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Sedalia, MO - Campaign Speech
HAMPTON HOLT NOW IN HARDING REVOLT

Editor Enrolled as Republican, but Cannot Support Nominee's League Stand.

URGES OTHERS TO FOLLOW

Chairman White Asserts Political Tide Has Swung to Cox and Roosevelt.

Hampton Holt, editor of the Independent magazine and Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee of the League to Enforce Peace, although he called the week of a demonstration yesterday that he would follow the nominee, has now declared he would support Governor Cox and oppose the League platform.

Holt's action is a blow to the League, which has been working hard to secure the support of Republicans for its policies. The move is also a setback for the Republican Party, which has been trying to distance itself from the League.

PEABODY JOINS COX RANKS.

R. W. Peabody and H. B. Baker Also Endorse Cox at League Indepen.

Peabody has joined the Republican Party and will support Governor Cox and the League.

THINKS HOUSE BIG ENOUGH.

President Wilson: There Is No Need for Congress Reapportionment.

President Wilson has said that there is no need for Congress to consider reapportionment of the House of Representatives.

ROOSEVELT IN PLANE FOR CAMPAIGN SPEECH

Democratic Candidate flies from Sedalia to Kansas City, Missouri.

Roosevelt has taken off in a plane to deliver a campaign speech in Kansas City.

MAY SELL SHIPS ABROAD.

Shipping Board Considering Final Disposal of Wooden Fleet.

The Shipping Board is considering the final disposal of the wooden fleet of ships owned by American until the war.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 9-The sale of the American's remaining ships is now being considered by the Shipping Board. The board has received proposals from several companies interested in purchasing the ships.
A group of American oil investors set sail Monday with their wives for an extended trip to Europe and the Orient, and there were cries of "good luck" from the crowd before they left for their brief trip at the hotel where they are staying in New York. "We're just leaving for Europe," said one of the investors, "and we hope to see the sights of the continent." The trip is expected to last for about three weeks, during which time the group will visit several countries in Europe and the Middle East. They plan to return to New York around the middle of the month.

A speech on Roosevelt's trip to South America was delivered at a luncheon meeting of the New York Republican organization, which has been formed to help in the re-election of President Roosevelt. The speech was given by a young Theodore Roosevelt, and it was said that the speaker had been chosen because of his eloquence and his ability to inspire confidence. The meeting was held at the Hotel Astor, and it was attended by a large number of Republican leaders and supporters. The speech was well-received, and there was a great deal of enthusiasm expressed for Roosevelt's candidacy.

The population of Senator Harding to declare peace with Germany—when he died—has been described as "the man who can swing the vote of his state." Senator Harding was a powerful figure in the Senate, and his death was a major setback for the Republican party. The declaration of peace with Germany was a major issue in the 1920 presidential campaign, and Senator Harding's support was crucial in ensuring that the Republican candidate, Warren G. Harding, would win the election.

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