TALK WITH MORRIS COOK ABOUT COMMITTEE

Tells me it has the encouragement of State Dept. because of the radical committee which at the start the Mr. Hughes tried to suppress. Attitude was that four gentlemen had been appointed by the President to handle these affairs, it was everybody else business to keep their hands off. Governing board evidently very strong. A pity it could not have been the advisory body, which does not seem strong to me. The whole Eastern agenda has been put into one committee on the Advisory Board. Gompers is on this and Cook tells of his coming to them to get information. Says he is going right to work. That if there is anything interesting going on he is going to be in on it, he aslwys has. Gives impression of spirited man. Mrs. Cook chuckles over way Gompers cannot be put down by the Great. Always holds his own. Mrs. Winter interpreted this differently. Accused him of running after the big English delegates. Think she probably was wrong, less than than that she is unaccustomed of the practices of such gatherings. Cook gives me the impression that this advisory body knows nlittle or nothing about the subjects it is tackling will have to do most elemental studying.

He says that his cojmmittee is strong for the league but they will not use the word. That what they propose to do is to point out from time to time the impossibility of the arrangements which may be made without some international agency always on the job. Speaks of Strauss unwillingness to get down to any of the unpleasant results of carrying out Hughes program. For instance, the industrial and economic

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results of stopping at once the ship building, bound to throw out great numbers of people. Cook's idea was that we ought to find out just what it would do and to plan for finding jobs for them. Crowly suggests devoting the money that would be spent in ships to some needed public work in order to prevent unemployment. When this is put up to sStraus he throws up his hands and says "Here I have been looking at Heaven and øu call me back to earth." He wouldn't touch the suggestion.

General practice to shirk the logic of these situations, like Mrs. Edson's treatment of my question"Would California prefer War to restricted emigration?".

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