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WASHINGTON, Sept. 9.—"Copperheads and snipers to the contrary, notwithstanding, negotiations concerned with the armaments conference are proceeding steadily, satisfactorily and promisingly. Such was the general comment made to the Times correspondent on a high Administration quarter on the 'partisan gas wave' sent up from Democratic National headquarters in Washington. The 'gas wave' is deplored as bad Americanism and criticised as poor party politics, but it has neither disturbed nor unnerved these high officials of the Government who are exerting every power at the United States command to insure a successful issue from the conference.

Meantime Richard Lanthinum, director of publicity for the Democratic National Committee, has taken prompt occasion to acquit the committee of responsibility for the attack on the conference. The "Lanthinum manifesto," it appears, was composed and sent to friends of the Democratic daily newspapers throughout the country as a private journalistic "stunt" upon the publicity director's part. It was in no respect authorized by the committee and appears to have been wholly without its knowledge.

Mr. Lanthinum, who has been emanating from Democratic as well as Republican quarters—explains that he acts as the Washington political correspondent of a thousand Democratic dailies and 5,000 Democratic weeklies which maintain no representatives of their own in the national capital. In these journals he is accustomed to send a weekly news letter, summarizing political events of the day from the Democratic standpoint. Mr. Lanthinum asserts that none of the statements in his letter on the armaments conference were beyond well established and commonly reported facts, though he concedes he may have laid himself open to censure by declaring the originally optimistic view of the conference "is rapidly changing to a state of pessimism and doubt."

WAR COLLEGE INSPIRATION.

Mr. Lanthinum adds that he was inspired to issue his bulletin on the conference by reading Harding's speech at the Army War College Sept. 1.

"That speech seemed to me, as it seemed to thousands of others," the Democratic publicity director says, "to indicate that President Harding is back-pedaling on the disarmament proposition and knowing that the conference is likely to prove a fiasco, wants to get out from under in good time."

It is notorious that many Democratic leaders are apprehensive of the Lanthinum attack on the conference. Senator Underwood, Alabama, Democratic leader in the Senate, is not in Washington and neither is that other Democratic Senator, Pomerene, Ohio, who also has been mentioned as the representative of the political opposition to be invited to sit on President Harding's conference delegation. Senator Hitchcock, Nebraska, the ranking Democrat on the Foreign Relations Committee, is in the Capital and had no hesitation in discussing the affair with the writer.

"This can by no possibility have been an official National Committee communication," said Senator Hitchcock, "because there has been no meeting of the committee which could have authorized or approved it. The general disposition among Democrats is to afford every opportunity for a successful outcome for the armament conference."

As for the Administration standpoint regarding the conference, it can be asserted authoritatively that both the President and Secretary Hughes as the day approaches contemplate the parley with fortified hopes and confidence. Interchanges of view are proceeding under encouraging circumstances.

DON'T EXPECT MILITARY ARRIVAL.

President Harding and Mr. Hughes never have imagined, nor ever meant to induce the country to fancy that the millennium would arrive Nov. 12, twenty-four hours after the conference assembles. Certain inherent difficulties are bound to arise. Some of them will not be easy to circumvent. But to date, the writer is assured, not a single incident has manifested itself which reasonably can be termed a snag. The Administration is content to proceed along the even tenor of its way, doing the best it can, meeting conditions as they arise and solving every problem that is capable of solution. It is persuaded that when the conference adjourns it will be possible to point to substantial and worthwhile results and that any person elements of political parties who sought to poison the atmosphere or whose results will meet with commensurate rebuke at the hands of the American people.

Washington is passing over the possible effect of the Lanthinum ukase upon the chances of Democratic representation on the American armaments delegation. If the attack turned out to be an official act of the Democratic party, doubt also would be expressed whether President Harding would be justified in inviting a member of the opposition to "sit in."—Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Company.

OFFICERS OF CITY HUMANE SOCIETY FACE CHARGES

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solicited was illegally expended is told in the complaint, as follows:

"In October, 1920, the proposed animal shelter home (for which \$1,700 was given from the War Chest) had not been built. In the meanwhile, the community chest succeeded the War Chest in the city of Indianapolis as a central agency for the collection of funds for the same purpose. Defendant officers sought the assistance of said community chest for the purpose of building a shelter home for animals, but the board of directors of said community chest refused to provide funds for any building purposes and thereupon the board of directors of the defendant society at the instance of defendant Roberts and Frye proposed to conduct a campaign for the raising of \$25,000 for the purpose of building a shelter home for animals, that said campaign should be known as 'Buy a Brick' campaign, that this campaign, popularly known as a drive, should be conducted for the purpose of raising by popular subscription the sum of \$25,000, and that the monies so raised in said drive should be loaned to said building committee, and that the expenses of conducting said drive would be paid by the defendant treasurer when 'O. K.' by one Claude S. Wallin.

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