HARDING LEAGUE

Blow to President-Elect's

Program

be forced. He has his ideas as to want the future international organization of the world should be. He has had the same ideas since he made his August Same ideas since he made his August Same ideas since he made his August Same ideas and purposely so. He

McCUMBER JOINS GROUP

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His danger from this senatorial pres Marion, Dec. 29 - Will Presidentsure was indicated by his other visite elect Harding modify his league plau considerably in the bitter-ender direct Straus is a pro-leaguer. He was one

cliables suggests a solid body of antileague sentiment in Washington which has not yet found expression in these anxiety lest Mr. Harorig a plan should Vice President. Miss Wade's social accompanies at Marien conferences at Marion. amend and after the existing league auf

McCumber did not say that he dis- ficiently to conform to Mr. Harding' agreed with the President-elect, but he lideas. did say, after discussing foreign relations with Mr. Harding, that he por-sonally thought the present League of Nations was dead and that it could not be used as the basis of a new associa-tion of nations and he added that he thought all that was present was at course of these confer-ences promises to lead Mr. Harding more definitely toward the irreconcila-bles. He has committed the more cod-thought all that was presented was a contracted by a support. Practically every thought all that was necessary was an existe and proving the element of his agreement among nations, by treaty, not to make war, until disputes among from here approving his rather indefinite them over floriusticiable questions had been investigated and reported upon, and tentative program. If in working her Mr. McCumber implied he did not regard any leaves the support. gard any lengue or association among enders in order to secure the support nations as feasible. of the elder statesmen of the Senate who

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Senator Harding's plan contemplates 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 Fail and Shields have, but contented him-oif, 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

who leaves in order to secure the support to fix the chief statesmen of the Senate who of the elder statesmen of the Senate who seem to be acting together and refusing to move as individuals, the pro-leaguers will inevitably advance with him. He may throw overboard the league

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Declaration Surprising

Mr. McCumber's declaration was sur-prising, in view of the fact that all last winter he was the most pro-league sen ator on the Republican side of the unce house. On more than one issue he alone of the Republicans voted with the Denocrats. He was the mildest of the mild reservationists and the most centrage out. Now his position does not seem to be far from that of Senators Borah, Knox and Johnson.

His conversion can probably be plained. Party men find it lovely. convenient and dangerous to be as much out of harmony with their party as Mr McCumber was last winter and when motumber was last winter and when they have an opportunity to awing back into line they go the whole way. They ally themselves with some solid body of sentiment in their party and are perfectly regular. Another thing has happened to Mr. McCumber. He is now acting chairman of the senate finance committee. In Senator Penrose's absence this is a position of great power and importance. It brings Mr. McCumber into close relations with the elder statesmen of the Senate; it makes him of them; he tends to agree with u. it is important to him that he

No Breach With Harding

Mr. McCumber's irreconcilable position does not indicate a breach with the traident-cleet. 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 im-porant one, stands with the Senate, until Mr. Harding takes the senate into camp or until the Senate takes Mr. Harding into camp.

The pretty play for authority which began when Mr. Harding arrived in Washington after his trip to Panama and when the Senate counted upon mathering him as one of its own and Mr. Harding was pleasantly admonitory about being jealous of the rights of the creentive is still going on. A mild sect of conflict between President-elect Harding and Senate is in progress.

Mr. Harding is in Marion trying to organize party opinion, consulting with senators as individuals, but with the Senate, on the same terms as he is con-

sulting with party leaders like ex-

The Senate or the Republican m

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MRS. HARDING PICKS AIDE

Margaret Wade, Newspaper Writer. Appointed Social Secretary

Washington, Dec. 29 .- It is undertion in order to meet the views of the leaders in the United States Senate? Is today for entering the present league to meet the United States Senate? Is today for entering the present league to with reservations and then seeking to modify the covenant of the league as a competition.

J. McCumber over toward the irreconcervations to require from within that the latter has accepted the position. Miss Wade held a similar post with Mrs. Fairbanks, wife of the former quaintance began as editor of the se cisty page of a local newspaper. She now does similar work on the newspaper owned by Edward B. McLean.

jority in Washington is holding together on a correlative bunch of the government, or sort of a correlative head of the Republican party and meaning to the bistory of every move made with regard to the league. In the Senate what Senator McCumber's unexpected declaration here means.

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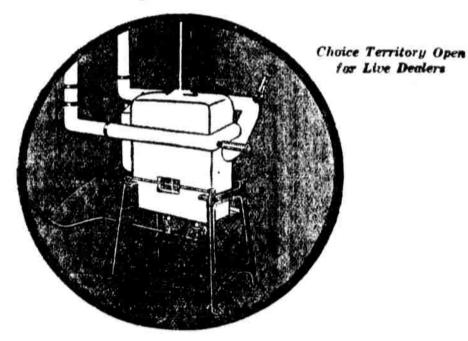
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