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**Issue Joined**

Now that Governor Cox has let  
lose of his speech of acceptance  
the issue is squarely joined as to  
whether the people of the United  
States indorse the League of Nations  
as arranged by President  
Wilson at the Versailles peace  
conference.

As nearly as may be judged  
from perusal of his speech of  
acceptance, Senator Harding is  
opposed squarely to the Wilson  
League but would favor the  
United States acceptance of mem-  
bership in a sort of international  
court or congress in which great  
world problems could be discuss-  
ed and, if possible amicable ad-  
justment reached without resort  
to violence, after peace with Ger-  
many has been proclaimed.

Governor Cox, on the other  
hand, comes out boldly and de-  
clares unreservedly for President  
Wilson's League. To be sure, he  
mentions one or two mild reser-  
vations but nothing that would  
weaken the effect of the covenant  
negotiated by President Wilson  
at Versailles.

Thus we know exactly what to  
expect when we cast our votes in  
November. If Senator Harding is  
successful and his party retains  
control of the United States Sen-  
ate the Wilson League will be  
discarded and a new covenant  
made or we will remain as we  
have been since the Republic  
came into being—living for our-  
selves and ours.

If Governor Cox wins and two  
thirds of the United Senators  
assent, the Treaty of Versailles  
and the League covenant will be  
ratified and the United States will  
become one of the members of a  
League of Nations.

**Plain Nominations**

Leaders of the two great polit-  
ical parties in New York State—  
they used to be called bosses in  
the older days before politics was  
reformed and purified—have dis-  
covered a very satisfactory way  
to beat the direct primary law  
so far as making nominations for  
state office are concerned. True  
they are not "nominate" now in  
state conventions. The law forbids  
that but the leaders call an "un-  
official conference" to which dele-  
gates are "unofficially designat-  
ed" by the county committees in  
which the roll is called by count-  
ies and the leaders "suggest"  
suitable and fitting candidates for  
the several state offices. If more  
than one candidate is "suggested"  
then an "unofficial vote" is taken  
and the announcement goes out  
to the party voters that Mr. Blank  
was suggested by a majority of the  
unofficial delegates to the un-  
official state conference". In-  
directly, of course, but none the  
less officially the intimation is  
conveyed that while anybody has  
a right to present himself in the  
official primaries, the regular  
members of the party are expect-

ed to stand by the "suggested"  
or "designated" choice of the  
unofficial state conference.

It is the old story. Direct pri-  
maries were supposed to make  
the "people" independent of the  
bosses, in fact to exterminate  
and extinguish the bosses. What  
is the fact? The "people" don't  
get a look in unless they happen  
to be willing to list themselves  
permanently under one or other  
of the political parties' banner  
and then they are permitted to  
signify their approval of the can-  
didates unofficially suggested in  
unofficial party conferences.

Organized effort of any sort  
prevails over unorganized oppo-  
sition.

**Vatican Silent**

Lloyd George, playing politics  
as usual, tells the Carsonite Ul-  
stermen that Archbishop Mannix  
will not be allowed to enter Ire-  
land. When he fears that will not  
suffice to appease Ulster, he an-  
nounces that his Grace will not  
be allowed to visit England.

An interview had by a press  
correspondent with the Vatican  
office for foreign affairs may  
throw light on the shrewd polit-  
ical premier's play. According to  
the correspondent, the Arch-  
bishop has no idea of stopping  
either in Ireland or in England  
but is on his way to pay the  
usual ad limina visit to the Holy  
Father.

There is an interesting side to  
the announcement of the corres-  
pondent who quotes the Papal  
Secretary of State as saying that  
the Vatican will not censure  
Archbishop Mannix for any of  
his talks in favor of Irish freedom  
holding such views as purely po-  
litical and within the personal  
civil rights of an individual and  
in no way involved in ecclesi-  
astical questions. The Papal Sec-  
retary is further quoted as saying  
that the Vatican considers Ire-  
land's fight for freedom as in the  
same category as other European  
nations struggling for self deter-  
mination and concedes to Irish-  
men the right to present their  
claims to the world. But the Vat-  
ican condemns and rebukes all  
riots, murders, assassination and  
all appeals to violence. In other  
words the Vatican's sympathy  
with the struggle for Irish free-  
dom does not condone infraction  
of the Divine Law.

Who ever expected it would?

**Sugar and Candy**

Now the candy men say they  
have been hoarding sugar and  
are asking the Government to let  
them unload it at the prevailing  
high price. If sugar had kept up  
the candy men would never have  
thought of selling. Now they  
want to unload at high price and  
buy in again when the price falls.  
Just like Wall street is it not?  
Only in Wall street only a few  
suckers get trimmed. In the food  
product sell-high-buy-low game  
all the people are plucked to line  
the pockets of the food barons.  
Why in the name of decency  
were the candy men allowed to  
buy and hoard sugar, thus boost-  
ing the price to the moon and  
depriving the housewives of  
the country of their needed sugar  
as well as boosting the price?  
Why should the candy men not  
be compelled to keep their high  
priced sugar and leave the incom-  
ing crop for the people? But the  
candy men may lose money? Let  
them. They took the chance. They  
were willing to deprive the peo-  
ple of sugar for necessary pur-  
poses in order to fatten up the  
price of a luxury. As a matter of  
fact the country at large and the  
people thereof would not suffer  
were the supply of candy and  
soft drinks reduced one half. Ice  
cream is a food product of gen-  
eral use. Candy of the average  
sort dispensed these days at top  
notch prices is of no great food  
value and a reduction in supply  
would not injure anybody.

August started off to be a trifle  
better, any way.

**May Be So!**

Perhaps, the farmer girls' may  
be to blame somewhat for the  
lack of enthusiasm on the part of  
the city office boys to spend their  
vacations in the patriotic task of  
assisting the farmers garner their  
crops and so play a leading  
part in that great fiction drama of  
"How to reduce the cost of liv-  
ing." Here's a city office boy  
quoted in the Post Express or  
why he will not hike himself to a  
farm work vacation:—"No sir!  
you don't see a companionable  
girl from one week's end to the  
other, most of the farm workers  
are foreigners and not the kind  
you want to waste your time  
with; the people in the village  
look down on us and the girls are  
all grabbed by the city boys who  
drive out in their cars every  
evening; we are regarded as  
'hicks' and can sit on the fence  
and whittle. Even at church we  
are more or less patronized and  
it doesn't look good enough to me  
to coax me out again. What's the  
use of earning good money if you  
haven't any girl to spend some of  
it on?" This is an angle of the  
agricultural problem that has not  
been discussed, but it sounds as  
though the man had something in  
his argument to explain partially  
the reluctance with which the  
worker approaches the farm. A  
pretty girl to dress up for and to  
take riding in the modern substi-  
tute for the old-fashioned buggy  
is a boy's privilege whether he is  
on the farm or works in a city  
office. If this lack of the girls is  
to stand in the way of tilling the  
fields and meadows, some inge-  
nious organization will have to stir  
itself into coaxing, cajoling or  
bribing the desirable girl into  
transferring her attentions to the  
farm. With a flock of pretty  
farmerettes upon the premises  
the boys might be inclined to  
lend a less attentive ear to the  
seductive calls of the city sirens.

Follows an excerpt from an  
article in "La Croix" of Paris:—  
"A great movement is preparing  
—what am I saying?—it has al-  
ready begun—which has for its  
object the infusing into Europe a  
new spirit, the spirit of Luther,  
of Henry VIII and of Calvin.  
Never since the so-called Reform-  
ation has Protestantism devoted  
itself to such a vast task, and  
never has it been animated by  
such a spirit of aggression. It is a  
disquieting thing and worthy of  
remark that it is not among the  
pagan nations that these good  
apostles have sworn to carry  
their consuming zeal; it is above  
all among the Latin nations, that  
is to say, in those countries where  
the religion of Christ is the  
purest, and where, in conse-  
quence, the need of their narrow  
faith makes itself less felt."

Governor Cox did not use the  
editorial blue pencil on his speech  
of acceptance. When will political  
platform makers and political  
candidates and governors and  
presidents learn a lesson from  
the movie tabloid presentation of  
news, editorials and talks and cut  
their productions to an extent  
that the average reader will read  
and understand them? But, per-  
haps, speeches of acceptance and  
political platforms are not meant  
to be understandable—only in-  
tended to befog and mystify the  
voter.

That raise in passenger rates  
may modify Senator Harding's  
front porch pilgrimage idea.

Pretty soon it will be back to  
office, mill, shop and school.

Summer brought in little lull in  
the mad wail about the lack of  
housing facilities. But one cannot  
live in a tent more than ten weeks  
more with any degree of comfort.

What has become of the old-  
time politician who boasted he  
never broke his word once given  
but that he was exceedingly slow  
to give his pledge unconditional-  
ly.

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