced

And Mr. Harding is in a position to be forced. He has his ideas as to what the future international organization of the world should be. He has had the same ideas since he made his August 28 speech during the campaign. But he is indefinite and purposely so. He is ready to yield what is practicable to yield in order to reach party harmony on one side or a two-thirds majority for this program in the Senate on the other. The senator knows this. Standing together they may make him scrap the present League and start afresh or make other substantial concessions.

Trends to Bitter-Enders

The future course of these conferences promises to lead Mr. Harding more definitely toward the bitter-enders. He has committed the more extreme and pro-league element of his party to his support. Practically every one of that persuasion has gone away from here approving his rather indefinite and tentative program. If in working out that program Harding is compelled to move considerably toward the bitter-enders in order to secure the support of the other statesmen of the Senate who seem to be acting together and refusing to move as individuals, the pro-league will inevitably advance with him.

He May Throw Overboard the League

He may throw overboard the League of Nations.

even as a skeleton organization, and the pro-league will have to go along. The present conference tend to repeat the history of every move made with regard to the league. In the Senate debate the tendency was toward the bitter end. The mild reservationists coaxed to be mild reservationists and became League reservationists.

MRS. HARDING PICKS AIDE

Margaret Wade, Newspaper Writer, Appointed Social Secretary
Washington, Dec. 29.—It is understood here that Mrs. Harding has appointed Miss Margaret Wade, a newspaper writer, her social secretary, and that the latter has accepted the position. Miss Wade held a similar post with Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the former Vice President. Miss Wade's social acquaintance began as editor of the society page of a local newspaper. She now does similar work on the newspaper owned by Edward R. McLean.

50 Employees Dismissed by P. R. R.
Lancaster, Pa., Dec. 29.—(By A. P.)—The general policy of retrenchment outlined by the Pennsylvania Railroad caused the dismissal of fifty employees here today. Others are expected to follow, although the maintenance department is already running with insufficient number of men. Supervisor G. H. B. English said, "The outlook is not any too promising," when asked if the curtailment was to continue in his department.

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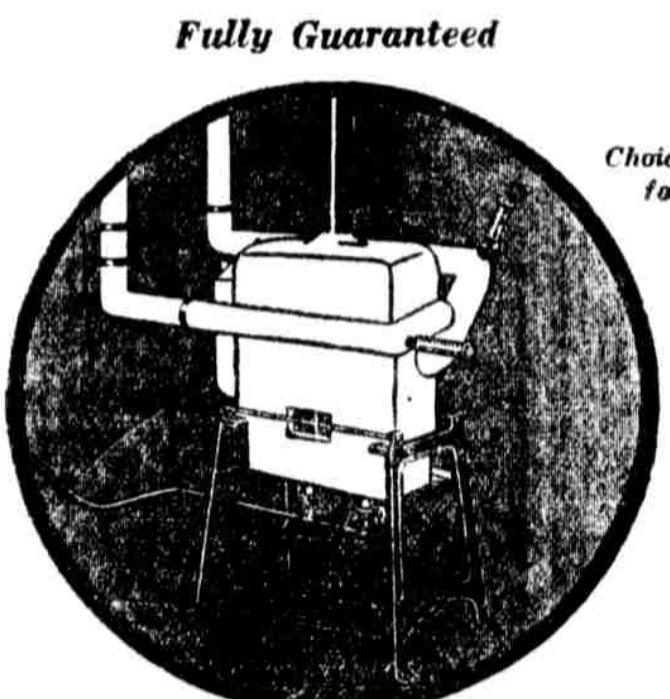
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